

Collapsed building kills 12

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TRAGEDY struck Friday night in Awka Anambra State capital, when a two storey uncompleted building still undergoing construction collapsed, killing 12 artisans.

The incident occurred at about 8 pm when the house suddenly caved in and collapsed on them in Okpuno, Awka -South local government

An eyewitness told *Sunday Champion* at the scene where thousands of sympathizers have gathered that some of the labourers retired to the building to rest after the day's job only for the building to cave in on them.

There were conflicting reports on the number of occupants in the uncompleted building but thousands of sympathizers have thronged the scene to rescue those trapped in the debris. While some said four persons, others said they saw 12 people early in

the morning in and around the building.

Although nobody wanted to speak to *Sunday Champion* on the issue, unconfirmed reports had it that the building may have not been approved for a two, storey building and the owner decided to embark on it.

Others were of the opinion that substandard materials and wrong mixture of quantities of building materials during construction may have aided the collapse.

As at the time of filing in this report, rescue workers were busy with cranes and all manner of menial efforts trying to bring out either dead bodies or those still alive from the debris.

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