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Five trapped, one killed in Lagos building collapse

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Rescue workers and sympathisers at the site of a building project that collapsed at Oniru Estate, Victoria Island, Lagos...on Wednesday.

No fewer than five people were believed to be trapped while one person was confirmed dead on Wednesday morning, as a storey building collapsed in Lagos State.

The building located at Adenike Street, off New Market, Oniru Estate, Victoria Island was still under construction when it collapsed on the workers who were in the building at 10am; trapping some of them while others managed to escape.

Our correspondent gathered that two men were also injured in the incident and were rushed to a nearby hospital.

Witnesses could not explain the cause of the collapse, but some people said that substandard materials may have been used for the project.

Lagos State Police Command spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, said the police raced to the scene to help survivors.

"I can confirm that one person died and two others have been rescued and were receiving treatment. But as for the numbers of those that are trapped?"

I will not be able to give information on that for now. But there is a rescue operation going on at the site, as I am talking to you now," he said.

Comments :

- In Nigeria is no case of earthquake but housequake which occurs periodically. The government need to take keen look in the existing building around us and get a standard test for any house to be built because life is more precious than houses and raiment. a bid the bereaved a fortitude to bear the loss and may it not happen again

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