

Collapsed building kills 18 in Auchi

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A MAJOR disaster happened at the early hours of Saturday in Auchi the Administrative headquarters of Etsako West Local Government Area in Edo state as a building under construction collapsed killing about seventeen people and others severely injured.

Reports said no fewer than seventeen people were killed in the incident

The building which residents say is a hotel project under construction was said to have collapsed at about 5.50am while the workers were said to be at sleep.

The building is said to belong to a Benin based Businessman, Uyi Oloton, owner of Uyi technical Ltd.

Some of the survivors who spoke with journalists at the

scene of the incident, disclosed that they were all asleep and were woken up by a deafening sound of the collapsed building at about 5.50am.

However, men of the Nigeria Police, Auchi Area Zone have been drafted to the scene of the disaster to forestall any possible break down of law and order from the emotional crowd who have invaded the scene of the accident.

Attempt made to reach the Edo State Police Command spokesman, Mr. Peter Ogboi for his comment failed as he would not pick his telephone just as efforts made to see the owner of the building in Benin; Mr. Uyi Oloton failed as his staff at his Mission Road Office would not disclose his whereabouts.

Similarly, efforts made to see the Site Engineer also suffered a setback.