

96-year-old woman dies after falling into soakaway in Kano

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Tragedy struck in Sarai Village, Dawakin Kudu Local Government Area of Kano State, as a 96-year-old woman, identified as Habiba Ado, lost her life after falling into a toilet pit (soakaway).

According to a statement from the Kano State Fire Service, the incident occurred on Thursday morning at about 9:27 a.m. The agency's Emergency Response Unit, under the leadership of Director Alhaji Sani Anas, received a distress call from one Usman Adamu, reporting that a woman had fallen into a toilet pit in the area.

The statement, signed by Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) Saminu Yusuf Abdullahi, Public Relations Officer of the agency, expressed condolences to the family and urged the public to prioritise safety in their surroundings.

Upon arrival at the scene, the rescue team discovered that the victim had been missing for four days. Relatives told officials that the deceased had been suffering from mental illness, and despite several days of searching, her whereabouts remained unknown until she was found in the pit.

The Fire Service team successfully retrieved the victim from the pit, but she was found unconscious and later confirmed dead.

The remains of the deceased were handed over to the ward head, Musa Muhammad, while residents were advised to ensure open toilet pits are properly covered to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

