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Another building collapses in Lagos

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A 68 year old man, Mr. Adisa Olowo, escaped unhurt after a two-storey building at the Isopakodowo market, Oshodi in Lagos collapsed on Monday morning.

Adisa who identified himself as Head of Labour of the Provida Investment and Architech Design Consultants and Builders, (a private developer), said the incident occurred around 8.00am when they just started the day's work. The building at the shopping complex was still under-construction. According to him, they had a crash and suddenly the building caved in and collapsed. About 10 people were said to have been working at the site when it collapsed. The building also crashed onto another building in the shopping complex, which however was not greatly damaged.



Rubble from a building at the Isopako shopping complex, Oshodi in Lagos, which collapsed on Monday

One person was confirmed dead while two people were said to have remained trapped at about 2.00pm when our correspondent left the scene. About four rescued people were said to have sustained serious injuries and were being treated at a hospital.

A combined team of police officers, fire-fighters, emergency management agencies and other sympathisers and volunteers worked hard to rescue the remaining two victims trapped under the rubble.

Most of the people that spoke to our correspondent appealed to developers to use standard materials and adhere strictly to building regulations to avoid a recurrence. They also appealed to the government to effectively monitor building constructions to ensure that they comply to building regulations and specifications.

Comments :

nigerians and our reactionary behaviour. we are never proactive...hear everyone yarning balls..the contractor used fake and substandard stuffs is the song..this same contractor erected all those other marts and no one has seen him as an amateur or not well schooled until this incidence. many things cause collapse of buildings..and i expect people to be open when they talk. people died, and i pray God blesses their souls, but if we need to move on, a body should investigate collapses so we know t

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