

Downpour kills 4 in Edo market

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BENIN CITY—An early morning downpour, yesterday, fell trees, which left four people dead in a popular market in Jattu, Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State.

Though some claimed the deaths recorded were up to 10, Chairman of the council, Mr. Marvellous Zibiri, confirmed the death of four persons while speaking to newsmen in the market.

He said: "At 8a.m., and 9a.m., I got a call from my Vice Chairman and the Supervisory Council for Environment over the incident that happened at Jattu market.

"During the rainfall, four trees in the market fell simultaneously while people were taking cover under the trees, thereby killing four persons and many were injured.

"So far, we have been able to recover four bodies and we have taken them to the mortuary while those who sustained injuries are at the hospital responding to treatment."

Zibiri added that rescue operation was ongoing at the scene as the trees were being cut in pieces to confirm if they were other bodies under the trees.

He described the incident as tragic and sympathised with families who lost their loved ones.