

# Four killed as mining site collapses in Bauchi

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A mining site in Kogo Kadage village in Yadagungume area of Ningi Local Government Area of Bauchi State on Saturday collapsed, killing four miners who were digging for lead in the area.

It was gathered from a source from the area that the incident occurred when the miners were trying to excavate lead, one of the mineral resources common in the area.

The source disclosed that

the miners had been working in the site for over a month, excavating lead until when it collapsed, burying them in the process.

According to the source who did not want his name in print, the bodies of the four miners were later recovered from the collapsed site.

Confirming the incident, the caretaker chairman of Ningi Local Government Area, Ibrahim Zubairu, described the development as unfortunate.

The council chairman said

the illegal mining site is located at Kogo Kadage forest, seven kilometres away from Yadagungume town.

He narrated that, "Yesterday [Saturday], I was informed that four persons were trapped in a mining pit. I immediately directed that they should try and do something and later on, they reported back to me that they had recovered their bodies."

Zubairu added that, "I don't know about the illegal activities of the locals because we have banned

all sort of illegal mining in the entire local government area; it, therefore, came to me as a surprise when I got the report of the incident."

He, however, said he had constituted a committee tasked with the responsibility of checkmating illegal mining activities and land related matters in the area.

He added further that he had also directed the Burra divisional police station to monitor illegal mining sites in the area.