

## NEWS

# Collapsed building crushes mum, daughter

**A**n expectant mother and her five-year-old daughter were yesterday crushed to death in Onifufu/Aderupaba at Oke-Ijeun, Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, when a decrepit building collapsed on them.

It was gathered that the late Mrs. Kafayat Somoye was taking her daughter, the late Ganiyat and son, Ganiyu, to school when the building collapsed.

Sources said Ganiyu was walking ahead of the duo. He was said to have been jolted by the sound of vibration and cracks and quickened his pace before harm struck.

The victims were pulled out of the debris by sympathisers but died on the way to

From Ernest Nwokolo,  
Abeokuta

the General Hospital, Ijaye, Abeokuta.

Policemen from Oke-Itoku and Ibara divisions prevented a breakdown of law and order by youths, who became enraged on sighting the bodies.

An eyewitness, Kabirat Sonde, who was taking her kid to school, said they escaped by the whiskers.

"I was also taking my child to school. I was behind them and a woman was in the front. It was the woman who raised

the alarm immediately the incident occurred before help came.

"She was rescued alive and people started pouring water on her but she died on her way to the hospital. People didn't know immediately that there was a girl trapped, it was the woman who told us but it was too late. The girl was found dead."

Another eyewitness, Tajudeen Badru, told reporters that the early morning downpour yesterday probably weakened the structure.

Badru said: "It happened

early this morning (yesterday) as the woman was taking her child to the school. Although we heard the girl is not her daughter but there were two of them. The elder brother was faster; the woman was trying to save the girl.

"This building was still very intact as it gave no sign of collapsing but the heavy rain yesterday might have caused this collapse.

"It was a sudden occurrence. A woman who escaped told us that people were trapped and we removed the woman before the same woman also told us that the deceased was with a young girl, we later searched and found the girl."