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12 feared dead in Ibadan flood disaster

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NO fewer than 12 people were feared dead while four others escaped death in a flood which followed a continuous rainfall in Oluyole and Ona Ara Local Government areas of Oyo State, on Tuesday.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that at Ariyo/Olunloyo community, the residents were forced to take alternative routes to their various homes as flood had taken over their road.

The victims, it was gathered, had appealed to a driver of a lorry to take them across the road which was flooded but at the middle of the flood, the vehicle developed a mechanical fault.

As a result, they jumped out of the vehicle but unfortunately, they were unable to swim out of the flood.

A source told the Nigerian Tribune that all efforts aimed at rescuing them failed, as people watched helplessly.

At the time of filing this report, people were still searching for their relatives at the river.

At Maje community, New Felele of Soka area in Oluyole Local Government, four people were said to have escaped during the rain.

The chairman, Landlords Association, Alfa Ganiyu Oluwalose, and secretary, Mr Adebisi Sarafa, said that the people were rescued from the flood.

Similarly, the heavy downpour in Ibadan, on Tuesday, took its toll on an old storey building, which partially came crashing on some of its occupants at No. 40, Arowojolu Street, off Odutola road, Oke-Ado.

A family of three inhabiting a room and a palour affected in the accident escaped with minor injuries.

According to one of the tenants, Mrs Buki Oluewu, the occupants were in the passage of the building when it partially collapsed at 5 p.m.

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