

In Niger's Rainy Season Rain Falls Outside While the Sun Stubbornly Shines

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Rain falls outside while the sun stubbornly shines. On every other street corner muddy pools will provide swimming lakes for dozens of kids. Houses will crumble and fall; most of Niamey's people live in mud-block houses. Electricity will almost certainly be cut off for from a few minutes to a few hours, but only a little less than half the people will be affected. Still, rain is welcome in this land; its severe drought of the not too distant past is a bitter memory. There has been fine weather this year for the crops that will feed over four million people, and millions of cows, sheep and camels.

