

Death toll in Lagos building collapse rises to 5

TWO more dead bodies were recovered, yesterday, from the collapsed three-storey building at the Yaba area of Lagos State, raising the death toll to five.

While the first dead body was recovered yesterday morning, the second one, that of a student on industrial training was recovered later in the evening.

Zonal Coordinator, South-West of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Mr Ibrahim Farinloye, confirmed the development to newsmen in Lagos.

He said relatives of the IT student, simply identified as Damola, told the emergency

rescue team that their son reported to duty the day the building collapsed and was yet to be found.

Farinloye said that the mother of Damola fainted when one of his relatives identified the body to be his.

He said that out of the two survivors of the collapsed building, only one of

them was actually trapped, while the second person, a teenager, escaped by sheer luck after he complained of hunger. He said that the building collapsed a few minutes after the teenager left the structure to go and buy food.

The NEMA Zonal Coordinator added that resi-

dents of the area mobilised resources to rescue the only survivor from the rubble. He said that the operation had been concluded, adding that rescue and recovery operation was carried out by NEMA, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, the fire service and the police.