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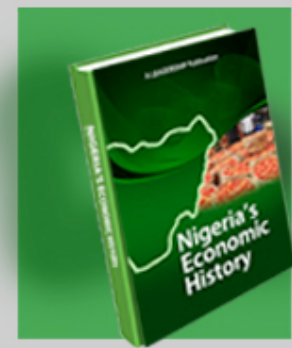
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At least two people were killed while three others were seriously injured yesterday when parts of the royal home of the 'Galadima of Bauchi,' Alhaji Ibrahim Sa'idu Jahun at Unguwar Ganjuwa in the Bauchi metropolis collapsed.

Our correspondent who visisted the scene reports that the incident occurred around 12: 50pm even though there was no rainfall.

Confirming the incident to LEADERSHIP Sunday, the ward head of 'Unguwar Ganjuwa' Malam Abu Ibrahim explained that the two people who died were a man and a woman, while the rest that sustained injuries were evacuated to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital [ATBUTH] Bauchi for treatment.

He revealed that this was the first time the tallest mud wall in the area collapsed on the people, urging the

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residents who live close to the building to vacate the place pending the end of the rainy season.

Abu Ibrahim who condoled with the families of the victims added that the deceased have since been buried according to Islamic rites.

While the residents of the area who trooped out to the scene lamented that the traditional ruler's wall poses a threat to them appealing to him to destroy and rehabilitate the outdated building with a view to protecting their lives.

They also called on the government to compensate the families of the victims in order to alleviate their pains.

When he visited the area, the Galadima of Bauchi, Alhaji Ibrahim Sa'idu Jahun who is also a king maker and district head of Zungur in the Bauchi emirate, said he was saddened by the incident and commiserated with the victims and their families.

He prayed Allah to forgive the deceased and wished the injured persons quick recovery, even as he also asked

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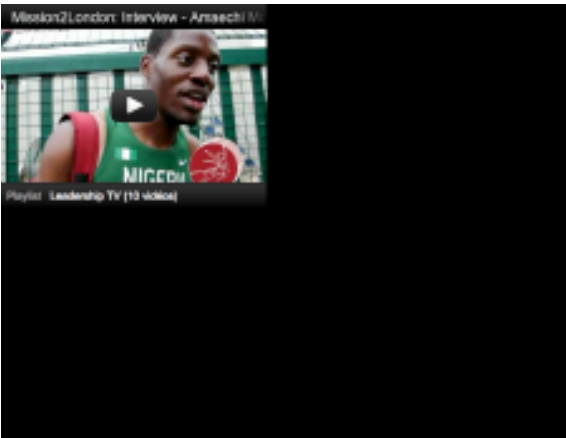
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the neighbours who live near the building to quit until when the rains stop.

The 'Galadima' who assured that something would be done to prevent the building from further collapse prayed that such sad event will not recur in the future.

LEADERSHIP Sunday gathered that teeming sympathizers from across the state capital have been trooping to the traditional ruler's house and those of the victim's families to register their condolences.

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