

Four graduates, including two brothers, die inside well in Kogi

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KABBA, the head-quarters of Kabba/Bunu Local Government Area of Kogi State, was on Monday night thrown into confusion and mourning as four Higher National Diploma (HND) graduates, including two brothers, died inside a well they dug.

The four men, said to be between 30 and 35 years, were specialists in well digging for which they were

popular in the town.

Their names were given as David, Sunday, Ayo and Ogbekedo, with two of them from the same parents.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the tragedy occurred at Zango quarters, Kabba, where a primary school teacher, Mrs Agnes Baiyere, reportedly hired them to dig a well in the front of her newly-constructed building in the area.

Mrs Baiyere had reportedly contracted one of the deceased men, David, who

invited three others to execute the job.

The people were said to have dug the well up to about 25 feet for about a week, and had completed the finishing and plastered the outer part.

However, two of them went back on Monday evening to evacuate some broken blocks that fell into the well.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that when one of them entered the well, he complained of dizziness which

led one of them to go inside the well to help his friend, but the two were trapped.

The development caught the attention of the people, making the remaining two men to rush to the scene in an attempt to rescue their trapped friends.

However, as they also got into the well, they were also trapped.

This made the house owner and other occupants to shout for help, as it was obvious that the

men were dead in the well.

Sympathisers were said to have contacted members of staff of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company, (AEDC), Kabba office, who evacuated the remains of the four persons.

Eyewitness said as they were being rushed to the General Hospital, Kabba, one of the deceased opened his eyes after a pastor prayed for them, but died as they were stepping into the hospital.

One of the sympathisers said David was a member of her church, saying the gentle and hard-working man and others used the vocation to train themselves up to HND level.

She said David, who attended the new month service on the fateful day just got married after completing his NYSC last year.

The remains of the deceased were said to have been deposited in the mortuary of the Kabba General hospital.

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