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Collapsed Building Claims 14 Lives in Kebbi

From Saka Ibrahim in Birnin Kebbi, 07.01.2010

No fewer than 14 teenagers lost their lives Tuesday in Gwandu Local Government Area of Kebbi State when a building collapsed on 15 of them following a downpour.

The only survivor in the building located at Augurwa Binaji is Faruk Mallam Dankeremi.

Eye witness account told THISDAY that the children who are petty traders aged between 14 and 16 were taking shelter in the building during the rainfall which started around 11pm and lasted over three hours.

The only survivor, Mallam Dankeremi, said he survived based on the will of Allah if not he would have died along with the others when the building collapsed on them.

The state Governor, Alhaji Sa'adu Dakingari, the Senator representing Kebbi Central Senatorial District, Senator Atiku Bagudu and the Chairman of the local government, Alhaji Shehu Gwandu, visited the families of the deceased and prayed for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

The chairman of the council, Gwandu, in a telephone interview confirmed that Dakingari had assisted the parents of the children with undisclosed amount of money.

The deceased have since been buried in Gwandu according to Muslim rite.

Meanwhile, the state Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) has received the sum of N6.05 billion intervention fund from the Federal Government in five years.

The chairman of the board, Alhaji Haruna Dankatsina, who disclosed this yesterday when the senate committee on education led by Senator Atiku Bagudu visited the board in Birnin Kebbi, said between first to fourth quarters of 2005, the sum of N930,016,210.00 was received and N1.13 billion between first and fourth quarters of 2006.

According to him, the sum of N1.26 billion was received in 2007, N1.66 in 2008 and N1.06 billion in 2009 during the same period.

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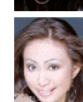
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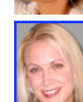
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