

Construction worker dies as building collapses in Abuja



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A construction worker who was rescued from a building collapse in Abuja on Saturday, November 25, is dead.

The deceased was part of the labourers casting the first floor of a building when the entire cast fell on him.

According to a statement issued by the head of public affairs, [FEMA](#), Nkechi Isa, the incident occurred at a construction site located in the Central Business District, beside Taj Bank, around 3:30 pm.

Isa said: “The victim was rescued and taken to the Trauma Centre of the National Hospital, Abuja, for treatment is dead.

“The Search and Rescue team of the FCT Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reports that the incident occurred at about 3.30 pm.

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“The report stated that FEMA was alerted around 4 pm after the construction workers unsuccessfully tried to rescue their trapped colleague to no avail.

“The team from FEMA and the FCT Fire service were able to rescue the trapped man with the aid of extrication equipment and the construction company’s excavator.

“In a reaction, the acting director general of FEMA, Mohammed Ibrahim Sabo, who was personally at the scene of the incident and rescue efforts, appealed to developers to always adhere to the building codes.

“The Ag DG also urged construction companies and developers to shun the use of substandard materials or cut corners during construction. They should prioritise the safety of their workers during construction and that of the ultimate consumers who are the future occupants of the building.”