

Scavenger dies extracting rods from demolished building


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A male scavenger in his late 20s was killed yesterday while extracting iron rods from a demolished building at a shopping plaza on Ademola Adetokunbo Crescent, Wuse II, Abuja.

He died before being taken to hospital, witnesses said. A security guard attached to the plaza opposite Big Bites who pleaded anonymity said he had been removing the rods from the building for about four days before part of the building collapsed on him at about 1:30pm yesterday.

He said the scavenger used a hammer to remove concretes from the rubble to extract the iron rods. After proceeding to weaken the base of the remaining two pillars of the building, he decided to take a rest with some snacks when the pillars fell on him.

"The pillars hit him on the head and he died before anything could be done," the guard said. Another witness, Ade, said the corpse was taken away by other scavengers for an Islamic funeral at about 4pm after a cover note from policemen. Police authorities could not immediately respond to Daily Trust inquiries on the incident. The building was among those recently demolished by the Development Control unit of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA)