

15 rescued, one killed as two-storey building collapses in Lagos

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ABOUT 15 persons were rescued on Tuesday in Lagos State as a two-storey building collapsed in Ikorodu area of the state.

One person, according to the combined rescue team by government's agencies, died inside the collapsed building.

It was learnt that those rescued are currently receiving treatment at the General Hospital, Ikorodu.

The building, located on 97, Lagos Road, Haruna Bus Stop, Ikorodu, collapsed on Monday night, at about 10:00 p.m.

Initially, rumour had it that three persons were suspected missing until officials of the Lagos State Emergency Management Authority (LASEMA) gave an update on the incident.

On the update, the Director-General of (LASEMA), Dr Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, said 15 persons were rescued with one fatality,

who was said to have been trapped in the building.

The LASEMA boss said the agency responded to a distress call at 10:00 p.m. on Monday, and immediately activated its response plan.

According to him, a combined team of agency responders, LASBCA and Lagos Fire Service managed to safely evacuate a number of occupants and subsequently commenced rescue operation for the three trapped adults.

He said: "Further to a multi-stakeholder operation at the aforementioned location, final update is as follows: 15 persons rescued with one fatality, who was trapped in the building.

"The agency's heavy duty equipment has been used to carry out a controlled demolition exercise jointly overseen by the Commissioner in the Ministry of Urban and Physical Planning, General Manager, LASBCA and DG, Safety Commission."