One dead, four injured in Ekiti building collapse

STOREY building, which collapsed in Odo Uri area of Igede-Ekiti, headquarters of Ifelodun/Irepodun Local Government of Ekiti State, has claimed the lives of a 13year-old girl.

It was gathered that the incident, which occurred about 2:15am yesterday, left the deceased's parents and two other siblings injured. They were tak-

en to hospital.

A source in the community, who craved anonymity, said the occupants of the distressed

From Rasaq Ibrahim, Ado-Ekiti

building were in their apartments when it caved in.

He said while some occupants were lucky to escape death, the 13-year- old died on the spot and her remains were retrieved beneath the rubble.

Governor Biodun Oyebanji has expressed sympathy about the incident, describing it as sad.

The governor visited the scene of the collapse and Adeyinka Adebayo General

Hospital, Ado-Ekiti where some of the victims are receiving treatment, to sympathise with them and wish them quick recovery.

Commenting on the incident, Oyebanji, represented by Deputy Governor Monisade Afuye, said the government would foot the medical bills.

He directed Ekiti State Emergency Management Agency (EKSEMA) to arrange for another habitable residence for the victims.