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## 2 sand miners die while digging hill in Enugu

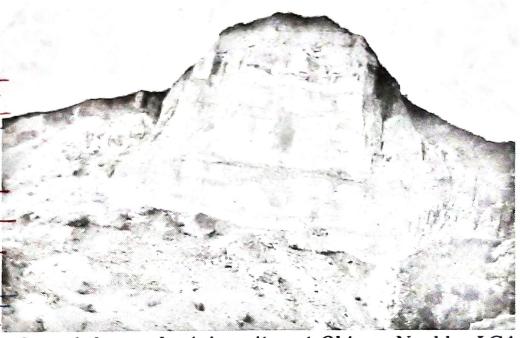
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ISUKKA— MANY cried uncontrollably as two sand miners, vesterday, died as they were trapped while working at a site in the sleepy community of Obimo in Nsukka Local Government Area of Enuou State.

Vanguard gathered that while the victims were digging a hill located at Eka-Utara Obimo for sharp sand, part of it caved-in and trapped them.

One of the victims, Emmanuel Ugwuoke, was confirmed dead on arrival by medical personnel at Faith Roundation Hospital in Nsukka metropolis, while the second victim, identified as Onyemaechi, was still trapped in the sand at press time.

The driver of the long was also



One of the sand mining sites at Obimo, Nsukka LGA of Enugu State.

severely injured and was rushed to Enugu city for ultrasound checks.

At the Faith Foundation Hospital, some of the co-labourers could not control their emotion as they cried uncontrollably when the remains of Ugwuoke was taken from the hospital for burial at his country home, Ajuona, also in Obimo.

While reacting to the development, one of the labourers, Sunday Okoro, alleged that the hill where the incident happened is possessed with an evil spirit, which claims lives of the labourers on a yearly basis

He said: "It is not up to six months that the village elders appeased the spirit with a cow because they learned that it was threatening to take two lives. I am surprised that this happened even after the rituals."