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Collapsed building kills pregnant woman in Enugu

From **PETRUS OBI, Enugu**

A pregnant woman was killed and many others injured when a four bedroom bungalow collapsed in Enugu on Sunday night.

The incident was said to have occurred at about 10p.m shortly after the victims had gone to bed.

It was gathered that the building located at Ologo, New Site in Enugu North Local Government was affected when parts of a nearby hill collapsed on it, pulling down some parts of the house in the process.

An eye witness account revealed that the late pregnant woman identified as Chinasa Chukwuka was buried inside the house by rubbles from the hill.

He said all efforts to bring out the woman alive proved abortive, adding that her husband, Emeka Chukwuka, became unconscious after sympathisers managed to pull him out.

Narrating how the incident happened, the owner of the collapsed building,

Mr Joseph Nwoye from Ebonyi State said he had discussed with Mr. Chukwuka before the incident occurred.

He stated that he had told the tenants including the husband of the deceased to find another accommodation last week when some stones from the hill destroyed parts of the house after a heavy rainfall. He alleged that the late pregnant woman had prior to the sad incident rejected the alternative ac-

commodation he got for them on the grounds that she did not like it.

Mr. Nwoye, who wept profusely, stated that the building collapsed few minutes after he had discussions with the husband of the late woman on the accommodation issue.

"After discussing with the husband in the night, I went inside to sleep and shortly after that, I heard a loud noise and we came out to discover that the house had collapsed. The

pregnant woman died on the spot.

"My son fainted after the incident. It was raining heavily when it happened. After we heard a loud noise, we ran out and pulled out Mr Emeka Chukwuka alive. I bought the land in 2010. The second tenant, Cyril Jaja, sustained injury. I have asked them to find another place before," he said.

Meanwhile, the remains of the woman had been deposited in the mortuary.

Catholic priest arrested in Enugu over crisis in Parish

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An alleged face-off between the Awgu Catholic Bishop, Rt. Rev. John Okoye and Rev. Fr. James Ani of the St. Theresa's Parish, Mmaku has led to the arrest and detention of the priest at the Enugu State Police headquarters.

A source close to the detained priest told Daily Sun that the priest was arrested due to lingering dispute with the bishop over the

control of Mmaku Catholic parish.

But the Enugu State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ebere Ama-raizu, who confirmed the arrest, said the priest was arrested for allegedly using his boys to fight policemen, who were sent to his parish to ask questions on the ongoing rift between the spiritual leaders.

He said: "He does not have respect for constituted authority that's why we arrested him and we are going to charge him to court

to act as a deterrent to others."

Our investigations revealed that there had been a running battle over who is in charge of St. Theresa's parish Mmaku, which is the home church of Rev. Fr. Ani. Rev. Fr. Ani, who was at Inyi Parish before he allegedly had issues with the bishop reportedly came to his hometown Mmaku and took over affairs at the St. Theresa's Church, a move which the bishop would not accept and asked him to leave.