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Pregant woman body recovered

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Body of a pregnant woman, a victim of the collapsed building at 31/33 Egerton Street, near Oke-Arin market in Ebute Ero, Lagos Island, Mrs. Bisi Adeaga was yesterday recovered by the combined rescue team who also revived. However her husband who on sighting the lifeless body collapsed immediately it has been revived.

The development is coming even as another four-storey building was said to have caved-in at No. 71, Agoro Street Ebutte-Ero. Though no life was lost, but that the building partially collapsed with the fourth floor falling on the nearby No. 73, Agoro Street.

The latest event which happened about 8:30 last Sunday consequently led to the sealing off of nearby no 69 and 73 houses on the same street by the state Physical and Development Planning Authority [LASPHYDA].

Daily Champion gathered that the body of Mrs. Adeaga was recovered about 10: am yesterday and was immediately taken by the state Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS) to the General Hospital, Lagos.

The body of another 24-year old, Mrs. Ruka Gbadeyan was also recovered about 3:40 pm, thus bringing the number of corpses recovered to eight.

These include three pregnant women and four children.

Meanwhile, 28-year-old Ahmed Ismail who lost his pregnant wife and only child to the tragedy has pleaded with the state governor for assistance to continue with life. Declaring that he has lost all he laboured for in life he asked, "Where do I start from; how do I cope with life?"

Lamenting the assistance his late wife was rendering to assist his tailoring business, Ismail, an Ilorin indigene asked the governor to assist him so that he would not go insane. "I wasn't home when it happened, I had already gone to my shop at Apongbon Street, but when I came back to learnt of it I couldn't believe it.

"I learnt that my wife had already escaped to the ground floor, but when she realized that our baby was trapped, she ran back to out third floor room for her; there, she was also trapped and died in the process," he narrated.

Daily champion gathered that the few survivors of the building were those who either jump from second third or; fourth floor.

Leader of the Red Cross in the state, Mr. Atome Emmanuel correspondent said, "We are still searching for more bodies, though we may have difficulties in exhuming them because from all indications, they have all gone under the building; they have sank down under.'

LISAVE US FROM THESE Elder Gbadeyan, the father-in-law of the late Ruka Gbadeyan commended the on-going rescue efforts saying, "I really give thanks to the Julius Berger and other rescue team and security personnel who have made our individual efforts less stressful."

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