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**How rock crushed a father of 3 to death in Bauchi****Published on 04 February 2012 with 0 comments**[\[Post a Comment\]](#)By SELYA YARNAP, *Bauchi*

Emotions ran high recently when residents of Miri, a suburb of Bauchi, were thrown into mourning, following the death of Idris Abdullahi a father of three, who was crushed to death by a rock as he was excavating sands at its foot to mould bricks,

Late Abdullahi the husband of Hamma, never envisaged that he would lose his life, while doing what generates income for him for many years. If only he had the premonition that death awaits him at his place of work, he would have stayed at home, but just as nobody knows the time when death will knock on the door, Abdullahi went the way of all mortals.

Speaking with our correspondent, Mrs. Hamma Abdullahi, 21-year-old, wife of the deceased said it never crossed her mind that one day she would eventually become a widow at very young age.

*Weekend Champion* gathered that on that fateful day, late Idris and his childhood friend, Nuhu, like any other day, left for a nearby village, where they usually dug sand for moulding blocks for commercial purposes. But when they went out to mould bricks to build Idris house, because he had been living with his wife and children in his father's house, the prospective landlord did not return home.

The tragedy struck when both friends were digging the earth at the foot of the rock and gathered soil to mould the bricks for the planned house near the family residence. As they dug out more earth under a giant boulder, it shifted and rolled over Idris, crushing him to death instantly.

Narrating what happened to our correspondent, one of his friends, Hamidu who witnessed the death of Idris Abdullahi, wept profusely adding that: "We were digging deep under some giant boulder and from what we gathered, there was no strong base for the boulder to stand on. Suddenly, without any notice, the boulder rolled and fell on Idris, crushing his chest. I will never forget this incident for the rest of my life, because Idris is my best friend right from childhood".

When asked to comment on his friend's death, he could not due to shock, as he only kept shaking his head in disbelief, shouting, Allah Allah, Yah Allah, meaning oh God, God, Oh you God!

Speaking also, Abdullahi's father said: "I have 12 children, but Idris was very outstanding and was the bread winner of the family. He never disobeyed me. He has been very obedient, doing my wish always. But to God be the glory, I thank God the Almighty."

Idris Abdullahi, who was buried an hour, after his body was recovered, according to Islamic rites is survived by his mother, Mama Fatima Abdullahi, 60, his father, Abdullahi Adamu, 63, who was once the People's Democratic Party, (PDP), chairman of Miri ward for 10 years, his wife and children.

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