

# Four drown as floods submerge Lagos after heavy rains

**L**AGOS — Four persons yesterday drowned in a lagoon at Ajao estate in Lagos when a passenger boat capsized.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Bashiru Azeez, told newsmen that no fewer than seven passengers were rescued.

Azeez said the incident occurred in the early hours when some passengers attempted to rescue their colleague that slipped into the lagoon.

He said the victims were coming back from a church vigil, and added that some of them were members of the Christian Praying Assembly (CPA), whose general overseer, Rev Emeka King was recently convicted of murder.

In a related development, buildings and vehicles were submerged yesterday in Lagos following torrential rainfall lasting for nearly 30 hours. The rain, which began in the morning of Thursday continued through the day and night almost without stopping, before it finally stopped in the afternoon of Friday.

Areas like Festac, Satellite Town, Amuwo Odofin, Ajegunle, Orile, Surulere, Ikate, Idi Araba, Mushin, and Agege were flooded, with many residents scooping water out of their apartments. Low density areas like Ikoyi, Victoria Island and Aja were not spared as traffic was disrupted as roads were severely flooded.

Commuters waited on end in the rain to get to work, with many returning home out of frustration.