

Flood: 2 feared dead in Lagos

** Govt warns against environmental degradation*

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TWO people were feared dead in the aftermath of last Wednesday rainfall in Idimu in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos State. Also several people in Church Street, Bilesanmi Close and some adjoining streets have relocated as some of the houses are submerged by the attendant flood.

At Calvary bus stop between Idimu and Council bus stops, a man was said to have fallen into a canal while a boy got drowned. Both reportedly died.

Virtually all the people Sunday *Vanguard* spoke with attributed the flood to absence of drains even as they called on the state government to provide them with functional drains. According to Mr Ajayi John, chairman of

Alake Community Development Association, the problem with Idimu and environs is mostly that of functional drains." From Church to Alhaja Mama, Bilesanmi Close, Jemi Alade, up to the house of the former deputy governor, Mrs Sarah Sosan, the problem has always been drains. We have made representation to the state government, once to the governor and severally to the former commissioner for environment, Dr Muiz Banire. They made several promises about providing drains but here we are, nothing has happened. We are just using your medium to call on the government to help provide drains so that we won't have to relocate as we have done now each time it rains. Over 15 houses have been submerged by the flood and all the residents have relocated including myself. I am staying in an hotel with my family. We plead with

the state government to come to our rescue", he said.

Meanwhile, the state government has expressed zero tolerance for environmental degradation even as it blamed flooding in the state occasioned by heavy rains on indiscriminate dumping of refuse in drainages.

The deputy governor, Mrs Adejoke Orellope-Adefulire, said this while monitoring the June edition of the Monthly environmental sanitation in Mosan-Okunola Local Council Development Area in Alimosho LGA.

She declared that the habit of dumping refuse in the drains was responsible

for flooding in the state.

She urged residents to cultivate the practice of bagging their refuse before disposing them, noting that the state government has resolved to embark on a programme to educate the residents on the need to maintain a clean environment.

The deputy governor lamented that Federal Government agencies and institutions operating in the state were in the forefront in violating the state environmental laws, adding that the problem of environmental degradation and pollution requires concerted efforts from all the tiers of government and the citizenry.

Jonathan hailed over Kuku's re-appointment

THE Niger Delta Liberation Force (NDLF) has commended President Goodluck Jonathan over

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