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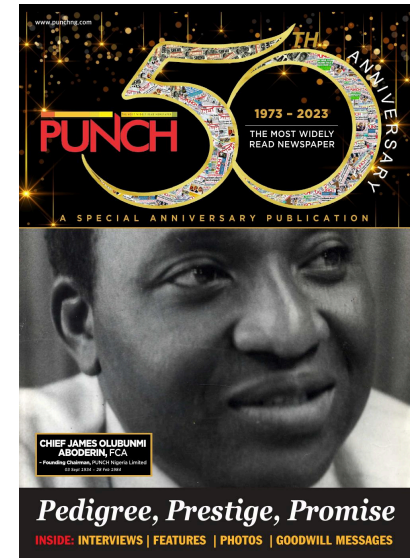
Minor killed, others injured as excavator hits Lagos mosque

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The Lagos State Government, on Sunday, said the mosque that collapsed and killed an 11-year-old girl in the Papa Ajao area of the state was hit by an excavator clearing the road in the area.

The Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Gbenga Omotoso, who confirmed the development in a post on X.com, said 10 people were believed to have been trapped when the building caved in following the collision.

He, however, noted that a corpse had been retrieved from the rubble of the collapsed mosque, adding that the rescued victims received pre-hospital care and one of them with severe injuries was transferred to the hospital for treatment.

Omotoso's post read in part, "Building collapse at Papa Ajao. A storey building has collapsed on Yusuf Street, Papa Ajao, Lagos. An excavator clearing a road hit a storey building, a mosque, which collapsed.



“Four injured persons were rushed to hospital; 10 people were believed to have been trapped in the rubble. Rescuers are on the site. One body was retrieved; the others received pre-hospital care. One with serious injuries was transferred to hospital. All Lagos State emergency agencies are at the scene.”

Meanwhile, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, in his reaction to the tragedy, said the corpse recovered at the scene was that of an 11-year-old girl, adding that a rescue operation was going on.

He said, “The rescue operation is ongoing but as I speak with you, the corpse of an 11-year-old girl has been recovered. The operation is still ongoing.”

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