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Two die from collapsed fence

From Rose-Ann Chikereuba, Port Harcourt

A BUILDING belonging to Rivers State government, which collapsed two days ago has killed two children in Port Harcourt.

The property, an old fence in one of the state government property at old Government Reservation Area (GRA), Port Harcourt, had fallen on some kids who were playing beside the fence, injuring five and killing two.

Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi who visited the site of the incident yesterday regretted the loss of the two children - Goodluck Egba and Kingsely Sunday Ijere.

The governor, in a statement by the Acting Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Blessing Wikina, described the death as unfortunate, adding that "it was sad that the kids lost their lives through a painful accident, which was not any fault of theirs".

While consoling the affected families, the governor said the state government would foot the medical bills of the remaining five kids who are currently hospitalised as a result of the incident and would also take over the responsibility of the burial of the dead kids.

Amaechi, however, renewed his call on contractors handling government projects to be more safety-conscious while on site to avoid similar occurrence.

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