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Posted by: Okungbowa Aiwere, Asaba in News 9 hours ago

Three employees of Constructed Contractors Company (CCC) were feared dead yesterday after a pile pit at a flyover project at Inter-Bau roundabout in Asaba, Delta State, collapsed.

Two other persons were injured in the incident, which occurred at 11am.

The incident sparked off protest from their colleagues after the management insisted that workers return to work after the incident.

The protest disrupted work for several hours, not minding armed policemen drafted to quell the protest.

The government embarked on the building of two flyover projects in Effurun and Asaba, at a cost of N7.9 billion.

The pile pit, which reaches a depth of over 20 feet, is designed to hold the beams on which the flyover rests.

The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) assisted in evacuating the casualties to the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba.

The workers accused the management of insensitivity, adding that two workers have died in the last few weeks due to lack of adherence to safety regulations.

But a management worker, who pleaded for anonymity, blamed the incessant rains for the collapse.

A source blamed the company for not providing personal protective equipment, including coveralls, hand gloves, hard hats and safety boots and other welfare incentives.

His words: "A lot of things are happening on the site. Despite all odds we have pressed forward. We know our rights. If anything happens to us let the company show concern."

"Someone had an accident last week we all went back to work. Yesterday, three persons were buried alive and are in a coma."

"All we are asking for is that is to have a day's rest so we can pray for them. We are not being well taken care of. "We should honour the injured. We are not members of a union so the company treats us shabbily."

"We want the company to show some concern for our welfare."

The Administrative Manager, identified as Diran, became belligerent when reporters sought his views.

His words: "I am only here to address my workers and not journalists. I do not have time for you people."

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