

5 die while excavating sand in Kano (2)

THE Kano State Fire Service has confirmed the death of five people trapped under a heap of sand at Yanlami Village in the Bichi Local Government Area.

According to the ***News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)***, a statement issued to newsmen by the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the fire service, Alhaji Saminu Abdullahi, on Sunday in Kano said the tragedy occurred on Saturday morning.

"We received a distress call from Bichi Fire Station that puddle trench has covered five people. We sent our rescue team to the scene at about 11:05a.m," Abdullahi

said in the statement.

He gave the names of the victims as Alasan Abdulhamid, 22, Jafaru Abdulwahabu, 30, Jibrin Musa, 30, Masaudu Nasiru, 25, Muhammad Sulaiman, 35.

"The victims were trapped while working in a puddle trench to get sand with the intention to help their friend who was about to marry build a house. Part of the sand collapsed and covered them and they died subsequently," Abdullahi added.

He said that the recovered bodies were handed over to the police and the village head of Yanlami.