

Three feared dead as two-storey building collapses in Onitsha

THREE persons were feared dead in a building collapse in Ochanja Central Market, Onitsha, Anambra State. The structure, a two-storey building, reportedly collapsed at about 5:45pm on Saturday.

Eye witnesses blamed the incident on erection of additional structure on the already weak structure, without the necessary reinforcement.

A group of traders at the market had on Friday, protested plans by leadership of the market to erect additional structures on the existing old and weak buildings

By Emma Elekwa, Onitsha in the market.

The traders who took their protest to Awka the State capital, appealed to Governor Willie Obiano to prevail on the market leadership to forestall any calamity.

One of the traders who preferred anonymity, said the yet to be identified deceased were working at the site when the incident happened.

Attempts to speak with the market leaders were unfruitful as the traders were seen scampering for safety and trying to salvage their goods and being trapped.