

Despite the deployment of caterpillars, authorities in Huye district on Monday said that the search is ongoing for the six illegal miners including three students, who remain trapped in the tunnels.

The accident occurred last Wednesday, April 19 in Kinazi sector, Gahana cell.

Six workers were trapped after a mine in Huye collapsed nearly 7 days ago. Rescue efforts have been impeded by harsh rain conditions.

District authorities have announced that the Police Department has started an investigation on those behind the mine attack in Kinazi Sector.

Eye witnesses say that this excavation had been being mined for the last four years, and for what the locals call precious stones but the administration did not know about it and the employer is not yet known or discovered.

The Mayor of Huye District, Sebutege Ange, has said that relief operations are continuing.

“Rescue operations are ongoing but they have not yet reached the floor of the deep shaft to access the main tunnels where the six workers were believed to be trapped,” he said.

Mayor Sebutege emphasized that an investigation has been started on those behind the operation of the “Unknown” mine.

“Everything in the ongoing investigation is done together; everything will be announced when the investigation is completed.” Now there are relief operations, but the investigation is also being done, a lot has already been achieved, but everything will be announced when it reaches the end.”

In addition, Mayor Sebutege said that an investigation is also underway about the three high school students who should have been in school.

The Deputy Mayor of Huye District in charge of social welfare, Kankesha Anonciathe, recently announced that this mine was not known.

“This mine is not legal, it is unknown, they were going to dig to extract what they wanted without saying what it was, but it is clear that they went in unknown.” She said adding that they’re also looking for more information that will help them to

know about the employer.

The latest incident has reignited concerns over the lack of regulation in the sector, especially in illegal mining which is a danger.