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# 3 die, 3 others injured at illegal mining site in Ebonyi

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ABAKALIKI — NO fewer than three persons were, weekend, confirmed dead while three others sustained injuries following the collapse of a mining pit at Enyim-Agalegu Ndufu Alike in Ikwo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

The ugly incident which took place at the early hours of the fateful day threw the village into confusion as the victims were mainly youths of Agalegu Alike Ikwo, Governor Martin Elechi's ancestral home.

In their reaction, members of the community described the death of the youths as untimely and painful.

Those who died as a result of the incident were Amobi Nwaonu, 18, Echezomunna Onuhia, 13, and Chibueze Nweke, 18. While Uche Nwancho, Obinna Nweke and Emmanuel Mba who sustained injuries were still receiving treatment at the Intensive Care Unit of the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki.

*Vanguard* gathered that the victim left their homes at about 7a.m on the fateful day to the mining site without the premonition that the pit would collapse on them as such trade was common among youths of the area.

Confirming the incident, the Ebonyi state Police Public Relations officer, DSP Sylvester Igbo stated that investigation were on to ascertain if the victims were authorized to embark on such mining project as the bodies of the deceased had been deposited at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, FETHA for autopsy.

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