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TAWAU: 54-year-old Edy Lasuasa became a hero when he managed to pull out four children trapped underneath their house after it was destroyed by the large rock boulder that fell from the Bukit Kukusan quarry site.

He said he was relaxing under his rented house when he felt a tremor before seeing a huge boulder rolling to his neighbours' houses.

"At the same time, I could hear shouts from underneath the rubble. I had to lay face down on the ground to look under the rubble and managed to pull out three boys," he said.

After pulling out Mohd Ajili Nilwansyah, 6, Mohd Hafiz Azizul, 9 and Mohd Said Abdul Said, 5, Edy also managed to pull out a three-year-old girl, Nurfadilah Abdul Said.

Edy did not realise that his head and feet were bleeding after being struck by a belian pillar while he was saving the children who were playing the PS2 video game when it happened.

He received first aid treatment from the Civil Defense Department personnel.

Both Ajili and Hafiz could not say much due to the trauma.

Another victim, Hajah Hula Igu, 58, ran straight home after getting a call from his children in Kota Kinabalu who were informed about the incident by a neighbour.

"I was shocked to see my house totally destroyed by the huge rock. Fortunately, my in law, Nisa Yusuf and my two one-month-old twin grandchildren were safe.

"They were the only ones at home because I was out selling fish," she said, adding that her two-year-old grandson, Mohd Khairul was also unhurt. Her twin grandchildren, Noraisah and Noranisah Fazlan despite being unhurt were taken to the hospital with their injured mother.

Meanwhile, Wakalube Lakambera, 50s, said the incident happened fast right after he felt a strong tremor coming from a stone quarry.

"Before the incident, the company would blared a warning siren five minutes before they detonated the explosives.

"I never expected that a huge boulder will come rolling from the top of the hill after the tremor. At that time, I could only hear my neighbour (Nisa Yusuf) shouting "anak ku, anak ku"," he said, adding that his two water tanks were destroyed in the incident.

His daughter, Nursyairah Lamusa, 25, barely managed to get out from the house with her nine-month-old baby girl.

Nursyairah who was on a two-week holiday from her studies in Universiti Utara Malaysia said she could still feel the tremor due to the ordeal.

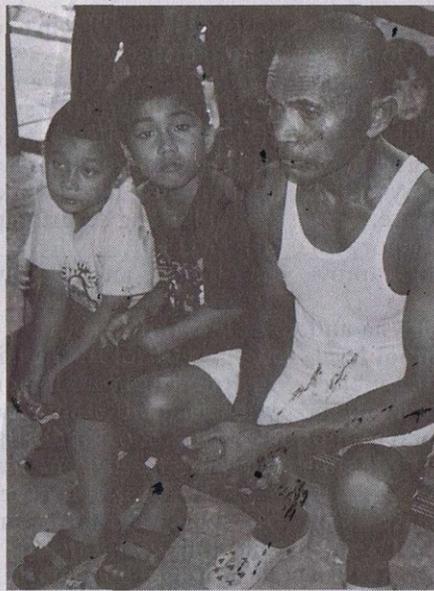
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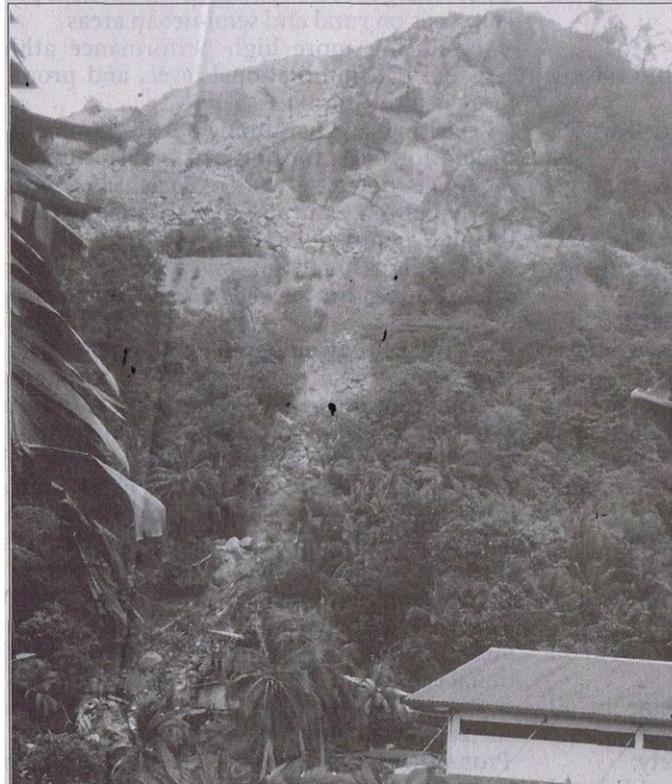
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Wakalube



Edy with Ajili (left) and Hafiz (centre)



The path taken by the boulder on its way down.