One die as NITEL training school building collapses

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A storey building located inside the Nigerian Telecommunication Training School compound, Cappa, Oshodi, Lagos, collapsed yesterday killing one person.

Four other persons who were badly wounded are currently being treated at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja.

It was gathered that the collapsed building is undergoing reconstruction and is been handled by Bukola Concepts Nig Ltd.

The victims who were pulled out from the rubble of the collapsed building were part of those working on the project.

A combined team of policemen attached to the Mushin Division, fire fighters, and officials of the State Emergency Management Agency, (LASEPA), the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, tried for hours to rescue the last victim who was later discovered to have been crushed beneath the rubble.

Some military men have arrived the scene to beef up security at the Nitel premises when CityBeats visited the scene yesterday.

The stern looking security personnel prevented people from entering

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the NITEL compound.

An eye witness Bayo Sheu said the incident occurred around 8am in the morning. He added that four other brick layers who were wounded in the incident have been taken to the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, (LASUTH), Ikeja.

Police spokesman Mr Jaiyeoba Joseph, who confirmed the incident, told our reporter that the remains of the deceased, one Matthew Adesuyi, 28, has been deposited at the Isolo General Hospital Mortuary for autopsy.

He noted that the contractor is currently at large, but that rescue efforts have been concluded.

Joseph explained that investigation has already commenced by police operatives attached to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Panti Yaba.

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