

Collapsed market stall kills scavenger in Umuahia

A middle-aged man, Ifeanyi Nzeakor, of Mgbarakuma community, at Ubalaka, in the Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia State, has been killed, when a stall collapsed at the old Umuahia Main Market.

An eyewitness, who is also a relation of the deceased, Mr David Ibeji, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) at the site of the incident, that the structure collapsed on Nzeakor in the early hours of Sunday, when he was scavenging for rods at the site.

The stalls are currently being demolished by the state government, six days after traders were relocated to a permanent site at Uban-Ibeku.

Ibeji, who was weeping beside the lifeless body, said he and the deceased had gone to scavenge for rods the victim wanted to use for his building project when the incident happened.

He said one of the stalls collapsed and hit Nzeakor on the head and he died instantly.

"The deceased was my relation and he was a commercial motorcyclist. We came here to scavenge for rods that he will use on his building that is under construction," he said.

The spokesman of the Abia State police command, Mr Geoffrey Ogbonna, said he was yet to receive report on the incident.