

Building collapse update: Landlord, two wives, 12 others die in Jos Twelve people are casualties —NEMA

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NO fewer than 14 corpses have been evacuated from the scene of the collapsed two-storey building in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State, while four injured persons are receiving treatment at the state specialist hospital.

The two-storey building collapsed at about 5:00 p.m. on Monday with

members of two families identified as Nalele and Kabir as well as others trapped in the debris of the structure which also housed a pharmacy shop named 'Nalele', belonging to the owner of the building.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the owner of the building, Alhaji Kabir Nalele, on Sunday, noticed massive crack on the structure of the building and brought in masons and other labourers

to work on the damaged parts on Monday.

But while he was conducting them round where they were expected to work, the building was said to have collapsed on him and seven members of his family identified as Sani, Muritala, Mustapha, Mohammed, Kabir, Lubabatu and Jamil, who all lived within the premises.

Members of a family of five who also resided in the building, identified as Am-

ina Kabir, Safia Kabir, Salisu Kabir, Rukayatu Kabir and Mariam Kabir, were also affected.

Their corpses were evacuated from the collapsed building at about 11:00 pm on Monday.

Also, a pregnant woman simply identified as Aisha was said to have died in the incident.

However, the Search and Rescue Operations Officer, National Emergency Man-

agement Agency (NEMA) Nurudeen Musa confirmed 12 people dead and four others injured in the unfortunate incident.

The senator representing Plateau North, Istifanus Gyang, has commiserated with the families of those who lost their loved ones in the incident and wished those receiving treatment quick recovery.

Senator Gyang said the incident also called for atten-

tion by regulatory agencies, like Jos Metropolitan Development Board, to ensure that all property developers comply with the required and applicable standards to avoid similar occurrence in the future.

According to him, also of concern was the need for the capacity of NEMA as a first responder to be strengthened for prompt and effective response in times of emergency.