

7 feared dead under collapsed building in Enugu

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SEVEN persons were feared dead when a three-story building under construction in Nsukka, Enugu State, collapsed on Saturday.

It was gathered that the building located at Enugu Road/Nsukka which collapsed around 2.30 p.m. belongs to Sam Onyishi, the Managing Director of Peace Mass Transit Company Limited.

About seven labourers were reportedly working

at the site when the building suddenly caved in.

The workers were still trapped in the rubbles as at 6 p.m. while rescue operations were ongoing.

A witness who pleaded anonymity said about seven workers working on the last floor of the building were trapped in the rubbles.

"I saw them working because I am in the premises when building collapsed. Some carpenters and brick-layers are working in the building when the building collapsed," our

source said.

Chief security officer of Nsukka Local Government Area, Emma Ugwuja, described the incident as unfortunate and said efforts were being made to ensure that those trapped were rescued.

Ugwuja confirmed that about seven people were working on the site, but said he learnt that some escaped.

He, however, said the number trapped in the building would be known at the conclusion of rescue operation. ncil Mr. Celes-

tine Ogbu decried the poor coordination of the rescue operation, saying it was quite unfortunate that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), saddled with responsibility for such operation has no office in Nsukka local government.

Ogbu thanked those who are assisting in this operation like the police, civil defense and the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and commended the residents who trooped out to assist the security operatives.

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