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Storm kills 24-year-old newly wed

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Tragedy struck on Monday night on Amara-Olu Street, Agidingbi, Lagos State, when a heavy storm destroyed some houses, leaving in its wake the corpse of a 24-year-old newly-wed, Faisa Muhammed.

Rescuers brought out the body of Muhammed, who sources told Eko Trust got married only 10 days ago, in Adamawa state from under the debris of one of the collapsed structures. She was said to be living with her mother and husband when the incident happened.



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Though her mother survived, Faisa was trapped under the rubble for hours before rescuers arrived at the scene.

Witnesses said the tragedy occurred about 11pm on Monday during a heavy downpour.

They said they heard a deafening sound, followed by the crashing sound of falling roofs.

However, no casualty was recorded in other buildings around the area, as the residents escaped unhurt.

Rescue efforts were said to have started about 11.30pm as officials of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA); Lagos State Fire Service, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) and the police joined residents in the exercise.

The deceased's mother remained in trauma as she kept mumbling her daughter was still sleeping and would soon wake up.

NEMA's Public Relations Officer, South West Region, Ibrahim Farinloye, who confirmed the incident, said the Lagos State Commissioner for the Environment, Dr Babatunde Adejare, who visited the scene had ordered that the shanties be demolished.

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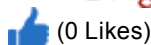
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