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Idukki, Monsoon Fury, Widespread Damage

Monsoon batters Idukki; two children hurt

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HEAVY RAIN continues to batter the district on the 4th consecutive day on Wednesday, causing huge damage to houses and crops.

Houses were destroyed and traffic on the National Highway was disrupted after huge uprooted trees fell on rooftops and roads.

Two children have been injured after a tree collapsed on their house at Kalkoonthal near Nedumkandam on Wednesday morning.

The injured have been identified as Muhammed Sikkandar, 15, and Badhusha, 14, children of Noushadh of Mullassery house, Kalkoonthal.

The children were sleeping inside the house when the tree fell. They have been admitted to a private hospital in Nedumkandam. Their condition is stated to be not serious.

More than half of Noushadh's house was destroyed in the calamity. A huge tree that stood near his home, inside a cardamom plantation, collapsed in the heavy rain. Noushadh was at his home when the incident happened. The children were rushed to the hospital by the local people.

Heavy rain triggered landslips in various pockets of the district. A major landslide was reported from Edadu near Elappally on the Moolamattam - Wagamon route.

Traffic was disrupted for hours as tonnes of earth and boulders piled up on the road. However, traffic was resumed after the fire force removed the boulders from the road.

Similarly, a landslip occurred near Panamkutty check post which led to the creation of a traffic snarl on the highway.

The wall of an under-construction house owned by Suresh Kumar of Valiyaveedu house, Kalvari Mount near Kattappana in Idukki collapsed in the rain that lashed the district on Wednesday. Since there was nobody near the premises of the house, a huge tragedy was averted.

Peerumade Taluk recorded the highest amount of rainfall which was at 118.0 mm followed by Munar which recorded a rainfall of 102.8 mm. While Idukki received 94.0 mm rainfall, Thodupuzha and Myladumpara taluks received 78.3 and 42.8 mm rainfall respectively.