

Two dead, 25 rescued in Lagos building collapse



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Two people have died while 25 others were rescued after a two-storey building collapsed at Cole Street, Oyingbo area of **Lagos** in the early hours of yesterday.

The incident occurred around 12:40am, trapping several residents beneath the rubble while they were asleep.

The Nation gathered that one of the victims rescued later died in the hospital.



A statement by the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), said 26 victims — 20 males, four females, two boys were rescued.

LASEMA Permanent Secretary, Dr. Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, said coordinated search and rescue operations were carried out to ensure no one was left under the debris.

Oke-Osanyintolu said the operation was carried out in collaboration with several agencies, including the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, the Federal Fire Service, the Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA), the Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS), the Lagos State Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development, the National Red Cross Society, the Nigeria Police Force, and the Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Corps (LNSC).

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He said: "So far, a total of 26 persons have been rescued from the rubble. Five of those rescued, who sustained minor injuries, have been treated and discharged, while one fatality has sadly been confirmed. The recovered body has been handed over to the appropriate authorities.

According to him, preliminary investigations, by LASBCA officials, revealed that the building had shown visible signs of structural weakness before it caved in.

He added that officials have since cordoned off the area for safety assessment while investigations continue to determine the cause of the collapse.

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Oke-Osanyintolu commended the synergy and professionalism displayed by all the responding agencies and volunteers at the scene, urging residents to remain calm and cooperate with rescue officials.

He assured that the Lagos State Government remains committed to protecting lives and property, adding that efforts would be intensified to enforce building regulations and prevent future disasters.

As of press time, the operation had reached almost ground level, with responders continuing clearance of the remaining rubble.