

2 1 die, 3 injured as two-storey building collapses in Anambra

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A two-storey building nearing its completion, Tuesday collapsed in Agba village, Ekwulobia in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State, killing one person and injuring three other workers.

The incidence occurred around 2:28pm. This occurred barely one week after a similar incident occurred in Oko and Amaokpala communities in Orumba North Local Government Area of the state.

According to eyewitnesses, the building in Ekwulobia collapsed while four persons were working inside. They alleged that the construction work was hurriedly carried out within three weeks.

When Daily Sun visited the scene, men of the Nigeria Police Force and other paramilitary agencies were on ground, trying to rescue those trapped inside while a excavator was clearing the rubble.

A resident, who simply identified himself John, alleged that the collapsed building was hurriedly constructed within three weeks.

"Four persons were working in the building. While three were upstairs, one was on the ground floor. The later died but the former survived with injuries.

"That building was rushed. It was roofed within three weeks. So, that could be the cause of the collapse," he said.

Although, the immediate cause of the collapse could not ascertained, a police officer, who pleaded anonymity, said it might not be far from the usage of substandard building materials.

Meanwhile, the name of the contractor handling the project could not be ascertained as at the time of filing this report.