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ONE person died yesterday morning, when two buildings collapsed in Ibadan, Oyo State. The incident occurred at

No. 19, Kobiowu Crescent, Iyanganku GRA area of the town.

Nine other persons working at the site also sustained varying degrees of injury and were rushed to Ibadan Central Hospital in Ososami, while the remains of the deceased were deposited at a mortu-

When Daily Sun visited the scene, yesterday, some workers sat around the area but denied they were among workers at the collapsed building site.

Mixed concrete, building equipment and other materials were sighted at the front of the compound. It was observed that six structures were under construction, but two have collapsed.

It was also gathered that the owner of the buildings

obtained a bank loan to execute the project.

When Daily Sun visited the hospital yesterday evening, it was gathered that nine persons were on admission. As at 5.30pm, one of the injured victims had been discharged while eight others were seen on the hospital beds, in pains with their bodies still covered with dust from the rubble of the collapsed building.

A friend of one of the victims, who declined to be named, said the inci-

dent occurred "at about 9.30am. The number of workers at the site were 10. So, we noticed that the building under construction was 'throwing stones.' As the blocks and cement were falling, my friend and his colleagues wanted to run away. But, before they could do that, the building collapsed on them.

"They cried for help. We rushed to the scene and rescued nine persons alive. But the 10th person died because he was under the rubble..."