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Another building collapses in Lagos

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LAGOSIANS were once again thrown into mourning in another major disaster in which a three-storey building collapsed, trapping scores of residents in Idi-Araba area of Lagos.

The collapsed building located at No. 36/38, Ojerinde Street by Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) came crashing down at about 4.30 p.m.

The building, consisting of self-contained, one-room apartments and shops, was said to have been in existence for over 14 years.

When The Guardian visited the scene at about 6.15 p.m., a crowd was at the scene, searching for their relations.

Seven bodies and eight injured people were removed from the rubbles by sympathisers who used manual tools to search for survivors.

More pathetic were the distress calls of the trapped residents still coming from the rubbles.

A woman on the ground floor was still calling for help, saying that her two children had died but she was still alive at about 6.45 p.m.

Others on other floors were equally calling for help as at press time, as they were said to be watching football match on television at that time.

Some of the residents who were not at home at the time of the collapse wailed uncontrollably, pleading with the rescue team to help them save their family members.

Although earthmovers were drafted to the scene for rescue immediately, but they could not put them into use for fear of killing those who were still alive.

Rather, sympathisers at the scene used shovels to dig the hard concrete in attempt to get to those who were still calling from under the rubbles.

However, a team of government agencies such as Lagos State Ambulances Services (LASAMBUS), Nigeria Emergency Management Authority (NEMA) and a detachment of policemen were on hand to control the crowd.

Some sympathisers claimed the house collapsed due to the substandard materials used in building the house, coupled with the swampy ground on which the house was built.



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