Four killed as mining site collapses



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From David Adenuga BauchiAt least four illegal miners were confirmed dead after a mining pit collapsed in Ningi

Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

The incident occurred in the Yadagungume community, Burra district on Saturday, four months after two women were killed and three others sustained injuries when a mining pit collapsed on them at Bar Kudu village, Bogoro Local Government.

Spokesman for Bauchi Police Command, SP Al Mohammed Wakil, in a phone interview said the command received a distress call about the incident from a good samaritan.

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He said upon receiving the report, the Divisional Police Officer in Ningi mobilised his men to the location of the mining site, where the bodies were evacuated to a nearby hospital.

He identified the deceased as Ibrahim Munkaila, 20, Yakubu Ahmadu, 22, Kabiru Yau, 20, and Auwalu Hashimu, 17.

Wakil said: "First of all, the command sends its condolences to the miners who lost their lives. They were mining in a local site and in the process of digging lead, one of the mineral resources common in the area, the pit collapsed and the four of them died instantly."