

2 die digging well in Gombe

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TWO persons, Amadu Ali and Mallam Salisu died on Sunday while digging a well in Kwandam village of Akko Local Government Area of Gombe State.

The village head, Ibrahim Abubakar told *Daily Trust* that

the duo had spearheaded similar efforts by the community at various times to build wells to tackle the problem of water scarcity in the area.

He said the two had before the incident complained of intense heat inside the well and interchanged positions, but

defied all efforts by the community to convince them to suspend the work.

"It was when Amadu stopped bringing sand out of the well that we realized that something had gone wrong. We called his name several times without response. At that point, Mallam Salisu

decided to enter and rescue him, but none of them came out alive," he said.

Our correspondent gathered that the community has to bury one of the victims inside the well because the heat prevented people from entering the well to bring out the corpse.