

Many feared dead as two-storey building collapses in Anambra

Police rescue two victims, says operation still ongoing

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A two-storey building collapsed on Thursday at the Eke Amawbia Market in Awka, the Anambra State capital, leaving many feared dead and several others trapped under the rubble.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the tragic incident happened at approximately 12 noon on Thursday.

Eyewitnesses said sev-

eral vegetable traders were trapped under the debris.

As of press time, one person had been rescued and rushed to the Amawbia Maternity Home for urgent medical attention, but many more are believed to be trapped inside the wreckage.

Traders who witnessed the collapse blamed the disaster on substandard engineering work, alleging that the building's structural integrity had been compromised.

Expectedly, the atmo-

sphere at the market was tense on Thursday, with on-lookers anxiously waiting for news of loved ones feared trapped in the building.

The Amawbia Market, a bustling commercial hub, has been plunged into mourning, with traders and residents struggling to come to terms with the devastating loss.

A large contingent of police officers promptly arrived at the scene to coordinate rescue efforts and maintain order.

The state command's police public relations officer, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, said two victims had been rescued and taken to the hospital for medical care.

Ikenga said on the directives of the Commissioner of Police, Nnaghe Obono Itam, the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of Operations led operatives at the scene for on-the-spot assessment and that the area had been cordoned off and rescue operations had commenced.