

3 Die Again as Building Collapses in Lagos

Barely a month after two buildings collapsed in quick succession, killing and inflicting injuries on victims, another bungalow yesterday collapsed at Ijaife/Ifako, a suburb of Lagos State.

Dr. Oke Osanyintolu, General Manager, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASE-

By Steve Dada

MA), who confirmed the incident at the site of the collapsed building said, three corpses were recovered from the debris.

He identified them to be a 19 year-old boy, a nine-year old boy and a two-year old baby. He added

that two people, a woman and her daughter who sustained various degree of injuries were immediately given first aid treatment, before they were rushed to the Lagos State Teaching Hospital (LASUTH) for comprehensive treatment.

Osanyintolu said in the early hours of yesterday, LASEMA

received a distress call about an illegal structure that collapsed at Ifako/Ijaife and immediately mobilised members of LASEMA to the area.

"This morning, we received a distress call that an illegal structure collapsed and we quickly moved there with all other stake-holders, coordinated by LASEMA, under the leadership of Dr. Osanyintolu," he said.

He also confirmed that the affected building was an illegal structure built on a dump site, meant for dumping refuse in the Ifako/Ijaife area.

He disclosed that immediately LASEMA team arrived at the site, a call was made to alert the chairman of the Local Government, Mr. Simon and the District Police Officer (DPO) of the area, Mr. Salawu Alabi, and the Lagos fire brigade for necessary rescue operations.

Akpabio Tasks Stakeholders on N/Delta Masterplan

Akwa Ibom State Governor, Barrister Godswill Akpabio has called on the Niger Delta states and other stakeholders to remit their statutory obligations to the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), describing the masterplan for the development of the region as a wonderful

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"There is no way, we will continue with kidnapping or militancy in the Niger Delta region that quality expatriates will come or stay in the region. The expatriates will run away, oil exploration and exploita-

tion will suffer.

"We cannot have good expatriates coming to develop roads in the Niger Delta, we must realise that since the federal government has shown real interest, it is time for us to focus on the massive transformation of the region," he said.