

# Five feared dead as building collapses in Anambra

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**FIVE PERSONS** were feared dead yesterday, when a three-storey building under construction collapsed at Adazi Ani, Anaocha Local Government Area, Anambra State.

The tragic incident occurred in the early hours of Friday, according to Saturday *Independent's* findings.

The victims were inside the building, which was nearing completion, when it collapsed.

It was reported that Onitsha-based transporter, Godwin Okeke, popularly known as G.U.O., was the owner of the building.

Rescue operations com-

## • Only one person died — Police

menced shortly after the collapse and were ongoing as at the time this report was filed around 5pm.

It was difficult for newsmen to ascertain details of the incident and the exact casualty figure, as the owner of the property directed operatives of the community vigilance group, who wielded rifles, not to allow anybody to enter the compound.

The security men manhandled a reporter from the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), Peter Okolie, who attempted to enter the compound.

Okolie reportedly lost

his mobile phone and other valuables in his encounter with the security men.

From a distance, bulldozers and other heavy-duty equipment were seen clearing the debris of the collapsed building.

Efforts to speak with Okeke yielded no fruits as at press time. However, the Police Public Relations Officer for Anambra State Command, Uche Ezech, confirmed the report.

Ezech said that only one man died in the incident.

The latest incident brings to four the number of buildings that have collapsed in Anambra this year.

## Adejumo, Adedoja promise to give Oke-Ogun priority

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**OKE-OGUN** axis of Oyo State may be in for a good time in the coming dispensation if the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) takes over the administration of the state.

This was the indication during the week as two of the party's governorship aspirants, Soji Adejumo and Taoheed Adedoja, declared that the zone, composed of 10 out of the 33 local government council areas of the state, would be given priority.

The two aspirants, both professors and both former chairmen of the State Universal Basic Education (SUBEB), spoke at different forums in the state, where they both declared that zone is endowed and they would tap into the endowments to give the area new lease of life.

In an interview with Satur-

# Edo as Jonathan visits