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SUNGAI PETANI: Two construction workers were killed after they were buried alive under piles of earth at a construction site in Amanjaya, here, yesterday.

P. Mogan and S. Saravanan, 39 and 25 respectively, were installing sewage pipes inside a 10m hole when loose earth gave way.

Witness Ming Wei Yoh, 51, who was working at the site, said the incident happened so fast that he was unable to do anything to help the victims in the 10.30am freak incident.

"I was working near the area when the earth gave away. Along with other workers, we tried to pull Mogan and Saravanan out using an excavator but to no avail.

"The pit was too deep and was quickly filled by the earth."

Sungai Petani Fire and Rescue Department head Rosdi Ismail said it took firemen an hour to pull out the victims.

Mogan's body was retrieved at 12.10pm while Saravanan's body was located about 20 minutes later.

Saravanan's wife, M. Ratnam, 23, said she last saw her husband as he was leaving the house yesterday.

"My family and I are devastated," she said.

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The victims' supervisor, Ng Juan Chuan, 50, said he was with the duo when the cave-in occurred.

"I was just a few metres away from them when the ground gave way.

"The next thing I knew, I had lost two of my workers."

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