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Four construction workers die as another building collapses in Lagos

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ABOUT four construction workers died on Wednesday after a one-storey building under construction collapsed in Badagry, Lagos.

Apart from the bodies that were recovered, it was gathered that five persons were rescued, while unconfirmed number of construction workers were still trapped as of the time of filing this report.

The incident is coming barely two weeks after a 21-storey building on Ger-

rard Road, Ikoyi caved in, killing 45 people and leaving 15 survivors with various degrees of injury.

The Director, Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Mrs Margaret Adeseye, said the Badagry station of the agency had rescued five victims from the rubble, just as she added that concerted efforts were ongoing to rescue the remaining trapped victims.

She said the victims, who are mainly construction workers, were rescued with

varying degrees of injury.

Adeseye added that the survivors were in stable condition and had been taken to nearby hospitals for treatment.

"However, four adult males have been recovered (unconscious) thus far. The police from Morogbo Division and community dwellers are complementing the efforts of the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service," she said.

The Director-General/Chief Executive Officer, Lagos State Emergency

Management Agency, LASEMA, Dr Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, said the agency had activated its response plan and had, alongside other stakeholders, commenced the recovery operation at the scene of the incident at Sunny Filled, Flour Mills Estate, Magbon, Badagry.

Corroborating Adeseye, Oke-Osanyintolu said five victims had been extricated alive from the building, while concerted efforts were ongoing to rescue the remaining trapped victims.