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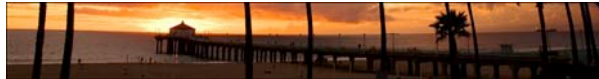
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Ibrahim Shuaibu

26 March 2010

Kano — No fewer than 10 people lost their lives when a pit collapsed yesterday at Lajawa Village of Wudil Local Government area of Kano State.

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The victims were at the site, digging sand when the pit suddenly collapsed on them killing 10 people instantly.

An eye witness account told THISDAY that the pit has been their source of income for many years, adding that its sudden collapse has denied them of their livelihood.

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Immediately the incident happened, the state fire fighters were called to the scene of the incident to rescue the victims, who were trapped under the sand.

State Director of Operation of the state Fire service, Mr. Kassim Musa told THISDAY on phone that "we were called upon and our office in Wudil has been taking care of the issue and we're expecting the report from them," Kassim said.

at least ten people were said to have been killed by the pit, saying, "our personnel were sent to rescue them and I will give you the details late,".

However, at the time of filing this report, the fire service was yet to recover the bodies of the trapped victims, because the equipment to be used could not dig the large sand that collapsed on them.

When THISDAY t visited the village, sympathisers were seeing trooping in large number to the scene of the incident, but were helpless as they could not render any help to rescue the trapped victims.

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