

Collapsed Lagos building occupants ignored distress signs – Residents

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SOME residents of Cole Street in the Oyingbo area of Lagos State, where a two-storey building collapsed, leaving one person dead and 26 others injured, have disclosed that the occupants of the building ignored visible distress signs on the structure.

PUNCH Metro correspondent, who visited the scene of the incident on Monday, learnt this in multiple interviews with some of the residents.

Our correspondent also



•Site of the collapsed building. Photo: Johnson Idowu

observed that some goods, including crates of beer and motorcycles, were destroyed by the impact of the collapse.

Emergency responders, including officials of the Lagos State Building Control Agency, Red Cross,

and Lagos Neighbourhood Security Corps, were on the ground carrying out rescue operations.

Speaking with our correspondent, a shop owner in the building, who identified herself as Mrs Adaeze, noted that the

government had warned them to evacuate the building because it was in distress.

She stressed that her goods, worth millions of naira, were still trapped under the rubble.

Adaeze said, “I was called in the middle of the night that the building had collapsed, and I had to rush down here. When I got here, I saw that my goods, worth millions of naira, were trapped under the building. Some of them have been destroyed.

“The government had been giving us notice to leave the place because the building is distressed, but the owner has not been cooperating.”

She appealed for government support to cushion the impact of the loss she had incurred.

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people, including one male adult, two female adults, and one female teenager, died in the accident.

“TRACE operatives were strategically positioned to manage traffic around the axis, while the injured

victims had been taken to the General Hospital, Idiroko, by the FRSC before our arrival.