

Girl, 8, falls, dies in well in Bauchi

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TRAGEDY hit Unguwar Bau-
chi area of Bauchi metropolis
Tuesday evening, when an
eight-year-old girl, Amira Ad-
amu, fell and died inside an
open well in the area.

Residents of the area attrib-
uted the death of the girl to
the alleged incompetence and
lackadaisical attitude shown
by the men of the Bauchi
State Fire Service, who came
for the rescue operation.

The **Nigerian Tribune**
gathered that the deceased
was playing with her mates
near the well, which was not
covered and deep, when she

suddenly fell inside it at about
5.00 p.m, prompting people
of the area to alert the fire ser-
vice to come for rescue opera-
tion.

It was gathered that five fire
service men arrived the scene
of the incident in time, but
could not rescue the drown-
ing girl, as they were said to
be scared to reach the bottom
of the well, which they com-
plained was too deep and had
big holes in its walls. This led
to delay in rescuing the girl,
who eventually died when no
help came her way.

According an eyewitness,
Ubaidullah Umar, who
claimed to be a neighbour of
the parents of the girl, told

journalists on Wednesday,
that it was a sympathiser at
the scene, who eventually
volunteered to enter the well
to bring out the corpse of the
girl.

The volunteer, it was gath-
ered, was given N500 by the
fire-fighters, who came for
the rescue operation in an ap-
preciation of his effort.

"It was really bad, as the
fire-fighters, who were
trained to save people's lives
in emergency situations act-
ed contrary to their training.
They refused to go deep into
the well, claiming that it was
too deep and that there are
big holes on its walls," Umar
lamented.