

# Father of 3 buried alive in sand in Jigawa

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**D**UTSE—A 28-year-old man, identified as Umar Sale and father of three, has lost his life while excavating sand to fix his house destroyed by downpour recorded recently in some parts of Jigawa State.

Sale, a resident of Majia town in Taura LGA of the state was said to have been trapped in the ditch on Tuesday and lost his life in the process.

Spokesperson, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, Jigawa State Command, Adamu Shehu, who confirmed the development, yesterday, said Sale's cry attracted the attention of farmers nearby, who rushed to rescue him.

Shehu said: "The father of three was digging sand from a ditch situated about a kilometre from Majia town to fix his mud house that was partly destroyed by the downpour recently recorded when the sand above him slide and buried him alive.

"His first cry for help was heard by some people farming around the area and rushed to his rescue. Unfortunately, he died on the spot because of the weight of the sand and his inability to breathe.

"His body was recovered and thereafter released to his family for proper burial.

"Meanwhile, investigation revealed that the incident is not the first to occur in the same ditch, because there were recorded cases of similar death as such the community were advised in their best interest to refrain from excavating or digging sand from the ditch."