


One killed, two injured as wall collapses at Abuja excavation site

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The Federal Capital Territory Emergency Management Department says the collapsed foundation of a building in the Garki Area of Abuja killed one person and left two others injured.

In a statement by the Department's Head of Public Affairs, Nkechi Isa, on Tuesday, the FEMD said the incident occurred at about 5:50 pm on Monday, claiming the life of a 25-year-old man, who was a labourer on the site.

According to the statement, the Head of the FEMD Search and Rescue Team, Mr Monday Adie, explained that the foundation wall collapsed as the labourers were excavating about seven feet of the underground of the building.

"The FCT Emergency Management Department has commiserated with the family of the victim of a building foundation collapse at an excavation site within the Radio House, Area 8 Garki.

“The incident which occurred at about 5.50pm yesterday (Monday), claimed the life of a 25-year-old man who was one of the labourers at the site.

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“According to the head of the FEMD Search and Rescue Team, Mr Monday Adie, the foundation wall collapsed as the labourers were excavating about seven feet of the underground of the building,” the statement partly read.

Adie said two people were trapped in the rubble of the collapsed wall, while one was rescued, and the other person was fatally injured.

He confirmed that the Federal Fire Service received a distress call of the incident at about 5.50pm and promptly mobilised to rescue the trapped persons.

Reacting to the incident, the acting Director General of FEMD, Abdulrahman Mohammed, called for strict adherence to safety regulations at construction sites to avoid a repetition of the unfortunate incident.

“He noted the importance of professionals in the building sector and appealed to developers to shun quacks. Abdulrahman urged residents to always use the 112 emergency toll-free number in the event of a disaster,” the statement concluded.