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around the area before the buses were later removed

a truck had a head-on collision with a BRT, killing three.

7 children drown in Kebbi

By Kabir DanKatsina

BIRNIN KEBBI—SEVEN children have drowned in different rivers in Kebbi State, following a downpour that lasted

over six hours on Saturday.

Chief Press Secretary to Kebbi State Governor, Abubakar Dakingari, who disclosed the incident to newsmen in Government House, said six of

the deceased drowned in a river at Unashi village in Danko/Wasagu Local Government during the downpour on Saturday and the other died in a gutter in Takalau area of Birnin Kebbi Local Government.

Muazu gave the six children's names as Mubarak, 12; Abubakar, 9; Yusuf, 8; Fauziyya, 8; Lifta'u, 7 and Laminu, 10; while that of Birnin Kebbi is Fiddausi Umar Makerar Gandu, aged 18.

He said: "Fiddausi died on her way back home in Makerar Gandu in Birnin Kebbi from Yar'yara area in Birnin Kebbi metropolis, where she visited her relations during the downpour."

Her father, Malam Umar Gandu stated that her corpse was found in a gutter a day after the rain stopped.

Already, Governor Abubakar Bagudu has visited the scene of the incident and also visited the residences of the deceased, where he consoled the parents/guardians of the children.

He asked SEMA to assess the situation and report to the government, and also cautioned parents and guardians against neglecting their children/wards.

2 employees steal employer's N2m

By Onozure Dania

LAGOS—TWO employees of a laboratory company, Clina-Lancet Nigeria Ltd, Ikechukwu Duru and Oluwale Olalekan, who allegedly stole N2million, from their employer, were yesterday arraigned before a Lagos Magistrate Court sitting in Igbosere.

Duru 33, of 1, Onosanya Mogaji Close Agbonyi Ketu Lagos and Olalekan 33, a resident of 36, Agbole Street, Ijeshatedo Surprise Lagoon respectively, are facing a two count charge of conspiracy and stealing preferred against them by the Police.

The prosecutor Inspector Ingobo Emby, told the court that the defendants committed the alleged offence on July 17.

He said the incident took place at 3A, Babatunde Jose Street,

Victoria Island Lagos.

Emby said: "The defendants collected the sum of N2 million on behalf of their employer and converted the company's money to their own use."

He said that the money the duo stole belonged to Clina-Lancet Nigeria Ltd.

According to him, the offence committed is punishable under Section 411 and 287 (7), of the criminal law of Lagos 2015.

The duo pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate Mrs Are Temitope Bimbola granted them bail in the sum of N500,000 each, with two sureties each in like sums.

She said that one of the sureties must be a blood relation, show evidence of tax payment to the Lagos state government and have their address verified.

The case was adjourned until September 27, for mention.