

Three killed as another building collapses in Imo

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• The collapsed building, yesterday

Barely 48 hours after a three-storey building under construction was buried in a landslide in Imo State, another one-storey building in Umugide in Owerri West Local Council of the State, in the early hours of Saturday, collapsed, leaving about three dead.

The incident occurred about 4 am, according to one of the survivors.

Those identified to have been killed in the incident include a family of three, Marcelinus Opkomeshina and two of his children, Believe and Vivian, while the deceased's wife, Felicia Okpomeshina was rescued from the rubble.

She was said to have returned from a night vigil in her church before the incident.

- f neighbour, who pleaded anonymity, said that when the owner of the collapsed, Mr.
- inonso Ewelusu, arrived the scene, collapsed immediately.
- ose who called at the scene of the incident included the Deputy Commissioner of lice (Operations), Abdullahi Kurawa, the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations),
- in overnment House, Kingsley Uju, an Engineer; a community leader in the community, eaza Ajare.

The Nation gathered that the family from Enylogugu in Aboh Mbaise Local Council of the state had lived in the building for a long time before it finally collapsed.

Speaking at the scene of the incident, Kuwara regretted that the youths of the community at the site, were aggressive.

He thanked those who promptly sent the information to the command which facilitated the rescue work and contacts with the necessary bodies, including the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

The Deputy Chief of Staff on his part sympathised with the victims, while cautioning against the use of sub-standard materials in the building of houses.