

Two workers die at Tinapa site

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Tragedy struck at Africa's Premier Business Resort, TINAPA, in Calabar as two workers of Julius Berger Plc drowned in a construction pit barely one month to the commissioning of the resort.

The two workers namely Messrs Itoro Udoh from Akwa Ibom and Joe A. from Osun

State, were said to be regular workers with PT Construction Company, one of the companies handling plumbing works for Julius Berger Plc, the major contractor for the project.

According to eye-witness account, the duo met their untimely death at about 8.00pm on Tuesday when they were laying pipes in a 10 feet pit which suddenly caved in burying them at once.

The account further said at the time of the incident, about three other workers were at work but were helpless in the circumstance. Rather, they ran to other workers on site and informed them about the ugly incident.

However, it was learnt that other workers, on getting wind of the death of their colleagues, ran to the site making desperate moves to bring them out.

The account further said that nothing could be done about it as the bodies of their colleagues could not be sighted at all. They were left in the pit till 8.00am the following day when the management of Julius Berger Plc brought in earth-moving equipment to dig them up.

As at the time of going to the press, the deceased remains had already been taken to the General

Hospital, along Mary Slessor Avenue, Calabar.

Speaking to *Daily Times Nigeria*, the wife of one of the deceased, Mrs. Comfort Itoro Udoh, revealed that her husband leaves for work at about 6.00 am and returns at 10.00 pm daily.

Mrs. Udoh, in an emotion-laden voice, said she was shocked that on the fateful day, her husband went to work and could not return.