

One drowns, as bridge collapses in Ekiti

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Ado-Ekiti—One person drowned, while four others were rescued Monday evening, when Ureje Bridge along Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State capital, was washed away by flood.

The three that were rescued by an unidentified Hausa man, were said to have fallen off the bridge, which was already bashed by waters from a torrential rainfall.

Other areas in Ado-Ekiti affected by the heavy flood some described as first of its kind in the state capital, included Eminrin, Ajilosun, 132KVA area of Omisanjana and others.

The bridge buckled after a

downpour that began around 7.30p.m. lasted till 9p.m.

The collapsed bridge had cut off the area from the rest of the state capital, with people waiting several hours for the water to recede before they could make their way to the other side, resulting in heavy vehicular traffic, as none of the vehicle could make it over the broken bridge.

Early yesterday, the water level was so high that commuters travelling to Afe Babalola University, Federal Polytechnic and to Ikare-Akoko in Ondo State and those coming into the state capital, had to park their vehicles.

They waited for several hours before the water subsided enough for them to trek across