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Four people have been reportedly killed, while many school children escaped death by the whiskers when a section of St Christopher's Anglican Primary School, a mission school in Onitsha, Anambra State, collapsed.

The collapsed structure, which was said to be an office block under construction, was said to be a usual place for the school children's play axis during the break period.

According to a source, "that very day, some school children who cultivate the habit of playing around the area avoided the place and others who played there left the place five minutes before the building collapsed.

"Four of the construction workers, who served as labourers at the construction site, lost their lives as the debris buried their bodies."

When newsmen arrived the scene of the incident on Wednesday, the road leading to the area was cordoned off.

Two bulldozers suspected to have been used in recovering the corpses of the four victims, soldiers, naval officers, officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Red Cross were on ground at the scene.

Vice Chairman, Anambra State Red Cross, Professor Peter Katchy, said his men had hectic time working rescuing the victims and told reporters that poor quality materials and shoddy foundations might have been responsible for the collapse of the school building.

The state governor, Chief Willie Obiano, who arrived the scene in company with his Commissioner for Works, Callistus Ilozumba and other government functionaries, said a committee would be inaugurated to investigate the incident and warned that all building materials used for work in the building would undergo a laboratory test.

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