

Lagos intensifies probe as building collapse deaths hit seven

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The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency on Monday confirmed the recovery of two dead bodies under the debris of the collapsed three-storey building at Oremeta Street in the Ojodu-Berger area of the state, bringing the total number of bodies recovered to seven.

This is as the Lagos Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Gbenga Omotoso, promised that the owner of the building would face the law.

The Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Gbenga Omotoso, said, “There is a procedure if there is any building collapse. The state government will find out how it happened. Naturally, the law will take its course — the owner of the building will face the law,” he said.

PUNCH Metro recalls that the building, which housed the popular Equal Right Restaurant and Bar, collapsed around 9 a.m. on Saturday, trapping workers, customers, and a family of three.

Residents of the area had disclosed that the building has been abandoned for more than a decade before the recent resumption of construction works at the top floor.

Emergency responders had since been conducting a search and rescue operation at the scene of the incident.

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Giving an update on the incident on Monday, the LASEMA spokesperson, Nosa Okunbor, disclosed that two more bodies were recovered on Monday, bringing the death toll to seven and 13 people with injuries.

He added that the search for bodies under the rubble has ended.

He stated, “As at the time of writing this report, Monday, April 21, 2025, at 13:14hrs, the total number of victims is 20. The number of victims rescued alive is 13, comprising four adult females and nine adult males.

“The number of recovered dead commodities is 7, comprising five adult females and two adult males.”

Okunbor noted that the search and rescue operation was still ongoing.

“Outer and inner cordons are still maintained to ensure safe operation. LASEMA Response Teams are coordinating with full participation in the search and rescue operation,” he concluded.