

Two-storey building collapses in Abuja, traps 10

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A Collapsed building used to illustrate the story

A two-storey building under construction in Abuja collapsed on Saturday trapping 10 persons with one seriously injured.

The News Agency of Nigerian (NAN), reports that the incident happened behind Dawaki Modern Market, in Galadima area of the Federal Capital Territory.

The incident occurred at about 10:40 a.m. and the building suffered a total collapse, leaving some its occupants, who were workers at the site, injured.

Officials of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), FCT Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Fire Service and the Nigerian Police Force responded to the distress call and rescued the workers.

The person who was seriously wounded was among three persons immediately taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Idris Abbas, Director-General, FEMA, said emergency response was swiftly activated immediately the agency got the distress call.

He added that based on the report the agency received the building was a bungalow but the developer was trying to upgrade it to a two-storey building.

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l as 3- “Ten persons were trapped, three were rescued and were taken to the hospital while others are
building okay,” he said.
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He also advised builders to desist from contravening the building plan as approved by the
control department of the FCT.

dokun, Director, Search and Rescue, NEMA, said the agency was on ground immediately it received the
to coordinate all agencies at the site of the building collapse.

at the agency would ensure that all necessary clearance operation was concluded to ascertain that no victim
ged in the rubble.

dima, Director, Department of Development Control, added that his organisation had given the developer a
otice when it noticed a modification of the building.

1 of this month, when our officers were moving round and monitoring developments, they noticed the
of the building from a bungalow to a two-storey building and he was issued a stop work notice.

r, took advantage of the weekend and resumed work and this incident happened, and due process as well as
process was not followed,” he said.

llahi, one of the survivors said he was working on the first floor of the building when he noticed the building
id he regained consciousness when he noticed he was being rushed to the hospital.

, appreciated God for sparing his life.

that the nine-hour clearing operation ended at about 7:15p.m (NAN)