

NEWS EXTRA

Two kids drown in cesspit

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TRAGEDY—STRUCK Saturday evening in Ejigbo area of Lagos when two children: Rilwan and Blessing aged 2 and 4 respectively fell into an open cesspit.

An eye witness account said that the two children were playing at the back yard of the house when they strayed into the uncovered cesspit in an attempt to retrieve a ball they were playing with.

According to the mother of Blessing, the girl was with her in the room only 30 minutes before the incident. She had told the mother that she wanted to urinate at the backyard. The mother became apprehensive when she failed to return on time.

On getting to the backyard, she saw Rilwan already floating on the cesspit. Knowing that her daughter used to play with him around

the compound, she raised an alarm and decided to search for her daughter inside the overflowing pit. With the help of people around, her daughter was brought from the pit already dead. All efforts to revive the two kids proved abortive.

The landlord of the building who is now cooling off at the Ejigbo Police station said that he dug the pit to prevent

erosion from flooding his compound.

When this reporter visited the compound, he saw a section of the backyard filled with water covering the open pit where an unsuspecting visitor can easily drown as the pit was neither fenced nor covered. The pit is about 6 meters deep. Scores of sympathisers were seen consoling the parents of the

two children who are tenants in the house

The body of Rilwan was buried on Saturday night according to Islamic rites while that of Blessing was taken to the Mortuary at the general hospital in Isolo and later released to the parents for Burial on Sunday.

Meanwhile, police investigation into the incident continues

Mud fence collapses, kills 70-year-old woman

OKUTA— KWARA A 70-year-old woman, Hajia Zainab Kperogi, has died after the mud fence of a house fell on her at Okuta, in Baruten local government in Kwara.

It is gathered that the wall had been weakened after a downpour on Thursday.

The deceased was reported

to have driven away, some children who were playing near the fence, when the rain started falling a few minutes she returned from the farm.

She had suspected that the fence could give way anytime but when she later moved near the wall to take water from a local pot, it fell on her.

The attention of elders was later drawn to the spot by the

children who noticed that the wall fell on the old lady.

Her fragile body was immediately removed with care and taken to a nearby hospital where she later died.

Late Kperogi, who had been buried according to Islamic rites was described by neighbours as peace loving and gentle.