

Collapsed church kills nine-year-old boy

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A church built of wood has reportedly collapsed and killed a nine-year old boy identified as Samuel Atere at Iyowa community in Ovia North East Local Government Area of Edo State,

The elder sister of the deceased whose identity was not yet confirmed at the time of filling this report was also said to have been injured in the incident. Samuel reportedly died before help could reach him.

According to sources, the church suddenly collapsed last Friday while the deceased and her sister were carrying out some menial works.

The deceased's father, Ojo Atere, who spoke with tears, said he had accepted the incident as an act of God, adding "God knows why, it is nobody's fault."

Commenting on the incident, Youth chairman of the community, Etinosa Ighodaro, blamed the incident on poor construction of the church and wondered what would have befallen members if the incident had happened during Sunday service.

Pastor of the church could not be reached for comment, even as the incident has been reported to the police.

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