

Flood Claims One, Destroys 150 Homes

One life was lost while 150 houses and property worth thousands of naira were destroyed in Malumfashi Council Area of Katsina State after a devastating torrential rainfall that lasted six hours causing massive flooding in the area. The flooding washed away homes and household items in the early hours of the morning while many of the victims were still asleep. The mishap which affected over six communities in the council was unprecedented in the history of the community and is suspected to have been caused by blocked and bad drainages. Chairman of the Council Area, Alhaji Lawal Danyari, had already inaugurated a committee to look into extent of damage and possible ways assistance could be given to affected victims. The state government on the other hand sent a delegation yesterday afternoon to assess the damage. For some time now, several parts of the state have been susceptible to flooding particularly in the south where rainfall is more pronounced than in the north. The situation usually led to loss of property, homes and sometimes lives also. Some of the council areas affected have continued to invest heavily in drainage construction with severely affected areas resorting to constructing mini bridges for easier flow of rain water.