

2 die in collapsed buildings

AT least two persons were confirmed dead and 18 others trapped in two separate collapsed buildings yesterday in Lagos.

The first incident occurred at about noon on Ijaotun street, Alapere, in the Kosofe local government area, where five residents of the collapsed bungalow were injured.

They were rushed to the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital

(LASUTH) Ikeja, where one of them died.

Sunday Champion learnt that the remaining four persons are receiving treatment at the emergency ward of the hospital.

In the second incident, a three-storey building under construction on Ogudu road also in Kosofe council area, collapsed at about 6.30 pm, trapping the 20 workmen, one of who was

found dead. Another person was rescued by the personnel of the Lagos State Ambulance Services (LASAMBUS). He was rushed to LASUTH for treatment.

Our reporter gathered that the workers at the Ogudu site were working on the third floor when suddenly the building collapsed.

Officials of LASAMBUS, who went to the Ogudu site to rescue the victims, had to abandon the Alapere site when they were told

of the second incident.

However, they were forced to leave the Ogudu site last night due to poor visibility and the invasion of the scene by social miscreants popularly known as *area boys*.

Confirming the incidents, Head of Operations of LASAMBUS, Dr. Theophilus Ajayi said the injured rescued by his men are receiving treatment at LASUTH.

He said his team would

return to the Ogudu site today to continue with the rescue operation.

Sunday Champion recalls that last February, a building situated at Okepopo area of Lagos Island collapsed and many people died.

Two nearby buildings were pulled down by the State Ministry of Works to prevent further calamity as their foundations were said to have been affected by the impact of the collapsed building.