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Village head says four more bodies recovered in Niger mining pit collapse

THE bodies of the remaining four trapped miners in Galadima-Kogo community of Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger have been recovered.

Village head of Galadima-Kogo, Alhaji Umaru Aliyu, disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Thursday, in Minna.

Fourteen people lost their lives in the incident, while eight were rescued with various degrees of injury on June 14.

NAN reported that out of the 14 trapped miners, 10 lost their lives.

Aliyu said the remaining four miners were recovered on Wednesday, adding that their bodies were deposited at IBB Specialist Hospital, Minna mortuary.

"The dead bodies of remaining four persons that were trapped inside the pit have been recovered and their bodies have been deposited in the mortuary in Minna.

"They are two Muslims and two Christians, among the Christian victims, one is from Nasarawa State and one from Zumba (Shiroro LG).

"The one from Nasarawa, his family has demanded that his body be taken to Nasarawa for burial, while the remaining Christian and the two Muslims will be buried in Minna on Friday," he said.

Aliyu disclosed that the bodies were recovered through collaboration between the community and members of staff of African Minerals and Logistics Ltd.