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**Malappuram ; Landslide, Witnessed 12
Death**

**Nine of a family killed
while trying to save pets**

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Malappuram: It was a day of mourning for two neighbouring villages in Malappuram, which witnessed 12 deaths in two hours following landslides on Wednesday.

At around 12am, nine members of a family were killed when a house collapsed due to a landslide near Peringavu. Local residents said the landslide occurred when the family reached the house to take the pets to safety after heavy rains flooded the area.

The deceased have been identified as Kunnath Parambil Moosa, 55, Basheer, 47, his wife Sabira, 47, son Mushi, 14, daughter Fayisha, 19, wife of Basheer's brother, Khairunneesa, 36, Muhammedali, 48, his daughter Safwan, 26 and Irfan Ali, 16.

"The house owner and his family had gone to attend a marriage party in the evening. After heavy rain lashed the region, the house owner rang up his brother Basheer and asked him to take the pets in the poultry farm attached to the house to safety. Basheer and his family who were



The house collapsed due to a landslide near Peringavu in Malappuram

staying nearby arrived at the house to shift the pets. Immediately, a huge pile of soil fell on the house and they were trapped inside," said Kunhipokku, Basheer's neighbour.

It took several hours for Army men to recover the bodies from the debris.

Around 1am, Kannanari Abdul Azees, 45, his wife Suneera, 36, and their son Ubaid, 6, were killed when their house at Poochal in the

neighbouring village collapsed following another landslide.

The wall behind the house collapsed and fell on the house. Kondotty police said Azees, Suneera and Ubaid were sleeping. Two other children, aged 19 and 18, who were sleeping in another room, escaped. Azees was a driver and the family had been staying in the house for the past four years.