

A'lbom residents protest as house under construction collapses, killing one

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Angry residents of Urua Ekpa community in Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom state have started mobilization for a mass protest in connection with the death of one, Marvellous, a construction worker,

who was buried under the collapsed underground drainage system undertaken by Benest Engineering Limited, at the weekend.

It was gathered that human error, coupled with poor rescue operation, caused the accident, with the community youths said to have deployed manual efforts with shovels, as the com-

pany could not immediately bring an excavator.

Speaking to New Telegraph, a resident of the area, Mfon Udo, who said he personally assisted in the rescue operation, lamented that, "the victim could have been rescued alive, but for lack of earth-moving equipment like excavator, which forced us to join in digging the spot for over four hours to get at his remains, heavily pressed down in the rubble".

He explained further that "the structure collapsed under the weight and vibration of a motorized equipment that was packing and ferrying the chipping stones closer to the underground, where the victim, a mason man, was trapped, while trying to pour the cement and concrete mixture in the construction of the underground water tunnel".

Checks by our Correspondent yesterday revealed that the contractor has abandoned the job, following threats by angry community youths to embark on massive protest over the sad incident.



Adedeji Odeola; Deputy Governor, Ogun State, Mrs. Naimot Salako-Oyedele; Governor, Ogun State, Mr. Ayo Fayemi; Executive Director, Ogun State Planning Committee 2022 Ilaro-Oronna Festival, Chief Lekan Asuni; Chief of Protocol, Ogun State, Mr. Gabriel; Beneficiary, Ilaro-Oronna Festival Scholarship, Adewale Oluwapelumi, Beneficiary, Ilaro-Oronna Festival Scholarship, Okewole Oluwalanlao; Beneficiary, Ilaro-Oronna Festival Scholarship, Khalida (second row), during the 2022 Ilaro-Oronna Festival in Ogun State.