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COGHSTA MEC WARNS RESIDENTS TO AVOID FLOODED RIVERS

COGHSTA MEC Mr Basikopo Makamu is advising residents of areas close to rivers and dams to avoid such masses of water especially during this rainy season.

Two people, a 59 year old male who was attempting to cross the Selati River and a grade 11 learner who was swimming in the Mmaba River, have been reported to have drowned and their bodies retrieved in incidents that happened yesterday under the Mopani District respectively.

The province is one of which has been placed under the National State of Disaster following the recent above-normal rainfall that has swept across parts of the country.

MEC Makamu says those who stay in villages or low lying areas close to rivers and streams should take extra precautions during this time.

“We plead with our people to avoid flooded rivers. Whether walking or driving, it is always safe to wait out these heavy rains and flooded rivers before engaging with them in any way.

We are also aware that some of our people feel obliged to use these pools of water for religious reasons, but considering the clear fatal dangers at hand, we encourage you to postpone these activities,” said the MEC.

Apart from lives lost, rainfall has mostly affected road infrastructure, with bridges washed away in Mopani, Waterberg and Vhembe districts.

These weather conditions are forecasted to remain during in the early part of 2023.

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