

Flood Claims Boy, Destroys 30 Houses

Hheavy flood, occasioned by torrential rain, Wednesday washed away a six-year-old boy, and destroyed more than 30 houses in Kotorkoshi town, Bungudu Local Government area of Zamfara State.

Eye-witnesses told reporters that the rain, which lasted for more than four hours, swept the child away when he attempted to cross a stream along with his mother in Tsakuwa village, 15 miles away from Kotorkoshi town.

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The flood also rendered many people homeless, while farmlands and properties worth millions of naira were destroyed.

Also affected is the newly-constructed Kotorkoshi bridge, which had become impassable. The bridge links the town to Mada and surrounding villages.

Speaking to THISDAY on the extent of damage done by the

flood, Emir of Kotorkoshi, Alhaji Ahmad Umar, appealed to both the state government and Bungudu local government council to come to their aid.

He said so far, the exact number of houses damaged by the flood is being collated, while efforts are on to recover some of the items washed away.

He cautioned the people to stop building houses near streams or on waterways, and admonished them to consider the incidence as an act of God.