

# Seven killed as Ladoke Akintola Teaching Hospital collapses

figures should be reviewed.

**T**RAGEDY struck on Thursday evening at the on-going Ladoke

Akintola Teaching Hospital Complex project, Ogbomoso as about seven persons lost their lives when the building under construction collapsed.

The incident was said to have occurred at a time when the construction workers were about closing for the day at about a few minutes to 6pm.

The state governor, Otunba Christopher Alao-Akala has described the incident as very unfortunate, and prescribed punitive measure against the contractor handling the project.

The contractor, identified as Idowu Adeyi came under attack following allegations that poor quality materials were used in the building project, which many believed caused the structural failure.

Scores of people were at the scene to rescue those trapped in the building. Many of the sympathizers who gathered at the scene broke down in tears, wailing over the fate of those trapped in the building.

All effort to give helping hand to the victims were thwarted by

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the lack of equipment and necessary facility to evacuate debris to pave way for rescue operation.

Some of the construction workers said about 12 of their members were still missing as at yesterday.

Men of the state Fire Service, policemen, Civil Defense Corps, and many volunteer workers were still searching for those trapped. Tight security was maintained as policemen kept people away from the scene of the incident yesterday.

In a swift reaction to the unfortunate incident, the Governor of Oyo state, Otunba Christopher Alao-Akala yesterday issued a stern warning to contractors handling the Hospital project.

According to Governor Akala, government would not compromise quality work for shoddy performance that would put the lives of people at risk.

He assured that while this unfortunate development would not affect the project, punitive action would be taken against the erring contractor.