

Four killed, five rescued in Lagos building collapse

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FOUR bodies have been recovered from the site of the four-floor building that collapsed at Number 4, Alayaki Lane, Lagos Island, on Saturday.

Five survivors with different degrees of injury were also rescued from the rubble.

This came after several hours of overnight search and rescue operation coordinated

by the three responder teams from the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA).

The Permanent Secretary of LASEMA, Dr Oluwafemi Oke-Osanyintolu, on Sunday, said four adult males were recovered dead from the rubble, just as he added that a total of five adult males were rescued alive and were taken to nearest hospitals for treatment.

Dr Oke-Osanyintolu said the exercise was carried out by the combined efforts of three LASEMA Response Teams from Lekki, Cappa and the Alausa Command Control Center (C3).

He said: "However, four adult males were recovered dead, bagged and handed over to officials of the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit (SEHMU) to be processed further after being

deposited at the mortuary."

He added that the remains of building had been demolished to the ground level.

"Remains of the self-collapsed four-floor building was then taken down to ground zero by the agency with the use of its heavy duty equipment - the excavator, thereby, eliminating any further threat to lives and all other proximal properties," the LASEMA boss said.