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'Illegal' school collapses, kills pupil in Abuja

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Four year old pupil, David Jacob, of the Monsil International School, Kado in Abuja died yesterday after one part of the school building collapsed on him. Two other pupils were injured.

The event was said to have occurred during break as the deceased with some other students sat to have their lunch.

Director of FCT Department of Quality and Advanced Education Secretariat, Mr Ayuba Didam, who visited the scene, said the school is owned by one Mr & Mrs. Ogbonna Uba.

He said the school is neither registered nor accredited and has been sealed several times by the FCT education board.

Didam said the school is among the 556 schools that were shut down but that the owners reopened the school without authorisation.

"As it is, the law enforcement agencies will take action in this matter and see that the proprietors of the school are prosecuted as they are already in police custody, while the two surviving kids are receiving treatments at the Gwarimpa General hospital," he said.