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2 buried alive in landslide at Enugu excavation site

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ENUGU—TRAGEDY struck at Gariki, Ugwuoba in Oji River Local Government Area of Enugu State, weekend, when soil collapsed on two persons excavating sand, killing them.

It was gathered that they were three persons in the site excavating sand, but the third person was said to have left to

ease himself just before the incident.

It was also gathered that the Police operatives of Oji River District unearthed the bodies and their identity is yet to be established.

Meanwhile, the Police in Enugu, yesterday, said it is investigating the deaths.

The Command's spokesman, Superintendent Ebere Amaraizu, in a statement, said the incident happened on Saturday at about

10:30a.m.

According to the statement, "two persons, who were said to be excavating sand at a site in Gariki in Ugwuoba community, got buried as sand collapsed and allegedly covered them.

"The identities of the victims are yet to be known, but sources revealed that they hailed from Nibo in Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State, but

were at the site to excavate sand into lorries."

He said the corpses were later recovered with the assistance of the Oji River Police operatives, who had contracted an excavator for assistance.

Amaraizu added that the corpses have been deposited at General Hospital, Oji River, mortuary for autopsy and necessary investigation.