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By VINCENT UJUMADU

AWKA—No fewer than 10 persons in the flood-ravaged communities in Anambra State have been feared dead during their attempt to rescue members of their families and property.

This happened as no fewer than 5000 workers employed by some industries at the Harbour Industrial Layout in Ogbaru and Onitsha Local Government areas affected

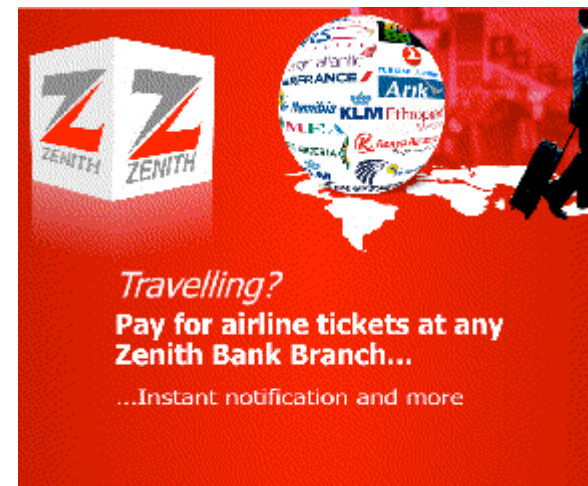
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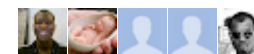
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by the flood may lose their jobs, if financial assistance did not come to the companies as soon as possible.

Following the reported deaths, the mood in some of the camps set up by government for the flood victims was low yesterday, even as some prominent people in the state have been visiting them and giving them words of encouragement and gifts.



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Industrialists in the affected industrial area have in their separate statements called on the federal and state governments to come to their aid by giving them special grants to enable them resume production after over three weeks of inactivity.

Some of the industrialists said they lost machines, raw materials and finished goods to the rampaging flood.

Some of the industries affected by the disaster are A.N. Ejeagwu and Sons Limited, the newly commissioned Kristoral and Company Limited, PZ Cousins Plc, Pokobross Group of Companies, Brollo International Profiles Resources Limited, ANES Industries Limited, Dragons

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Industries Limited, among others.

He said none of the industries affected has less than 600 direct and indirect staff that may be put out of job if the needed assistance from governments failed to come their way, adding that Federal and State governments could help them access funds to come back to business by giving them grants and tax waivers.

Chairman of one of the companies, Mr. Chukwudi Ejeagwu, said: "The entire Harbour Industrial Layout employs over 10,000 workers and over half of the companies employing them have been submerged by the flood, which had destroyed their machines, raw materials

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