

① 2 children die as fence collapses on them in Lagos community

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TWO children, aged nine and seven, on Saturday afternoon died as a fence collapsed on them in the Isawo area of Ikorodu, Lagos State.

The Southwest Coordinator of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ibrahim Farinloye, confirmed the incident to newsmen.

Sunday Tribune gathered that the two children were

in their parent's house at Number 25, Alao Street, Olainukan, Isawo, Ikorodu, when a fence of the house beside theirs collapsed on them.

A resident of the area, who spoke in a viral video of the incident, said that the children were in their room when the fence collapsed on the room, damaging it and they were eventually buried under the fence.

Residents of the area

were said to have mobilised and made frantic attempts to rescue the children.

The NEMA boss, while confirming the incident said: "This is to confirm the recovery of two children that were trapped in a fence that collapsed at about 11:30 a.m., at 25, Ajao Street, by Olainukan Bus Stop, Ishawo, Ikorodu.

"The children, aged nine and seven, were trapped when a fence from the

house beside theirs fell on their building during a downpour," he said.

Farinloye further said: "It was very unfortunate that distress calls were not properly channeled to those whose responsibility was to save the lives of their children at the right time."

According to Farinloye, officials of Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA) were on ground to assess the situation.