

Two killed, others trapped in Lagos collapsed building

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A three-storey building under construction at Oriwu Street in the Lekki Phase 1 area of Lagos State has collapsed, killing two adult males in the process.

PUNCH Metro learnt that six people were injured and several others are currently trapped under the rubble.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Authority in a statement by its Permanent Secretary, Damilola Oke-Osanyitolu, on Wednesday, said the incident happened at about 4 pm.

According to him, the injured persons were administered immediate medical care.

The statement partly read, “Following distress calls received via the CRM on the 767/112 Emergency Toll-Free Lines at 1425hrs today, the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency activated the state’s Emergency Response Plans and Response Team from its Lekki and Cappa bases.

“Upon arrival at 1448hrs at the incident scene, LASEMA’s Shark and Eagle Response Teams discovered that a three-storey building under construction had collapsed at the aforementioned location. So far, two adult males have been extricated from the rubble of the collapsed building. Six seriously injured adult males were rescued and were administered immediate medical care by the LRU Pre-Hospital Care Unit, before being transported to Marina General Hospital for further treatment.”

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Oke-Osanyintolu, however, added that the cause of the collapse had yet to be ascertained, adding that further investigations would be conducted.

The LASEMA boss further said search and rescue operations were still ongoing.

“The LRT is coordinating other common stakeholders for effective response at the incident scene. The agency’s heavy-duty equipment (excavator) was deployed to the incident scene and is still in operation. Its light and heavy-

duty equipment were deployed for the search and rescue operation,” the statement added.

Meanwhile, the state police command’s spokesperson, Benjamin Hundeyin, had earlier disclosed in a statement that 14 persons were rescued from the rubble.

He wrote, “Operatives of the Lagos State Police Command have been mobilized to the scene of the collapse of a building under construction at Oriwu Street, Lekki Phase 1 which occurred at about 1600hrs today.

“A total of 14 persons have so far been rescued and taken to the Lagos Island General Hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, operatives of the Command remain on the ground to provide security for the ongoing rescue operation.”