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One dead, others trapped as four-storey building collapses in Rivers



One person was reported dead yesterday and many others trapped following the collapse of a four-storey building under construction on Peter Odili Road in Port Harcourt, **Rivers State**.

Rescue workers were said to have recovered the body of the unidentified man, who was among the victims trapped in the rubbles.

The incident, which occurred while many construction workers were performing their tasks, caused panic among neighbours and traffic gridlock on the popular road.

Representatives of the state government, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps(NSCDC) and Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were on ground to coordinate the rescue.

A private firm was said to have deployed a crane in the site to facilitate the operation while other sympathisers used manual methods to assist the process.

A survivor at the construction site identified as Taiwo said about seven workers were trapped in the building .

Taiwo lamented that his brother was among trapped victims, but said four people were rescued alive as of 2pm.

Taiwo said: "This morning I went to buy something outside. About eight people were working inside and they said some are Hausa people.

"One of my brothers, too, was inside. Four of them were brought out. But other people are still inside.

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Policemen and officials of the state Ministry of Urban Development and Physical Planning as well as the Ministry of Health, including the acting Permanent Secretary, Dr Vincent Wachukwu, were sighted at the scene.

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Wachukwu, who is also the Director, Medical Services, said they mobilised an ambulance to the site immediately his ministry got wind of the incident.

He said: "We are here on Peter Odili Road following disturbing news this morning that a three-storey building collapsed around here. So I can see what is happening in the background.

"We got his information and as a health team we had to quickly mobilise the ambulance team and as much personnel to come for the rescue."

"So far, they have been able to rescue two persons that were severely injured and they have been rushed to the Rivers State University Teaching Hospital."

The acting Permanent Secretary further said emergency services had been activated to ensure quick response to cases.

He said: "We have also activated the Hospital Emergency Medical Services. They are at the Hospital waiting. The Emergency Unit of River State University Teaching Hospital (RSUTJ) is also there.

"Everybody is here. National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) are all here. All the security agencies are all here and all hands are on the deck to ensure that people that are still there are rescued."