

Three feared dead in Delta stadium collapse

● No life was lost –Government

From Paul Osuyi,
Asaba

THREE persons were feared dead yesterday as the multi-purpose sports hall at the Stephen Keshi Stadium in Asaba, Delta State, col-

lapsed.

The two-storey building is under construction in preparation for the 21st National Sports Festival (NSF) to be hosted by the state from November 28.

Among the casualties

were suspected workers at the site of the collapsed structure.

Although the cause of the collapse has not been ascertained, it would be recalled that an overhead water tank and score board had col-

lapsed separately in the past.

A team of journalists who stormed the site of the latest incident early enough were manhandled by boys on the orders of the chairman, Delta State Sports Commission, Tonobok Okowa, who doubles as co-chairman of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the festival tagged Asaba 2022.

However, the state government said nobody died in the incident, but that one person sustained minor injury and has since been treated.

Commissioner for Information in the state, Mr. Charles Aniagwu in a live video at the venue, said the incident was caused by misalignment of the crane by its operator which led to the heavy duty equipment crashing on the wall in one of the floors.

Aniagwu debunked insinuations in some quarters that the collapse was as a result of substandard materials, adding that other workers have since returned to site.

CCL: Gusau hails Rivers United for reaching Group Stage

● Encourages Eagles B, Bayelsa Queens to learn from defeats

PRESIDENT of Nigeria Football Federation, Alhaji Ibrahim Musa Gusau has reacted to a number of matches by Nigeria's representative teams across the world on Wednesday, praising Rivers United FC for standing strong to emerge as the only Nigeria team left in continental club competitions after a midweek of action across Africa.

The Pride of Rivers dug their feet into the turf of the Benina Martys Stadium in

Benghazi, Libya to earn a 1-1 draw with Al Naser FC, and qualified for the CAF Confederation Cup group stage on 6-1 aggregate.

Their feat came hours after fellow Nigeria flag bearers Plateau United imploded in a rather poor final four minutes to lose 0-3 to Al Akhdar FC on the same turf, wiping out their three-goal advantage from the first leg.

"On behalf of the NFF Board and the generality of Nigeria Football stakehold-

ers, I congratulate Rivers United on their credible outing and I wish them success in the group stage. They did well to sustain the Nigeria flag in the competition.

"On their part, Bayelsa Queens also gave their best in the semi finals of the CAF Women Champions League in Morocco against home team, ASFAR FC. I was hoping they would reach the Final so that we would go and support them but they were not disgraced all the same.

Edewor launches Orbital betting, gaming company

MOHAMMED Edewor, a renowned football administrator and former Chairman of defunct Concord Football Club of Abeokuta

customers find it difficult to find a platform to meet their desires. Orbital betting and gaming company is here to provide the platform and so-

antees secure transaction and payment to customers as they use its platforms."

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