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rarily before returning to their land.

At the same time, several families have also been displaced in Homa Bay and Kisumu counties after River Miriu burst its banks following heavy rains.

The river, which forms the boundary between the two counties, has displaced more than 2,000 families in Nyong'ong'a sub-location, Nyakach Sub-county, Kisumu County.

Nyong'ong'a Assistant Chief Fred Koga said affected families would temporarily seek shelter at the chief's camp as well as nearby churches and schools as authorities coordinate emergency response efforts.

Ms Ida Achieng Omollo, a widow, said she was forced to leave behind her livestock after rescuers from the Kenya Coast Guard evacuated her with only a few personal belongings.

"I could not salvage everything. I had to choose my life and leave my livestock behind. I do not know what will happen to them," she said.

In Kobala Ward in Homa Bay County, Judith Akinyi is counting heavy losses after floodwaters submerged her sukuma wiki farm.

"I have lost more than Sh70,000 from sukuma wiki alone. I usually earn about Sh5,000 every four days because the vegetables are planted near the riverbank and mature faster," she said.

In Homa Bay County, hundreds of households have been affect-

ed by flooding in Kobala and Kobuya locations.

Kobuya Location Chief Damianus Osano said approximately 381 households had been affected in the area, with hectares of farmland destroyed.

At the Coast, a fisherman was killed while another was left in critical condition after they were struck by lightning while fishing in Ingini in Lamu on Saturday evening.

Lamu County Police Commander Shadrack Ruto said Kasim Badi Usama, 48, died while fishing during heavy rain. Mr Mohamed Wako was injured during the 5pm incident. The fishing vessel was also damaged after lightning struck it.

Lamu County Emergency Operation Centre Manager Iftakhar Majid urged fishermen to avoid going out to sea during heavy rains for their own safety.

Although light rain can sometimes improve fishing, Mr Majid said there are situations where fishermen are caught in heavy rainfall accompanied by lightning.

Mr Mohamed Muhaj, a security and safety expert, said open platforms such as boats, dhows, canoes and other vessels act as prime targets for lightning strikes at sea.

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CS Ruku says 42 people killed and 50,000 displaced by ongoing floods

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Heavy rains that swept across the country on Friday and Saturday have claimed 42 lives and displaced over 50,000 people from their homes.

During a briefing on the ongoing floods, Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Cabinet Secretary Geoffrey Ruku said Nairobi City County is the hardest hit, recording 26 deaths—21 male adults, three female adults and three male children.

One death was reported in the Coastal region, 10 in the Eastern region, four in the Rift Valley and one in Homa Bay County.

"In total, 42 deaths have been reported and confirmed by the National Police Service across the country as of the morning of March 8, 2026. Search operations are ongoing by multi-agency emergency response teams to ensure all victims are found and retrieved," Mr Ruku said.

Nine people are reported missing: five from Nairobi, two from Narok and one each from Baringo and Makuani counties.

The floods also caused major damage to infrastructure and livelihoods. A total of 172 vehicles were swept away by floodwaters, all of which have since been recovered. About 207 people sustained injuries, with 200 reported in Migori County, five in Nairobi and one each in Taita-Taveta, Narok, and Samburu counties.

The CS warned that due to continued heavy rains, the risk of flooding, landslides and water contamination remains high.

He announced that the government will cover medical bills for the injured and funeral costs for the dead.

"The multi-agency emergency and response secretariat is working with national government officers to trace the injured and hospitals where they are receiving treatment so that the National Treasury can settle medical bills in line with the presidential directive," Mr Ruku said.

The floods have also claimed more than 607 livestock, with the majority reported in Nairobi, where 280 pigs and chickens died in Kasarani. Migori County recorded 225 cattle, pigs and fowls deaths, 100 chickens were lost in Makuani while two sheep were lost Tana River.

Kenyans have been urged to exercise caution and cooperate with emergency response teams to prevent further casualties.

"Residents should evacuate



Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes Cabinet Secretary Geoffrey Ruku at the NYS Engineering Institute yesterday. LUCY WANJIRU | NATION

to higher ground immediately if waters rise, contact Nyumba Kumi leaders or the national emergency hotline 999, seek shelter and relief at sub-county centres distributing food, water and medical aid, and avoid flooded roads, rivers, steep slopes and trees during thunderstorms," Mr Ruku said.

At the National Youth Service grounds in Ruaraka, Nairobi, Mr Ruku distributed relief supplies to affected families in Mathare, Ruaraka and surrounding areas. The donations included 200 bags of rice, 120 bags of beans, 240 blan-

kets and 120 mattresses.

The government warned that moderate rainfall is expected to continue over the weekend with isolated storms in some regions. Areas expected to experience heavy rainfall include the Lake Victoria Basin (Busia, Siaya, Kisumu, Homa Bay and Migori), the highlands west of Rift Valley and Rift Valley counties, and the central highlands including Nairobi, Kiambu, Murang'a, Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Embu, Tharaka-Nithi, Meru, Nyandarua and Laikipia counties.

From Monday, the government

will support affected families in Nairobi and other regions to rebuild, including the provision of iron sheets for reconstruction.

Affected residents of Huruma area described narrowly escaping death.

"People died in our area and our home was flooded. We barely managed to rescue any items. We are asking the government to help us. We are now homeless," said Alice Muthoni, who is expectant.

Ms Muthoni revealed this is the second time her family has been displaced by floods.



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