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Building Collapse: 3 Children Killed In Edo

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It was tears all through in Urora community, a suburb of Benin City, the Edo State capital at the weekend when three children lost their lives following a collapsed building.

Two of the deceased children are sons of the Edo State chairman of the Youth Sports Federation of Nigeria (YSFON), Mr Osamudiamen Osagiede. The girl among them, who equally lost her life in the incident, was the daughter of Osagiede's sister.

It was learnt that the children, who are 15, 12 and 8 years respectively, went to the building to repair their bicycle when the incident happened.

The incident caused pandemonium in the area as residents made frantic effort to rescue them.

Two other children in the compound and the bicycle repairer sustained serious injuries and are currently in the hospital. Unfortunately for Osagiede's children, they lost their lives before they could be rescued.

The devastated Osagiede, who was away for a youth competition described the incident as shocking.

"I was away when I received a call to come back. I was shocked that two of my sons died in the incident. You can imagine. I have six children, four girls and two boys but now I have lost the two boys".

He wept uncontrollably as sympathisers thronged his residence to console him and the collapsed building wondering what could have led to the collapsed building.

It was learnt that the building was old and may have collapsed following the persistent rainfall.

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