

# Windstorm kills one, renders 100 homeless

**G**USAU — AT least one person was confirmed dead and many others injured, following a windstorm that was accompanied by a heavy rainfall in Maradun and Talata Mafara towns of Zamfara State.

The disaster, which occurred at about 5 p.m., Wednesday, left more than 100 houses, including the palace of the Emir of Maradun and students' hostels at the Abdu Gusau Polytechnic, Talata-Mafara,

destroyed.

Reports say that Government Secondary School, Maradun and a number of shops in the area also had their roofs blown off by the windstorm, which lasted for about 50 minutes.

Some of the victims include a pregnant woman and children, who are now receiving medical attention at the General Hospitals at Maradun and Talata-Mafara.

The Acting Governor, Alhaji

Mukhtar Ahmad, who visited the affected areas, sympathised with the victims, and prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

He said government has set up a committee to assess the damage caused by the windstorm, with a view to assisting the victims.

He advised people to stop putting up structures on waterways, warning that the government would soon commence demolition of illegal structures.

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