One feared dead, 350 displaced by flood

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Awka—At least one person has been confirmed dead and over 350 people sacked from their homes in about 10 communities of Anambra West Local Government Area of Anambra State, when River Niger and Anambra River overflew their banks, submerging the various communities, following a torrential rainfall last weekend.

Anambra West which lies on the bank of the River Niger and from where Anambra River derives its source is the worst developed area in Anambra State.

The member representing the area in the Anambra State House of Assembly, Mr. Mike Offor who announced this yesterday on the floor of the House lamented that if nothing urgent is done more people may lose their lives.

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Meanwhile, the Speaker of the House, Mr. Anayo Nnebe has warned treasurers of the Local Government Councils in the state not to allow anybody use them to commit any financial fraud, saying that they would account for all their actions.

The speaker, gave the warning while addressing the treasurers who were summoned to appear before the House and submit the financial profile of their various local government councils.

Nnebe said that he was aware that "some people are making effort to use you to falsify records. I am aware that you know the implication".

The speaker, later invited the Head of Service of Nnewi South council to come to his office today to see documents he signed.

"The House has the whole records and we will not allow you box yourself into a tight corner. Nobody here is interested in your positions. But we will not like you to commit suicide by your actions", Nnebe said.