35-year-old woman killed in Kano building collapse

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Tragedy struck in the Makwarari quarters in Kano metropolis on Friday when a one-storey building collapsed, killing a 35-year-old woman, Balarabe Tijjani and injuring her two children.

It was gathered that the building collapsed following a downpour in the area which lasted for many hours from Thursday night through Friday morning.

According to a resident, the mother and her two children, Abdulnasir and Abdallah, aged 11 and 13, were rescued alive and rushed to Murtala Muhammed Specialist Hospital but the mother succumbed to her injuries.

"After rescuing the victims from the debris, they were transported to Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital. Unfortunately, Tijjani succumbed to her injuries, while the children are currently receiving treatment," the resident said.

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Confirming the incident in a statement on Saturday, the Public Relations Officer of the State Fire Service, Saminu Abdullahi, said the one-storey building collapsed at about 9:30am on Friday.

"Therefore, the building crushed three people, mother, Balaraba Abba of about 35 years old and two children, Abdulnasir Jilani of about 12 years old and Abdullahi Jilani of about 9 years old.

"With the effort of the people around the area all victims were rescued alive and taken to Murtala Muhammad hospital on the arrival of the brigade," Abdullahi said.