

FG, Lagos Abandon Collapsed Building's Survivors

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The Federal and Lagos State governments have abandoned no fewer than 25 survivors of the four-storey building that collapsed recently at number 70, Bola Street, Ebute-Metta, leaving their survival to chance.

The survivors, who are presently harboured in the Nigeria Red Cross quarters in Makoko, Yaba, have been asked to leave and look for temporary accommodation.

They were not found on Monday when *Daily Independent* vis-

ited them. But sources said they have been asked to leave and look for temporary accommodation with whatever they have been able to receive from the voluntary donations.

"We normally call them when we have any presentation to make to them," an official of the Red Cross Society said.

Asked what has been government's response so far, the source pointed out that no help has come from the state government so far. "You know this is Nigeria," the official mused. One of the sources,

however, said Nigerians are good people adding that they have responded very well in terms of attending to the financial needs of the survivors.

It was gathered that although Nigerians have been forthcoming in their contributions, the amount so far generated would not be sufficient to adequately address the needs of the survivors.

But Nigerians have continued to send in donations to the survivors, the latest being, the South-East regional Editor of *Daily Independent Newspapers*,

Sunny Igboanugo, who sent in N10, 000 to assist the victims.

While receiving the cash donation a senior official of the society thanked him for the kind gesture, adding that Nigerians have been so good. He, however, said the society lost two of its officers during the search and rescue operation stating that the society would give out pillows and bedding to the survivors on Thursday.

While the survivors roam the streets for accommodation, the Federal Government is thinking of converting the blocks housing the Federal Secretariat at Obalende into accommodation for Nigerians in the Diaspora when most people resident in the country do not have accommodation.

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