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WARRI—A two-year-old child, Oto Timbor, and five others were feared missing, yesterday, after flood submerged 10 communities, including Kalafiogbene, Elohim, Ebebergbene, Ekogbene, Ekumugbene, Abadiama, Egrangbene communities in Bomadi and Burutu Local Government Areas of Delta State.

Others are Freeman Eregbene, 3years; Finidi Timibibo, 3 years; Egere John, 7years; Helen Musa, 8 years and Yopo Egberebo, 5 years.

Vanguard learnt that the flood caught the people unawares and rendered thousands



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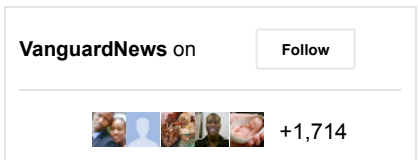
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One of the victims, the General Overseer of Christ Divine and Gospel Mission, Rev. Dr. O.T. Timbor, was said to be sleeping in his house in the night when the flood swept in but managed to escape death.

A leader from one of the affected communities, Mallam Yusuf Eregbene, told Vanguard that over 50 fish ponds, churches, residential apartments and schools were submerged.

He said: “Earlier on Sunday, the ravaging flood took over the headquarters of Christ Divine and Gospel Mission in Elohim City Zion, displacing over 200 worshippers during their service.”

He added that all their belongings were swept away.

His words: “We call on government to come to our aid to rescue the people, some of who are taking refuge on trees because if urgent steps are not taken, many will die.”



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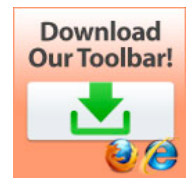
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