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100 feared dead in Zamfara goldmine collapse



No fewer than 100 people are feared dead from the collapse of a gold mining pit in **Zamfara State**, according to survivors and residents.

The pit at the Kadauri mining site in the Maru Local Government Area was said to have caved in on Thursday while scores of artisanal miners were working underground.

Rescue efforts were said to be on at press time last night.

Sanusi Auwal, a local resident involved in rescue efforts, told a news agency that no fewer than 13 bodies had been retrieved from the rubble, including that of his cousin.

“Over 100 miners were involved during the collapse,” Auwal was quoted as saying.

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A survivor, Isa Sani, who was being treated for injuries, said: “We are lucky to be rescued alive.”

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“Out of more than 100 people, only 15 of us were rescued.”

Confirming the incident, Muhammadu Isa of the Zamfara State Miners Association, said some rescuers also suffocated while trying to dig out victims.

Zamfara police spokesperson Yazid Abubakar did not immediately respond to calls and text messages seeking comment.

Illegal mining is common in Zamfara, where armed gangs often control gold fields, fuelling violence and deadly accidents.