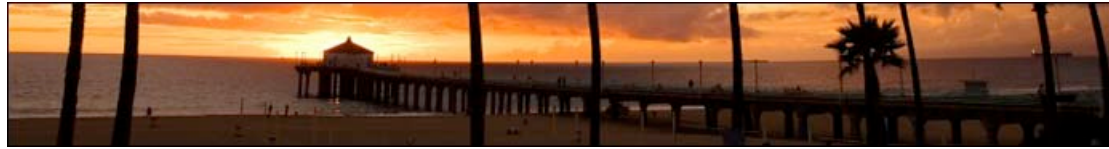


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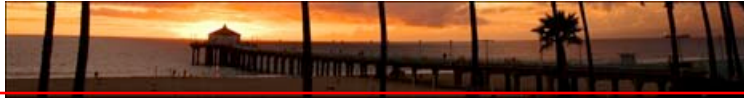
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Nigeria: Rainstorm Kills One, Destroys 100 Houses in Bauchi

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Bauchi — Over 100 houses and property worth millions of naira were destroyed as a result of a heavy rainstorm at Dass Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

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Other items affected by storm include houses, school buildings, health institutions, electric and solar poles.

The rain, which came with serious wind and started around 5 p.m. on Sunday, claimed one Hasiya, a daughter of Mallam Haruna in Datt Ward.

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According to an eye witness, the affected areas were Zumbul, Lukshi and Dot wards, all in Dass Local Government Area, adding that for over two years, the area has not witnessed such a heavy rainfall.

Deputy Speaker of the state House of Assembly, Saleh Abubakar Dumba, who is also the House Committee Chairman on Works and Transport and the Chairman, House Committee on Rural Development, Adoji Abdu Disina, were conducted round the areas affected by the rain storm.

Lawmakers sympathise with victims

Members of the state Assembly sympathized with the victims and condoled with the family of Mallam Haruna over the death of his daughter.

Dumba who is also the member representing Dass constituency described the situation as devastating and promised to present the issue to the House of Assembly as soon as it resumed from its recess for prompt action to alleviate the sufferings of the victims.

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The Deputy Speaker called on the state Emergency Management Agency and that of the Federal Government to assist of the victims of the windstorm with urgency.

Also sympathizing with the victims, Chairman, House Committee on Rural Development, Disina appealed to the victims to regard the destruction as an act of God.

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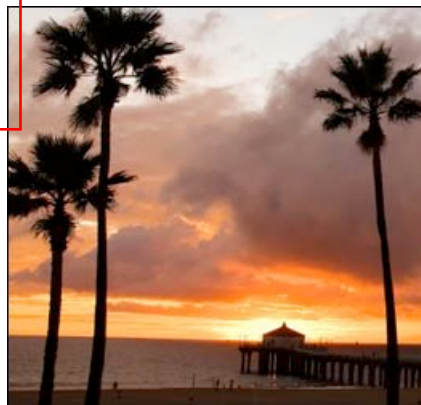
Adoji advised them to be patient, saying only God can provide them with what they have lost as a result of the windstorm.

He called on the people of Dass Local Government to take advantage of the situation by planting trees around their houses, stressing that this would help immensely in protecting their environment against wind destruction.

Earlier, Chairman, Dass Local Government, Alhaji Ado Danladi Maigoro said a

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committee would be set up to ascertain the extent of damage caused by the windstorm with a view to seeing how his council could assist the victims.

"We would make sure a committee is set up to look into this situation and also to see how the council can further assist the victims of the disaster," he said.

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