

One Dead, Over 30 Trapped As Mining Pit Collapses In Niger Community



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Over 30 persons, including a site manager are said to be trapped following a mining pit collapse at the Galkogo village of Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, with one unidentified person confirmed dead.

The mining site which is said to belong to a company named African Minerals and logistics limited, according to the Niger State Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA), who the death of the unidentified person.

According to the Director General of NSEMA, Alhaji Abdullahi Baba Arah, the cause of the collapsed is as a result of the impacts of the rainfall that soften the soil.

“One person has been confirmed dead, six people were rescued with severe injuries, while over 30 persons including the site manager, Alhaji Ibrahim Ishaku, are still trapped as at yesterday.”

The DG in a statement by the Public Relations Officer, NSEMA, Hussaini Ibrahim, disclosed that as at Monday June 3, 2024, rescuers had to run for their lives as the mine kept falling inside.

Accordingly, he said, “due to the unacceptable nature of that environment as a result of banditry, the information of the incident is still very scanty, including rescue operations. “However, excavators have been deployed for the rescue operations.”