

# 40 die in Gusau dam flood

## ●700 people displaced

**G**USAU—IT was a mournful national day in Zamfara State yesterday after the Gusau Dam collapsed, Saturday flooding about 1500 houses in Birnin Ruwa area of Gusau.

About 40 people were teared dead, and 700 people displaced.

But, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said no one life was lost.

The dam was the main source of water supply to Gusau.

A yet to be determined number of towns and villages are reportedly cut off from Gusau on account of the dam collapse. Most of the houses washed away by the flood were close to the river banks.

The displaced people are

being camped at Government Day Secondary School Birnin Ruwa, Gusau, where NEMA, the Red Cross and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) are attending to their needs.

### Gov. Sani donates N1m

Gov. Ahmed Sani on a visit to the victims yesterday donated N1 million cash and some items to them. Items donated include 50 bags of rice and textile materials for immediate distribution to the victims, who were being camped at Government Day Secondary School, Birnin Ruwa in Gusau metropolis.

He told newsmen that the donation was an interim measure as the Zakkat and Endowment Board had been directed to relocate the victims with-

in the shortest possible time, with a view to cushioning the effects of the disaster.

He explained that photographs and other necessary documentary evidence would soon be sent to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) for prompt assistance to the victims.

Gov. Sani, who advised people living near the river bank to leave the place immediately, gave assurance that government would do everything within its limited resources to ensure that they were relocated.

Forty persons were feared dead, as over 500 houses were washed away on Saturday in Gusau, following the collapse of the Gusau barrage, the main source of water supply to the state capital.