



Three die searching for cell phone inside pit toilet

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A pit toilet

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Tragedy struck at Yar'Gwanda village in Tsanyawa local Government area of Kano State on Sunday when a 60-year-old man, Malam Danjuma, his son, Ibrahim, 35, and Aminu Gaye, also 35, died in a pit latrine while trying to recover a cell phone.

One of the rescuers, Abba Alasan, 28, was, however, rescued from the latrine.

The Public Relations Officer of the Kano State Fire Service, Saminu Abdullahi, confirmed the incident while speaking with newsmen on Monday.

He said, "We received an emergency call from Tsanyawa Fire Station at about 11:00 a.m. from one Aminu Yar'gwanda, that four men had been trapped inside a pit latrine.

"We immediately sent our rescue team to the scene at about 11:15 a.m.

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“Danjuma was trying to retrieve a cell phone that fell into the pit latrine when he got trapped. Thereafter, his son entered the pit toilet to save his father and also got trapped.

According to him, Gaye and Alasan also entered to rescue both men and got trapped.

Abdullahi said the first three victims were rescued unconscious while the fourth victim was brought out alive.

He said that all the victims were handed over to a Superintendent of Police at the Tsanyawa Police Division, Mr Iro Lado.

Abdullahi said the police conveyed the victims to Bichi Special Hospital for medical attention where doctors confirmed the trio dead and one still alive.

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