

31-year-old motorcyclist drowns in Abuja flood

A heavy downpour on Friday evening claimed the life of a 31-year-old motorcyclist identified as Yakubu Lucky, at Dogon Gada in Lokogoma District of the FCT, Abuja.

The Federal Capital Territory Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which confirmed the incident in a statement in Abuja, said the deceased defied warnings, drove into a pool of water and drowned.

The statement, signed by FEMA's Head of Public Affairs, Mrs Nkechi Isa, said that the deceased defied warnings from the local divers stationed in the area by FEMA.

It added that the deceased also navigated through the barricade placed by the agency to stop residents from going through the flood water.

The statement added that the Search and Rescue Team of FEMA, led by Mrs Flor-

ence Wenegieme, the Director, Forecasting Response and Mitigation, recovered the body of the deceased on Saturday.

It further said that the body was deposited at the Asokoro District Hospital where a doctor confirmed him dead.

"The family of the deceased who hailed from Zango Kataf, Kaduna State, has since taken his body away for burial," the statement added.

Reacting to the development, the acting Director-General of FEMA, Mr Mohammed Sabo, appealed to residents to always heed the warnings issued by the agency.

Sani said that the FEMA always places a barricade at Dogon Gada during heavy downpours.

He urged residents not to drive into a pool of water but should wait for it to recede or seek an alternative route.