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## How 2 soldiers died, 1 other injured in Nasarawa classroom collapse

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*Scene of the collapsed classroom that killed two soldiers in Ugya community of Toto Local Government Area, Nasarawa State Photo: Abubakar Sadiq Isah*

Two soldiers lost their lives, while one other sustained serious injuries after a classroom of a primary school collapsed on them in Ugya, Toto Local Government Council of Nasarawa State.

The names of the deceased soldiers are Michael Victor and Hussaini Sabo, while the injured soldier is Abdullahi Sanusi.

The commanding officer of the 177 guards battalion, Keffi, Lt Col. Musa Muazu Aliyiu, disclosed the incident when the chairman of Toto Local Government Council, Alhaji Nuhu A. Dauda, led by the vice chairman, Kabiru Ibrahim Musa, and some senior staff of the council, visited the community to condole with the army officers in the area.

He told the chairman that the incident happened around 1:07 am on Tuesday, when his men were hiding inside a gutter at the back of classroom block, which he said heavy storm suddenly blew off the roofing and part of the class room wall fell on his men.

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He said the two deceased soldiers were trapped to death, saying their bodies were later evacuated from the rubbles, including the injured and taken to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital morgue.

“In fact, it was a sad day for us here in this community when the unfortunate incident happened that led to the death of two of our men, while one other who sustained injuries was currently receiving treatment at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, “ he said.

The commander further told the chairman since they were deployed to the community to combat incessant cases of kidnappings, armed robbery and terrorism, eight soldiers and one vigilante member lost their lives during encounter with the terrorists in the axis.

“But I am assuring you that our men are on top of the situation, because it is quite worrisome that virtually most of the communities have been deserted due to activities of armed bandits, robbery and terrorists,” he said.

Earlier, the council chairman, Alhaji Nuhu A. Dauda, said he led some senior members of his cabinet to come and condoled with the army officers over the tragic incident which led to the death of two soldiers.

He said the local government and the state governor, Abdullahi Sule, who got the information, were saddened over the incident, while he prayed for souls of the two soldiers to rest in peace.

The chairman presented a cheque of N2 million to the commanding officer on behalf of the local government to the family of the deceased soldiers and the injured soldier.

He assured that the local government would continue to give support to the army deployed to the area to checkmate activities of armed bandits and terrorists in the area.

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