

7 scavengers found dead at demolished building site in FCT -FEMD

The FCT Emergency Management Department (FEMD) said it recovered seven dead bodies of iron scavengers who invaded the site of a demolished building in Sabon Lugebe, a suburb of Abuja.

Director of the department, Mr. Abdulrahman Mohammed, who disclosed this to News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), at the site yesterday added that two other victims were receiving medical attention at the Federal Medical Centre.

According to him, the activities of over 500 iron scavengers who invaded the demolished building, pulling down and carting away iron rods, triggered the remains of demolished slab to fall on them.

Mohammed, who said rescue operation had been completed at the site, debunked reports in some sections of the media that a multi-storey building collapsed in the suburb on Saturday with more than 40 persons trapped under the rubble.

He said the building was among the illegally erected uncompleted structures, demolished by the FCT Department of Development Control on Thursday.

"The scavengers invaded the site in a bid to get iron rods when the remaining part of the demolished structure caved in.

"Nobody is living in the building as claimed by reports.

"We were here last night and we are here today again. The Chairman of Miyetti Allah in the Abuja municipal was here with us and he confirmed that they lost five of their members in the incidence.

"As you can see, nobody is fighting here as claimed by some people," he said

Mohammed expressed his disappointment at the activities of the scavengers, who were still ravaging other demolished building in spite of the tragic incidence

A Police Officer at the site, told

NAN that the scavengers invaded the site after the Development Control Dept. had completed the demolition exercise.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity said the media report on collapsed multi-storey building trapping over 40 people was fake.

Gunmen kidnap FRSC official in Enugu, demand N50m ransom

Gunmen have abducted one Mr Emeason Chima, an official of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), in Enugu State.

Mr Chima was kidnapped near Maduka University in Ekwegbe, while driving alone in his car.

The kidnappers are reportedly demanding N50 million as ransom for his release, as confirmed by a senior FRSC official who requested anonymity

According to an internal memo from Emmanuel Al-Hassan, the commander of the

Ugbokolo unit, the abduction occurred after Maduka University on the Nsukka-Enugu Road.

The kidnappers contacted the unit commander using Chima's phone to relay their ransom demand.

The memo states: "The Command is in receipt of information about the kidnap of SRMA Emeason Chima. He was driving a Toyota saloon car alone when he was attacked."

Authorities are continuing to gather information and will provide updates as the situation develops.

...abduct Anglican priest Anambra

The Archdeacon of Oyi Central Archdeaconry Anglican Communion, and Vicar of St. James' Parish, Awkuzu, Ven. David Arinze Ajaefobi, has been kidnapped by gunmen.

Reports said the abduction occurred around 9:00 pm on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the entrance gate of St. James' Parish, Awkuzu, in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The church is yet to issue

any statement on the abduction of the priest.

As at press time yesterday, no contact has been established with the church or relatives of the victim.

When contacted for comment, Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, said the police had not received any report of the incident.

Meanwhile, the church has begun prayer sessions for the safe release of the victim.

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