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## How Ibadan tipper driver died in collapsed building

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**What** the young man, identified as Kabiru, now late did two weeks ago on a Friday could have been done by every other person under the circumstance the deceased found himself, but, it proved fatal and costly. Kabiru, it was gathered was a tipper driver and had an order to supply loads of granite to a construction site behind **Geoniks Petrol Station, Ologuneru along Eleyele-Ido road, a suburb of Ibadan,** Oyo State capital. Eyewitness account disclosed that the late Kabiru had mistakenly off-loaded the granite in a wrong place and was instructed to move it to another location.

A middle-aged Kabiru, it was learnt asked his motor boys to do the reloading while he decided to take a nap in a two-storey building under construction at the site. If he had known, he would have decided to postpone his siesta which eventually took him to the world beyond.

Unfortunately, he belonged to the class of people that believe they could not sleep without listening to music. He was said to have attached to his ears his mobile phone through which he was listening to a particular song, which was difficult to identify. Eventually, that perhaps was his undoing because aside that he slept off,

the blockade of his ears by the ear-piece prevented him from hearing any other noise.

The decision of Kabiru to take a nap at that time proved costly as the two-storey building under construction collapsed and trapped him around 3.00pm, few minutes after the Friday Jumat prayers. While sleeping on concrete of the first floor of the building suddenly, one of the site workers said there was a big and loud sound and before they knew it, the building had collapsed.

At the scene, it was gathered that about 10 construction workers working at the site when the building collapsed escaped unhurt while another worker was rescued. Officials of the State Fire Service, Emergency Management Agency and Nigeria Security, Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and sympathisers rushed to the scene of the incident and made frantic efforts to rescue the tipper driver. Also, emergency bus from Oyo State was there. Kabiru was not found until about 8.00pm and as at that moment, he was said to be too weak, almost becoming lifeless and eventually passed on before he could be rushed to the hospital.

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