

LANDSLIDES: ARRANAYAKE RESIDENTS LIVE IN FEAR

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A large rock in a hill near the Samasarakanda Hill Range in Aranayake, where a landslide early this year resulted in a massive disaster claiming several lives, had come down in the early hours of yesterday signaling the possibility of a danger.

Residents of the area said the rock came down with a deafening noise, and parts of the rock had hit the houses in Liyangahawatta and Galbokka areas but it had not caused damage to any house. They said the noise of rock falling had been heard at a distance of

more than 5kms away. However they said they were living in constant fear of any possible danger similar to that of Samasarakanda, due to heavy rain experienced in the area at present.

They said the Grama Niladharies warned them to leave for safer locations immediately, but no senior official from the National Building and Research Organization or the Disaster Management Centre visited the area. However, Asst. Director, Kegalle District Disaster Management Centre Jagath Mahendra said he had not yet received any report in this regard.

