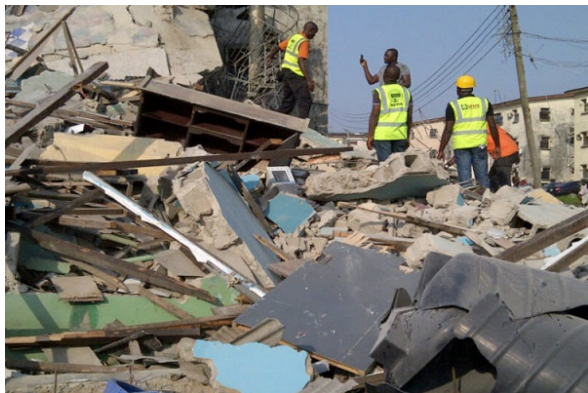


Death toll in Lagos building collapse rises to seven



Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) yesterday said the death toll from the rubble of a three-storey building that collapsed at Ojodu-Berger had risen to seven.

Its Permanent Secretary, Dr Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, confirmed this in a statement made available to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Oke-Osanyintolu added that the total number of people rescued had increased to 13.

“As at the time of this report, total number of victims is now 20 persons. 13 people have been rescued alive, comprising of four adult females and nine adult males.

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“The number of bodies recovered so far are now seven persons comprising of five adult females and two adult males,” he said.

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He said the operation was still ongoing, adding that safety precautions had been activated.

"Crowd control, outer, and inner cordons is still maintained to ensure safe operation," he said.

NAN had earlier reported that the incident happened about 09.45 hours on Saturday.

"Following distress alerts at 09.45hrs, LASEMA activated the Emergency Response Plans from Command and Control Centre, Alausa and Onipanu.