

Collapsed building kills octogenarian, granddaughter

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AN old storey building collapsed in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, on Wednesday, killing an octogenarian and her three-year-old granddaughter.

A person was also seriously injured in the incident that occurred behind Itoku Market in the state capital.

Eyewitnesses said the rear of the building collapsed at about 4 a.m. on Wednesday, falling on a bungalow.

The eyewitnesses said that although nobody was living in the storey building, its debris fell on the house behind it.

They explained that the impact of the debris led to the collapse of some part of the bungalow, where the deceased were sleeping.

When our correspondent got to the area, a resident

who identified himself simply as Kadiri said the owners of the storey building ejected the tenants last year.

He said, "Nobody was living in the storey building. All the tenants have been evicted. The community has told the owners to demolish it because of the danger it poses."

An elder in the community, who pleaded anonymity, said the community leaders would meet over the incident later on Wednesday.

The elder appealed to the officials of the state ministry of environment "to do something to the building" before it wreaked more

havoc.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale, confirmed the incident.

He said the injured person was being treated at the state's general hospital, Ijaiye, Abeokuta.

Group tasks EFCC over Obi's reinstatement

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A group, the International Association of Criminal Justice Practitioners, has called on the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission to investigate the allegation of bribery contained in an application filed at the Supreme Court by Mr. Ifeanyi Okonkwo, seeking to nullify the apex court's judgment that reinstated Dr. Peter Obi as Anambra State Governor.

In a petition to the commission, signed by

IACJP's Executive Director, Mr.

Chukwuma Onyezubelu, the group said the allegation, if proved, is fraud against the administration of justice.

It noted that the hope of the Nigerian nation was the judiciary and that allegation of bribery in that arm of government should not be swept under the carpet.

While commending the EFCC for its effort at ridding the nation of corrupt practices, the group expressed confidence in the ability of the commission to

carry out a thorough investigation into the allegation.

The group said, "We are encouraged in this petition by your proven record of commitment to restoring security, justice and equity to all facets of the Nigerian life."

"This is a great opportunity to ensure that justice is restored to the fore in the conduct of governance in Nigeria.

"In view of the above, we hereby request that you conduct a full investigation