

# Over 30 mine collapse victims buried alive in Adamawa/Taraba – Council official



More than 30 miners affected by the collapse of a mining pit around Adamawa/Taraba border community were buried alive with none of their remains recovered, an official of the Toungo Local Government of Adamawa State has said.

Initial reports put the death toll at about 22 following the accident which occurred at an illegal mining site within a national game reserve stretching across Gashaka Local Government Area in Taraba State and the Toungo Local Government Area.

The information Officer of the Toungo Local Government, Umar Adamu, who gave an update on the incident to our correspondent yesterday, said the mining site collapse occurred on October 6, 2024.

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Contrary to the 22 deaths widely reported on Thursday, the information officer said the dead were more than 30.

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“None of the dead was retrieved. They were all covered up inside the deep pit. It was believed that more than 30 people were thus actually buried alive,” he said in a telephone interview.

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According to him, most of the miners were from Zamfara and Sokoto states, and because they were believed to be all Muslims, they were treated as such.

“As none of the dead could be retrieved for proper burial, Muslims gathered at the site of the collapsed mine and offered prayers,” the Tounko information officer said.