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## Navy Building Collapses in Abuja, Kills 2

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At least two

people were confirmed dead while five others were severely injured when a three-storey building belonging to the Nigerian Navy collapsed yesterday in Gwarimpa Estate, Abuja.

An eye witness said about nine laborers were employed to demolish the building, after some structural defects were found in it. The navy bought the house from the Federal Housing Authority in 2002 which consisted of six flats and used it as senior staff quarters. Officers living there were asked to leave following the discovery of cracks in the walls of the house. The navy authorities said the FHA and the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development were involved in the demolition exercise.

Confirming the figures, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) spokesman, Yusha'u Shuaibu said "Two people died in the incidence while five others sustained injuries."

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He said the ministry’s officials had supervised the house and confirmed the defects before they embarked on the demolition exercise.

“The ministry was in charge of the demolition. There were seven laborers employed to carry out the exercise and they were all trapped in the debris after the building collapsed, six were removed out of which one is dead.” he said.

When contacted the spokesman, Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Mr Marshal Gundu, denied the involvement of the ministry in the demolition exercise, saying “How could we be involved in any demolition. It is not in our responsibility.”

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