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Two miners did not make it out alive when the tunnel they were working in collapsed after a huge landslide occurred at Antamok, Ucab, Itogon, Benguet, trapping them inside.

The casualties were identified as Eddie Latigo, 50 years old, married, and Jonas Isang, 24, a native of Cabiten, Mankayan, Benguet. Both are residents of Tram, Ucab.

The victims were doing mining activi-

ties when the incident happened 4:30 p.m. of Aug. 6 but was only reported to the Benguet Provincial Police Office them at 11 p.m. of the same day.

Personnel of Itogon Municipal Police Station, Bureau of Fire Protection-Itogon, Itogon Emergency Rescue Team, and small scale mining groups conducted rescue operation to save the miners.

The retrieval operation lasted for almost 24 hours, when

Latigo's body was brought out at 3:28 p.m. the next day, followed by that of Isang at 3:45 p.m. Their remains were brought to their residences.

The victims reportedly entered the mine site on Thursday afternoon under good weather. But a huge landslide occurred in the area, burying the entrance of the tunnel they were in.

Gov. Nestor Fongwan has been reminding small scale miners not to enter

mine sites during inclement weather.

In Mountain Province, a man was hit by a huge boulder while he was excavating for the foundation of riprap in a residential house.

The victim was identified as Arthur King-awa Padchonga, 48, married, and a resident of Sitio Mag-ew, Bontoc Ili, Bontoc. He died due to loss of blood and massive internal hemorrhage. — *Ofelia C. Empian*



TRAPPED TO DEATH -- The bodies of two small-scale miners were retrieved by civilian volunteers and paramedics almost 24 hours after they were trapped inside a mining tunnel at Antamok, Ucab, Itogon, Benguet in the afternoon of Aug. 6, when a portion of the tunnel collapsed. Other miners suffered the same fate over the past decades. -- Doddie Mendillo

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