

Again, one killed, eight injured in Lagos building collapse

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NEMA officials visit the scene of the two storey building collapse in Lagos. [NEMA | X]

Barely four days after two people died in a collapsed two-storey building in the Oyingbo area of Lagos, the Ajegunle, Apapa area of the state has claimed one life.

This is just as eight other people were injured after the building located at 28, Baale Alayabiagba Street, collapsed on Thursday.

PUNCH Metro learnt from a statement on Thursday by the Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, that the building, which was undergoing manual demolition, collapsed and trapped some workers.

He stated, “Upon arrival of the agency’s response team at the scene, it was observed that a three-storey building with a penthouse undergoing manual demolition had collapsed, trapping some workers under the rubble.



“Information gathered from community members revealed that the building was undergoing manual demolition with several workers on site.

“Eight adult males were rescued, while an adult male was recovered dead from the rubble of the collapsed building.

The perm sec noted that the injured victims were immediately taken to a hospital for medical attention while rescue operations continued.

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“The rescued injured victims were administered first aid immediately by LASAMBUS and subsequently added.

Similarly, the spokesperson for the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Shakiru Amodu, confirmed the incident in a telephone conversation with our correspondent on Thursday.

Amodu noted that one death was recorded in the incident.

“There was a building collapse. One person had died,” he said.

Lagos has witnessed a worrying recurrence of building collapses in recent times.

PUNCH Metro reported on September 25 that six persons were rescued after a two-storey building collapsed on Modupeola Street, Mangoro, in the Alimosho Local Government Area of the state.

Similarly, on September 16, two construction workers were rescued after four days from the rubble of a collapsed building in the Ebute Metta area of the state.

