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Two feared dead in Rivers building collapse

AT least, two persons were feared dead in another incident of building collapse. But this time, the building, a two storey structure collapsed in Port Harcourt, Rivers State yesterday.

The Rivers State Housing and Urban Development Commissioner, Mr. Marshal Uwom said about four persons were critically injured in the incident but only two were feared dead.

Uwom told journalists at the Benjamin Opara Street, venue of the incident yesterday evening, that his ministry had

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decided to seal off the premises. He also warned that it would be illegal for anyone to come and remove anything from the place.

The commissioner said the police had been notified of the development, adding that investigation aimed at unveiling the cause of the collapse building would commence immediately.

He further stated that the state government would not fail to prosecute anyone found liable for the collapse of the two-storey building.

Uwom maintained that the government would not hesitate to demolish any illegal structure found in any part of the state but urged the people to keep watch and report to authorities such buildings.

The commissioner explained also that the state government had set up a committee to monitor high rise buildings in its dormain. According to him, anyone who wants to build

a high rise building will be subjected to a rigorous process.

Witnesses told *The Guardian* at the scene of the incident that about 12 persons were working on the site when the building caved in.

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in the privatisation of these assets will come from the investments, which the successful companies will direct towards poverty reduction and local job creation," she said.

According to her, the two bitumen blocs could generate \$600 million each year for over two years on exploration and production and \$3 billion in five years with indigenous refinery.

Also, Gold properties was estimated to attract investments of \$25 to \$100 million in exploration over a period of two years while Barytes among the properties is speculated to generate \$3 to \$5 million in another one year.