

Two die as mine collapses in Kogi

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TWO mine workers have lost their lives at a mining site in Olamaboro Local Government Area of Kogi State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered on Monday that the incident occurred when the spot where they were mining collapsed.

Following the development, the state government has ordered miners using crude methods of mining in the state to stop henceforth.

The Commissioner for Solid Minerals and Natural Resources in the state, Mr Bashiru Gegu, issued the directive when he visited Omelewu village, in Imane, Olamaboro Local Government Area that hosts Exodus Mining Company Ltd and Ara Minerals Integrated Nigeria Ltd for an on-the-spot assessment of the incident.

The commissioner decried the crude methods

of mining by workers in the council area.

Gegu directed the two companies that are into coal mining in the area and residents of the community who are into illegal coal mining using the cadastral unit of the two companies without their consent to stop immediately.

He said the state government had already directed the commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to investigate and bring to book anybody found engaging in illegal mining activities.

He said the state government would not stand by and allow unnecessary loss of lives of residents of the state.

The commissioner sympathised with the family members of the deceased, just as he advised others who are into mining to use modern methods and tools to avoid future disasters.