

Collapsed building: **Two killed, three injured**

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TWO persons were feared dead and three others seriously injured on Monday night when a three-storey building collapsed on Aroloya Street, Lagos Island.

Our correspondent gathered that prior to the collapse of the building, fire had broken out in it at about 8p.m.

Eyewitnesses told our correspondent that the fire arose from a candle lit in one of the rooms at 77, Aroloya Street, serving as tyre warehouse on the first floor of the building.

It was learnt that the fire later engulfed the second floor, being used as goods warehouse before it extended to the third floor, said to be occupied by a family as a residential apartment.

At the time of the incident, eyewitness said the occupants of the third floor had travelled and were yet

to return from the Christmas holiday.

Our correspondent gathered that before the arrival of fire fighters, neighbours made efforts through the assistance of water hawkers who supplied the water poured on the fire.

It was gathered that barely that barely five minutes after the fire fighters arrived in company with the Divisional Police Officer, **Adeniji-Adele Police Station**, the building collapsed.

In the process, two water hawkers and two other rescue workers were wounded and were subsequently rushed to an undisclosed hospital.

The firefighters were said to have stayed at the scene from about 9.30pm till 3am in the morning.

As at press time, flames were still visible at the collapsed building.

A resident of the area, Chief Abu Elemoro-Martins, lauded the efforts of the

fighters and confirmed that three persons were injured in the incident.

He said the residents cooperated and ensured that some properties of the occupants were moved to a safer place.

Another resident, Mrs. Kudirat Folami, said two persons were killed adding that she saw the body of one of the dead being brought out of the debris.

A trader, Alhaji Moriam Obilana, also claimed two persons were killed in the incident and added that some victims might still be trapped in the collapsed

building.

A water hawker, Mr. Yakubu Umoru, confirmed that two of his colleagues were wounded in the incident and had been taken to the hospital.

Collapsed buildings in Lagos have claimed over 62 lives between 2006 and 2007.

The first was recorded on January 1, 2006 when a three-storey building collapsed on Mosofe Road at Amukoko area of the state.

Three months later, the 18-storey Bank of Industry building on Broad Street, partially collapsed.

Development: Ekiti medical demand FG's intervention

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THE Ekiti Medical Students Union has urged President Umaru Yar'Adua to establish a Federal Medical Centre each

in Ekiti Central and Ekiti South senatorial districts to meet the health needs of the people.

This disclosure was contained in a statement made available to our

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