



Some residents trying to cross a flooded area with a canoe to their communities



One of the farmlands covered by the flood waters

# Annual dams spillage rears ugly head in north

• Flooding unprecedented this year

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**O**NCE again, residents of the five regions of the north are at their wits' end.

This is because the annual ritual of flooding in the north, the combined result of the spillage of excess water from the Bagre and the Kompienga dams in neighbouring Burkina Faso and heavy rains in that part of the

country, has reared its ugly head. State actors, including the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO), are struggling to contain the humanitarian crisis, with three lives already lost, hundreds displaced

and extensive damage done to farms and properties. Checks by the *Daily Graphic* revealed that about 28 districts in the Upper East, Upper West, North East, Savannah and Northern regions have been affected by the floods. However, the worst affected areas are the Wa East and the Wa West districts and the Lawra and the Nandom municipalities, all in the Upper West Region; the West Mamprusi municipality and the Mamprugu/Moaduri District, both in the North East Region, as well as the Bawku West District in the Upper East Region. Given the unfulfilled promises by

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