

Six die while excavating sand in Sokoto



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Six men have died, Saturday morning, while excavating sand in Yabo Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

It was gathered that the deceased were trapped when the ditch in which they were excavating sand at Dantunai village suddenly caved in.

Three other persons were said to have sustained injuries in the incident.

It was also gathered that the victims had intended to use the sand to execute some self-help projects.

The Chairman of Yabo Local Government Area, Alhaji Abubakar Shamaki who confirmed the incident yesterday, said, “there were about nine of them, six died instantly, while the other three who sustained injuries were immediately taken to a hospital.”

He, however said two of the injured were discharged from the hospital that night, adding that the local government assisted the injured by settling their medical bills.

The local government boss, who noted that people had been excavating sand from the area for many years, said it was the first time such incident occurred there.

Shamaki, who said the victims were from a neighbouring village, noted that the local government council had directed people to stay away from the area.