

# Overhead water tank collapses, kills pregnant woman, three others in Jigawa

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Tragedy struck on Tuesday afternoon in Zugai village, Roni Local Government Area of Jigawa State, when an overhead water tank collapsed on residents fetching water, killing four women, including a pregnant woman, and injuring several others.

The tank, which supplies water from a solar-powered borehole, reportedly gave way while dozens of villagers were gathered beneath it.

An eyewitness, Imrana Miko, disclosed that the tank suddenly crashed while residents were fetching water.

“Just now, an incident occurred at Zugai village where a solar-powered overhead tank fell on a crowd of villagers fetching water,” he said. According to him, “Three people died on the spot, while many others sustained injuries and were rushed to the hospital.”

Another eyewitness said the supporting pillars of the tank had weakened under the weight of the fully filled tank, leading to the collapse.

Confirming the incident, Chairman of the Maranda Development Association, Comrade Musa Lawal, described the scene as devastating.

“Yes, it happened. Four people have been confirmed dead, all women, including a pregnant woman. As I’m talking to you, the deceased were buried according to Islamic rite,” he said.

When contacted, the Chairman of Roni Local Government Council, Dr Abba Ya’u Roni, also confirmed the deaths and noted that several others sustained varying degrees of injuries.

According to him, “the incident was caused by wind when people were busy fetching water. A strong wind occurred and pushed the tank, and it collapsed on the people. Although I’m presently at the State House of Assembly on official engagement related to the 2026 budget...”

“Notwithstanding, I directed my vice and officials in the council to visit the village. The local government council has taken all medical expenses of the injured. According to the report I received, some patients have been discharged from the hospital. It is only one woman remaining, and she is responding to treatment,” he added.