

Collapsed Building: 2 bodies recovered

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AT last, two bodies were recovered yesterday from the rubbles of the building that collapsed in Ajao Estate Lagos, on Monday, November 27. this was the fifth day after, the tragic event took place at the construction site.

The victims were brothers; and were identified at the evacuation site by their relations, as Alhaji Shuab Adams 32 and Mr Alimi Aliu, 36. they hailed from Okenne in Kogi State.

The decomposed bodies, which were smelling badly, were recovered at about 4.00pm at a portion of the massive debris from the ruined three-storey building. They were on top of each other.

It was wailing and tears by relations as their bodies were taken out of the debris by officials of the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit (SEHMU), Lagos State. And after some minutes, the two bodies were taken into the waiting vehicle marked LA119A30, which conveyed them to the Lagos Island General Hospital Mortuary for autopsy.

At the site also, one of the female relations, who is pregnant, Mrs Abibat Issa, collapsed. She could not contain the horrible sight of her elder brother, Alimi. But she was revived immediately, even as other family members refused LASAMBUS officials from administering first aid on her.

Earlier on when *Saturday Champion* spoke with her, she explained that her 36-year-old brother only came to Lagos from Abuja, where he had been all along, noting that he was a driver with one of the companies in Abuja whose premises suffered demolition by the Federal Capital Authority.

She said her late brother's wife and his only child are living their father in Okenne, and that the deceased only came to Lagos for grinner pasture.

Mrs Issa, who is a petty trader and lives in Orile Agege, in Lagos, however, said that though she was aware that her deceased brother, Alimi, was looking for job seriously, she was not aware of the casual work at the site.

It was gathered that it was the same day, Monday that he was to resume work there that death came calling and took him away.

On the younger victim, Alhaji Adamus, it was gathered that his wife is pregnant, while his both parents are alive.