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THE Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Jigawa on Wednesday said a 28-year-old man, Umar Sale, had been killed in a land slide in Taura Local Government Area.

Spokesperson for the NSCDC in the state, CSC Ad-

amu Shehu, confirmed the incident to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** in Dutse.

Shehu said the incident occurred on Tuesday in Majiya town at about 2:00p.m. while the deceased was evacuating sand in a burrow pit.

He added that the victim,

a father of three, was digging the sand from the pit borrow to refurbish his mud house partly destroyed by downpour when the sand above him slid and buried him alive.

"The victim's first cry for help was heard by some peo-

ple farming around the area who rushed to his rescue.

"Unfortunately, he died at the spot because of the weight of the sand and his inability to breathe.

"His body was recovered and thereafter released to his family for proper burial,"

he said.

The spokesman further advised residents of the area to desist from digging sand at the scene, noting that investigation had revealed that the incident was not the first to occur in the same pit burrow.

"Investigation revealed that there were recorded similar cases, as such, residents of the community were advised in their best interest to refrain from extracting or digging sand from the ditch," the Spokesperson added.

Man dies in Jigawa landslide