


Landslide at Bells varsity kills four, injures two

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FOUR people died on Tuesday at The Bells University of Technology, Ota, Ogun State, following a landslide at a construction site on campus.

Our correspondent learnt at Ota on Wednesday, that during the accident which occurred at 4 pm, six of the workers on the site were caught in the slide alive.

Four of these died while two others were seriously injured.

The victims were working for a construction firm, Chchez Turnkey Projects, which is handling the university's multi-million naira library project.

Eyewitnesses told our correspondent that the workers were digging the ground for

the foundation of the library, when suddenly the tragedy occurred.

Investigations showed the labourers, whose ages ranged between 20 and 34 years, were paid N800 per day for the for the four-metre deep digging.

Immediately the incident occurred, the senior officials of the company and the university authorities contacted officers of the state fire service and the police who had hectic time rescuing the victims.

However, none of them was removed from the ground until about 45 minutes after the incident.

The injured were rushed to Medic Care Clinic, Ojuore, on Ota-Iidiroko Road, where they are now being treated.

Corpses of the dead have been deposited at the mortu-

ary of the General Hospital, Ojuore, Ota.

When our correspondent got to the institution on Wednesday, the company's workers had suspended work on the site.

Many of them were seen discussing the incident in groups.

One of them, who identified himself as Kola, said they were waiting for the management of the company to give further directives and pay them their entitlements.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ade Adeyemi, who denied a report that a building collapsed in the university, described the incident as unfortunate.

Faulting the report, he said how could the library collapse, when its construction did not start.