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## Abuja collapsed building: FG, NAICOM to prosecute developer

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Barrage of official threats, on Thursday, followed the Wednesday's collapse of a three-storey building at Ikolie Street, Garki II, Federal Capital Territory, in which the death toll as at last night rose to 19.

While 10 corpses were recovered from the site on Wednesday, rescue workers on Thursday pulled out another nine bodies out of the debris of the building, construction of which was said to have commenced about 10 years ago.

Our correspondents gathered last night that many bodies were still trapped under the rubbles of the building, the inappropriateness of which many government agencies and experts were said to have complained about before its collapse at about 10.00am on Wednesday.

The Federal Government, which spoke through the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Nduesse Essien, said it was becoming increasingly alarmed at the increasing incidents of collapsed buildings and threatened to commence prosecution of violators of the National Building Code.

"We are not going to allow this to continue. No country would grow with the kind of calamity we have witnessed in our building sector. The Federal Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban development has requested the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice to advice on the legal aspects of the National Building Code with a view to get developers found wanting in their operations prosecuted," the Minister said while reacting to the incident.

Also, the National Insurance Commission has said that it would investigate and prosecute the developer of the collapsed building.

The News Agency of Nigeria on Thursday quoted the commission's Director of Research and Statistics, Mr. Adamu Balanti, as saying at the site of the collapsed structure that NAICOM would ensure that appropriate sanction is taking against the developer.

"We intend in this case to go and find out if the owner of this building has insurance to cover this, if not, we will prosecute him," Balanti said.

Police Public Relations Officer in the FCT, Moshood Jimoh confirmed that nine dead bodies were recovered from the debris on Thursday and that the total number of casualties was now 19.

The over 400 occupants of the building were said to be illegal squalters already asked to vacate the building by the Department of Building Control in the FCT Ministry before the incident.

The FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed, who visited the site shortly after the incident on Wednesday, said

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the property first obtained building plan in December 31, 1996, but that the approval was never used.

Mohammed blamed the ministry's development control department for the incident and vowed to the Director, Yahaya Yusuf, responsible for negligence, which, he said, was responsible for increasing frequency of building collapse in the FCT.

Meanwhile, Yahaya told one of our correspondent that officials of his ministry were overstretched and that he has decided to to employ additional engineers for effective supervision of building contruction.