

Explosion kills borehole driller in Ondo

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Tragedy struck at Esure quarters in Akure metropolis at the weekend, as a middle-aged man identified as Kola, fondly called Osama, blew himself up while trying to blast a rock in a well in the area.

According to eyewitness account, Kola, who was well known for his expertise in rock blasting

in the area, mistakenly set the explosive with the aim of blasting the rock in the well, which had prevented him from reaching the water level.

He was said to have ignited the explosive based on wrong timing and before he could get out of the well, he was blown up inside the well.

His severed body was later brought out of the well soaked in his blood.

It was gathered that

the explosion drew the attention of the residents to the scene of the incident and they made frantic effort to rescue him but it was too late because he was already dead inside the well.

"Kola was already a dead person when he was brought out of the well, because he never knew that the blast would occur so quickly. He miscalculated and what the residents heard was the

sound of the explosion and the consequent thick smoke. When his body was recovered from the well, Kola was already dead" noted Mr. Adekunle Adebayo, one of those who witnessed the incident.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Wole Ogodo, said the remains of the victim had been deposited at the mortuary of the state Specialist Hospital in Akure.