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Rainstorm Destroys Niger Squash Courts

Close to four hours of torrential rainstorm over the weekend destroyed properties worth millions of Naira including the only Squash Court used for training of state players located around David Mark road, Minna the state capital.

The rainstorm which rendered many people homeless along Gidan-Mangoro and Gidan-Kwano near Federal University of Technology (FUT), permanent campus where houses, trees and make shift buildings were washed away affected residential, office and business structures.



Also, facilities including electric poles belonging to the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) were affected and many customers across Minna metropolis have been thrown into darkness after the most recent downpour.

Meanwhile, the chairman Niger State Squash Association (NSSA), Alhaji Mohammad Babujee has appealed to well meaning Nigerlites to come to the aid of the association in rebuilding the damaged Squash Court, the only facility for the training of state players.

Babujee in his reaction to the destroyed Squash Court and the fate of state players however said, "We have been pleading with the state government to repair the Squash Court, now that the rains has blown off the ceiling maybe they will be forced to do something".

The chairman who attributed the poor performances of the state players in recent time to the non-availability of befitting Squash Court for training. He expressed confidence that fixing the Court will no doubt bring Niger back to rightful place in Squash ratings.

He recalled that Niger state used to be among the tops in national ranking. He said, "Repairing the Squash Court will change the whole thing for the better and that is why we are appealing to well meaning Nigerlites and Squash loving Nigerians to help us put the place back in order".

For now Niger state have no Squash Court to train players ahead of coming sporting events, Babujee lamented as he pleaded with the state government to give attention to Sports, Squash in particular as a way of discouraging youths from indulging in any form of crime.

In his reaction to the sad event, the President of the Nigeria Squash Federation, NSF, Mr Boye Oyerinde expressed his dissatisfaction at the poor state of the Niger Squash Courts. He noted that Niger State used to produce some of the best players in Nigeria in the past and wondered how such a facility that produced national champions will be in such ruin. He expressed his support for the Niger State Squash Association and hope that the facility will be repaired soonest.

The rainstorm tore off the roof of the squash courts and flooded the courts making them unsafe to play in.



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