Many Feared Dead As Sand Pit Collapses In Kano

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Several brick workers are feared dead after a sand pit used for brick-making collapsed at Ridawa village, Ghari Local Government Area of Kano State, on Wednesday.

The incident occurred while labourers were digging a deep excavation site for brick production.

The pit suddenly caved in, trapping many of them beneath the debris.

Eyewitnesses said the collapse sparked panic in the community as fellow workers and residents rushed to the scene to commence rescue efforts.

Member representing Ghari/Tsanyawa Federal Constituency, Sani Bala, said preliminary reports indicated that about 10 persons might be trapped underground.

He called for urgent intervention from relevant authorities, appealing for the deployment of specialised rescue equipment to support ongoing operations.

“We need urgent assistance to save those still trapped. The community is doing its best, but professional rescue support is required,” he said.

As of the time of filing this report, rescue efforts were ongoing, with villagers and emergency responders digging through the rubble in a bid to reach those buried.

However, several victims were yet to be rescued, raising fears that the death toll could rise.

Residents noted that such incidents were not uncommon in rural brick-making sites, where workers often operate in deep pits without adequate safety measures or supervision.