

10 Rescued, Several Trapped in Collapsed Building

No fewer than 10 people have so far been rescued by the Lagos state Ambulance Service while several are still trapped inside a four-storey building which collapsed yesterday at No 70, Ibadan street, Ebutte Metta, Lagos.

Eye witness account confirmed last night that the building which has over 30 rooms with a pent house completed August

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2003, went down yesterday evening when occupants of the building were still returning from their places of work.

The account disclosed that while the LASAMBUS officials were rescuing many alive from the rubbles, they have already called for help from Julius Berger,

Strabag and other agencies to assist with their equipment.

It indeed agonizing hearing the wailing's of several people still trapped in the rubble, seeking assistance, but without much being done being done by LASAMBUS who did not have the special rescue equipments needed for the rescue operations.

Lagos state House of Assembly member representing Mainland 1 Mr. Adekunle Ademoye who was at the scene of the ugly incident, told THISDAY last night that he was alerted at about 7.30 last night when the building went down.

Hon Ademoye disclosed that the state government will do everything possible to rescue those still trapped while those so far rescued alive will be given adequate medical attention.

He called for assistance from well-spirited Nigerians and companies to assist the LASMBUS rescue those still trapped.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner for Physical Planning, Mr. Francis Enaji, has warned that developers should always obtain building laws before embarking on erecting any structure.

ks Judges on Judicial Oath

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described as a very busy court, was an intermediate court between the High Court and the Supreme Court and so much attention is always given to proceedings of the court.

He said judges should always keep to the oath of office, "because if you keep to that oath you will not go astray."

Two justices that were sworn-in in a ceremony that lasted only six minutes are: Justice Uwa Chidiebere Nwaoma of the Abia High Court and Justice Ignatius Igwe Agube of the Cross River State judiciary.

The two celebrants came to the venue of the occasion with their family members, friends, and colleagues who shared the joy of attaining the feat of their career.

In another related event yesterday, Justice Belgore hinted that plans were underway to ensure lawyers now pay professional fees through designated bank and thereby reduce the stress encountered by them over the years.

He dropped the hint at the maiden seminar on "Legal Practice and economic prosperity" organized by the Nigeria Bar Association, and challenged the NBA would do everything to assist its members in improving on the standard of practice.