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26 killed in Zamfara flood

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Gusau—In less than 72 hours after over 20 people lost their lives as a result of heavy downpour in Gusau, Zamfara State, another 26 people have also died in a similar circumstance in the state.

The tragedy happened at Janbako town in Maradun local government of the state, where people were said to have been trapped in their homes and killed by flood which trailed the rain.

Over 200 houses were also reportedly destroyed, while properties worth millions of naira were washed away by the flood.

When *Vanguard* visited the area yesterday, the community was bereft of its bustling status as it was completely deserted by the residents.

Some survivors were also seen weeping over the loss of their beloved ones and properties.

All other roads linking the town with its neighbours were submerged and washed away by the flood.

Some of the victims, according to findings by *Vanguard*, have since taken refuge in communities not affected by the flood.

Others were seen preparing makeshift houses to settle in before any assistance come their way.

Vanguard also gathered that a number of the residents sustained injuries in an effort to escape the rain which lasted nine hours.

Officials of the state Emergency Management Agency, ZEMA, have since arrived the town to ascertain the level of loss and other damage the flood may have caused, with a view to assisting the victims.

Although the governor of the state was away when the tragedy happened, his deputy, Mallam Wakkala, directed that the victims be given all necessary assistance they deserved, and prayed God to prevent a recurrence.

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