

6 die trying to fix well in Zamfara

From Ismail Mudashir, Sokoto

SIX persons died yesterday while trying to fix a well which is the major source of water to the people of Gidan Idi in Rawayya District of Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

Daily Trust gathered that the victims were trapped fixing the well which was dug over 30 years ago to provide water to the people of the community.

Resident Rabiū Bello Jauri said the deceased were trapped Wednesday afternoon and that five of the bodies were removed by officials of the state emergency agency supported by fire service officials.

"It was four of them that were fixing the well; two were inside the well while the others were outside collecting the sand. When those who were inside stop sending up the sand, the two went inside the

well only to find out that their colleagues have died.

"So they brought out the bodies of their colleagues through the help of people around. After they succeeded in removing the bodies, they too stop talking. So, another two persons went inside the well and they died too. All the six persons lost their lives," he said.

Commissioner of Information, Ibrahim Birnin Magaji, confirmed the incident and the number of

casualties.

"Officials of the state emergency management agency and fire service have removed five bodies from the well but one of the dead persons is still inside the well," he said.

Efforts to speak to the spokesman of the state police command, ASP Sani Amiru, failed. He neither picked calls to his phone nor replied two text messages sent to his mobile phone.

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NBA battles Fayemi over appointment of judges

From Doyin Adebuseyi, Ado-Ekiti

THE Ado-Ekiti branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) is battling Governor Kayode Fayemi over his alleged refusal to swear-in Emmanuel Bamidele Omotoso and Lucas Olukayode Ogundana as High Court judges in the state. Chairman of the NBA, Mr. Owoseni Ajayi said the refusal of the governor amounts to disregard for the NJC and Section 271 (2) of the 1999 Constitution. "Section 271 (2) provides that the appointment of a person as judge of a High Court in a state shall be