

Part of my life gone after my wife's death – Husband of PoS agent killed in Lagos building collapse

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File photo: Collapsed building

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When Mrs Adenike Fakrogha left her home on James Robertson Street, Surulere, Lagos, last Sunday, it was exchange of smiles between her and her family as she headed for her shop on Odo Street, in the Obalende area of the state.

The 45-year-old, who was a Point of Sale agent, had no idea she was bidding her husband, Peter Fakrogha, and their 10-year-old son, Emmanuel, a final farewell on earth. She was among eight persons who met their untimely end in a two-storey building under construction which collapsed in the neighbourhood.

Other victims included a developer identified simply as Adisa; his friend whose name has yet to be ascertained; his (Adisa's) elder brother, Muritala; a worker at a food stand close to the building, Aliya; and construction workers.

The workers were casting the third floor of the building when the pillars caved in around 4pm trapping many people. Ten persons escaped with injuries.

Saturday PUNCH learnt that Adenike was doing cash transfer for one of the supervisors in charge of the site when the structure collapsed.

“That was about 45 minutes after we spoke on the phone. While we were talking, she told me she wanted to quickly make a transaction and we ended the call” Peter disclosed grimly during an interview with our correspondent on Wednesday.

What followed was a call from a relation, breaking the sad news to him. Since then, life has not remained the same for the native of Delta State.

He said, “She didn't go to the building. Government had sealed the building many times. It was opposite her shop. She sent someone to collect money from one of the workers who wanted to do a transaction. The money was not complete and the man called her to collect the balance.

“She was good to people. She was honest. She was a good wife to me and I have lost part of me with her death. We have a 10-year-old son. We just broke the news to him today (Wednesday). She would be buried next week Thursday.”

During a visit to the scene on Wednesday, residents told our correspondent that the building project started early this year and had been marked ‘sealed’ more than twice by the state government.

The General Manager, Lagos State Building Control Agency, Mrs Biola Kosegbe, said he had forwarded our correspondent’s enquiry on the building project to the public relations officer of the agency for comments.

“The PRO will get back to you,” she said. But the spokesperson had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.

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