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ASABA

Five Feared Dead, Others Injured As Two Buildings Collapse In Delta

An unidentified young man aged 35 has been dug out from the collapsed one story building in Asaba, Oshimili South Local Government Area of Delta State.

The building is close to the Anwai campus of Delta State University and behind Government House, Asaba.

This is happening when several persons feared dead while many others were trapped following the collapse of a 3-storey building at Abraka, Ethiope East Local Government Area.

The building in Abraka, which is under construction and meant to be a hotel is located along the Aghwana Avenue area of Abraka, while that of Asaba is meant to be a residential building.

While that of Abraka occurred on Saturday according to an eyewitness,

which led to the death of four workers, that of Asaba happened Friday evening at Sunny Block Industry Junction, Off Chris Okocha Street, Camp 74, leading to the death of a middle age man who resides in the uncompleted building.

Though the cause of the collapses could not be ascertained, as at the time of filling this report, but rescue efforts were ongoing while men of the Abraka Police Division and other agencies had been deployed to the scene of the incident to ensure a smooth enforcement of the exercise.

While on the spot to assess the development, Chiedu Ebie, Secretary to the State Government, explained that the government will not lie

low over the issue even as he warned private developers to use quality materials, employ professional engineers while erecting buildings and warned landlords to stop using substandard materials.

While describing the incident as unfortunate, he directed that the whole building be brought down,

disclosing that Town Planners would be invited into the matter.

"Henceforth building plans will be taken seriously to make sure it meets up with the standard. Members of the public should not cut corners too while putting up a building and must ensure compliance," Ebie warned.

Police Arrest 2 Kidnap Suspects In Enu

The Police Command in Enugu State has arrested two suspected kidnappers, for allegedly abducting one Charles Enejere, in the state.

The police also recovered two automatic pump action guns, two single barrel guns, some charms and N187, 000

cash from the suspects.

The Command's Public Relations Officer, SP Ebere Amaraizu, made the disclosure in a statement issued in Enugu on Saturday.

Amaraizu said operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) arrested the