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Barely 24 hours after a four-storey building collapsed in Lagos where many people were allegedly trapped, another one-storey building yesterday collapsed in the state, killing two people and injuring two others.

Daily Champion learnt that the two people killed were a Hausa pepper seller, Ibrahim Babangida and a middle-aged Igbo man selling Compact Disc (CD) whose identity could not be ascertained.

The building located along Oniyarin Street, is said to belong to the traditional ruler of Maidan, Chief Idowu Ogunjobi in Mile 12 area of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area of Lagos State.

While the state government blamed the incident on alleged greed on the part of the traditional ruler who allegedly extended the building with additional 24 shops for commercial reasons. But the grandson of the property owner, Mobolaji Ogunjobi blamed it on the heavy down pour three days ago.

Eyewitness account said the incident occurred at about 10.00 pm on Monday when most traders had closed for the day.

Aliu Usman, a wheel barrow pusher from Kebbi State, who escaped death by the whiskers, said, I came to visit Ibrahim who told me to be out early today (yesterday).

It was while I was going towards the opposite Ogunjobi Lane that I heard the thunderous noise and when I looked back I saw the Igbo boy and Ibrahim trapped and before they could be rescued, they were already dead, he said.

Confirming the incident, the grandson of Baale Maidan, Omobolaji Ogunjobi alleged that the heavy downpour three days ago affected the property, adding that his grandfather had already commenced renovation of the building allegedly built over 30 years ago before the incident.

According to him, the building had been marked for demolition. We had complied by engaging some artisans to commence work but for the inclement weather which forced them to stay away, before this happened, we would have finished the renovation work and avoid this mishap.

He however disclosed that his grandfather could be responsible for the burial of the Hausa man and would present gifts to the family to take care of his two wives including sponsorship of his children's education.

He said the shops had been evacuated or else, we would have recorded more casualties; the people affected were passers-by. We have spoken with the Seriki Hausawa who wrote the application for the release of the corpse since he was a Muslim.

He said the Igbo victim had minor fracture and was receiving treatment at Igboji orthopedic hospital at Onipanu, saying, but eyewitnesses disclosed that the man died on the spot with the Hausa man.

Addressing newsmen at the site of the incident, the commissioner for Information and Strategy, Opeyemi Bamidele said only one person died and two others injured, A life was lost and two people sustained injury; this is consistent with the official reports given to us by government officials; this is to us as a government, an unfortunate instance.

He noted that the ministry of works and infrastructure had marked the building and others in the area for demolition towards the expansion of the road to Agiliti, The contract has been awarded; it would be supervised by the ministry of works and infrastructure.

Residents have been given statutory notices to move back for this project. As a government, we will continue to be more seriously involved in securing the lives and properties of the citizenry, urging owners of structurally defect buildings to surrender them to the state government.

Also speaking, the Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Abosede Francisco told newsmen that over 50 people were rescued while six others were taken to the hospital following another building which collapsed last Sunday on Alli Street, Lagos Island.

Abosede has shut houses two houses belonging to the traditional ruler, saying, We shall subject them to structural integrity test; until then, they are hereby closed; that is the law of Lagos state.

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◆We are doing this to prevent further loss of lives and properties; you can see that it was because the owner wanted to add another blocks that made the building to give way; We are going to close these houses and some around them for structural integrity tests,◆ he promised.
Meanwhile, the has immediately called in the Police and men of the state Building demolition team to take over the area. He also ordered that inventories be taken, to allow the state government move the tenants to any of the state◆s settlement camps and hostels.

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It is unfortunate the wrong Ibahim Babangida was killed. Here 2 hardworking Nigerians were killed while the lazy parasite sits in his ill-acquired mansion in Minna fucking.

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