

Building collapse claims seven in Anambra

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GOVERNOR Chukwuma Soludo of Anambra State has expressed sadness following the collapse of a three-storey building at Odu-Igbo market, Ochanja, Anambra, which claimed seven lives.

Soludo, while addressing residents at the scene of the incident on Tuesday, announced that 26 people had been rescued and hospitalised.

He said rescue efforts were ongoing to locate those still trapped under the rubble.

The governor described the incident as tragic and an incident that was not supposed to happen, as he emphasised his commitment to tackling the issue of illegal

constructions and impunity in the state.

He revealed that the collapsed building was erected by a private developer without government's approval.

Meanwhile, the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Anambra State council, has said substandard materials and poor foundation was behind the building collapse.

The COREN state chairman, Victor Meju, disclosed this while briefing journalists shortly after inspecting the scene of the incident on Tuesday.

He said the regulatory body would not relent in its effort to curb the menace of quackery in the state and the country at large.