

'Many feared dead as Anambra market building collapses'

A TWO-STOREY building with shops collapsed yesterday in Eke-Amawbia market in Awka South Local Government Area, Anambra State with many traders feared dead.

The Nation also gathered that others are trapped in the rubble.

The incident, it was further

From Nwanosike Onu, Awka

gathered, happened around 12.02pm.

At the time of filing this report, some security operatives and paramilitary agencies were evacuating the rubble.

Traders blamed the disaster on substandard conditions, alleging that the building's structural integrity had been

compromised. But the the Chairman, Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) in Anambra State, Victor Menu, said his association would investigate the cause before coming out with any answer.

In a statement, the state Police spokesman, Ikenga Tochukwu, said rescue efforts were still ongoing. "In re-

sponse to a distress call today 4/7/2024 at about 12:40 pm of a building collapse at Ekeoyibo market, Amawbia, Police operatives have rescued two victims and taken them to the hospital for medical care," he added.

The Commissioner of Police, Nnaghe Obono Itam, has directed that the area be cordoned off.

Police, robbery suspects in on the scene