

It was learnt that Niger State governor, Dr Mua'zu Babangida Aliyu, the initiator of the meeting, had approached the two leaders to intervene in the simmering crisis in Rivers and appealed that either of them host the meeting.

But it was gathered that neither of the former leaders was ready to host the meeting in his private residence, as a result of what was called the need to avoid the prying eyes of the media.

Besides the host governor, other governors expected at the meeting included Alhaji Rabi'u Musa Kwakwanso, Kano; Sule Lamido, Jigawa and Murtala Nyako from Adamawa.

Governor Wamakko of Sokoto was said to have indicated late on Sunday that

that for peace to return to the PDP, the issue of automatic ticket for President Jonathan, ahead 2015 election, must be ruled out.

to have told their host in clear terms that they were tired of the multi-faceted crises rocking the party.

Also they complained the

Nigerian Tribune in confidence on Sunday that the aggrieved governors made it clear that they were running out of patience and would

* 13-yr-old hawker, 3 workers die as building collapses in Lagos

OLALEKAN OLABULO -LAGOS

FOUR people, including a 13-year-old bread hawker, were, early Sunday, killed as a two-storey building, still under construction, collapsed in Surulere area of Lagos State.

It was gathered that construction works on the building, situated at 29, Ishaga Road, Surulere, continued despite warnings from the Lagos

State Building Control Agency.

Three others were rescued with two of them taken to the Accident and Emergency Unit, while the other victim, said to be critically injured, was taken to the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), where he was expected to undergo surgical operation.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that most of the victims were construction workers.

The deceased 13-year-old girl had reportedly stopped for the early morning rain, when she was caught up in the incident.

The workers involved in the incident, it was gathered, had wanted to stay in the site till work resumes today, so as to save transportation cost.

The body of the girl was, around 2.30 p.m, recovered by officials of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and volunteers, who were residents and workers around the area.

It was gathered that the building collapsed around 9.30 a.m, a few hours after the early morning rain.

A resident of the area, who simply preferred to be called Smith, while speaking with the **Nigerian Tribune**, said the collapsed building might not be unconnected with the effect of the rain.

The spokesperson of NEMA, South-West, Ibrahim Farinloye, confirmed that four people died in the building, while three others who were rescued had been taken to hospital for treatment.

Daniel meets Jonathan in Lagos

LEON USIGBE -ABUJA

AMIDST reports that he may have concluded arrangements to dump the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for the Labour Party (LP), former Ogun State governor, Otunba Gbenga Daniel, met with President Goodluck Jonathan in Lagos, on Saturday evening.

His visit to the president in the State House, Marina, may not be unconnected with the ongoing rumours surrounding his purported move to

defect from the ruling party.

The former governor had been reported to have met with the national chairman of the LP, Chief Dan Nwan-yawwu, in Abuja, last week Thursday, apparently to actualise his desire to join the party.

The meeting, said to have taken place at the national headquarters of LP in Garki, Abuja, was said to have led PDP hierarchy to believe that Daniel's exit from PDP was a **fait accompli**.

Though it was not known

what Daniel discussed with the president, a PDP source told the **Nigerian Tribune** that Jonathan may have summoned him to discuss his possible defection from the party.

"The president is the leader of PDP. It is not unusual for him to meet with any member of the party which may have one or two issues.

"In any case, Daniel is still a member of PDP, because he has not told the party that he has defected," the source stated.