

# Two killed, five injured as old NITEL mast collapses in Benue

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TWO persons were confirmed dead when an old NITEL mast collapsed while some people were dismantling it in Benue State.

The incident, according to report, occurred at a junction in Katsina-Ala town, headquarters of Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of the state on Wednesday evening.

It was gathered that some people were working on the old NITEL mast when part of it suddenly collapsed on the workers, leading to the death of the two persons, while five others sustained various degrees of injury.

Confirming the incident to

newsmen in Makurdi, the state capital, on Thursday, chairman of Katsina-Ala Local Government, Alfred Atera, said some men were dismantling the old NITEL mast situated in the area when it collapsed.

He said: "After loosening one side of the mast, the other part suddenly collapsed. Two of the workers died instantly, while five others were taken to the hospital."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Catherine Anene, also confirmed the incident.

She said: "Some people were handling a mast when it collapsed. Two persons died, while others are in the hospital."