

One dies in Lagos building collapse

AN unidentified woman was confirmed dead following a partial building collapse in the Oyingbo axis of Lagos State.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) confirmed the fatality in a situation report sent to The Nation by Permanent Secretary, Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu. It said the collapse happened at approximately 7:45am when the 'aging and poorly maintained' structure gave way, resulting in the collapse of an internal suspended beam within one of the rooms.

The statement read: "Situation report on the partially collapsed building at 34, Olo-to Street, by Borno Way, off Freeman Street, Oyingbo. The agency responded to distress calls concerning the above and, upon arrival, discovered a storey building in a state of

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partial collapse.

"Further information gathered at the incident scene revealed that an internal suspended beam in a room collapsed about 7:45am due to the aging and non-maintenance of the structure. Unfortunately, an old woman died from the impact of the partial collapse."

Oke-Osanyintolu said search and rescue operation is currently underway, with a number of emergency response teams including LASEMA Response Team, Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS), LRU Paramedics, and Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service at the site providing assistance. He added that the building has been cordoned off, and the Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA) informed of the situation.