

1 killed, 3 rescued as building collapses in Kano

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A two-storey building under construction on Sultan Road in Kano collapsed around 9am on Friday, trapping four people beneath the rubble.

Three of the victims were rescued shortly after the incident, while one person was later confirmed dead.

Eyewitnesses said construction workers had noticed signs of structural failure while working on the top floor and rushed to safety. However, four people, including a security guard and a tricycle rider, were caught in the collapse.

One of the workers, Shuaibu Yaro, told Weekend Trust that they had started carrying sand upstairs when the site engineer observed signs of collapse.

"We rushed to safety, but unfortunately, three people were in front of the gate and one other person was trapped. Three have been rescued, including the guard and his friend, while one person remains trapped," he said.

Yaro added that those rescued sustained injuries and were taken to Sir Muhammadu Sanusi Hospital in Kano for treatment.

The Kano State Fire Service later confirmed that the fourth person trapped under the rubble, identified as Sabo Muhammad, 50, had died.

The public relations officer of the Service, ASC Saminu Yusuf Abdullahi, told Weekend Trust that the victims were taken to hospital by a police officer attached to Badawa Division, where Muhammad was confirmed dead.