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A pregnant woman and two of her kids were in the early hours of Wednesday killed after six pillars recently constructed by her neighbour collapsed into her home at Layin Farin Ruwa, Rikkos community of Jos North Local Government Area.

Daily Trust reports that the deceased, 30-year-old Hajiya Binta had died alongside her two sons: three-year-old Muhammadu Auwal and one-year-old Musa, whose lifeless bodies were dug out of the debris by neighbours.

The husband of the deceased, Sadau Adam, 63, told Daily Trust that the incident occurred around 4am while he had stepped out of the house and his wife and other members of the household were preparing Sahur (pre-dawn meal).

Adam, a father of seven, said five other members of his household, including another pregnant woman, had been rescued.

He said his neighbour only erected the pillars two months ago in an attempt to support an area affected by gully erosion directly above their home for fear that it might collapse into his plot. "Everyone warned him not to go on with it. All our neighbors told him to stop because the pillars had no foundation, but he insisted," Adam said.

The Executive Secretary of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Alhassan Barde said individuals must learn to abide by building plans and called on all state agencies involved in town planning and safety and security to ensure that the necessary permits were obtained by individuals.

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