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One Dies, 2 Injured as Building Collapses

From Yinka Kolawole in Osogbo, 06.10.2009

At least one person was feared dead, while about 20 others were seriously injured yesterday, when an hotel, located at Ofatedo, Osogbo, under construction, collapsed while workers were working on the site.

The Hotel, Hilton Hotel, was directly opposite Yidi Praying ground, Ofatedo. According to THISDAY findings, it took the combined efforts of men of the state fire service, the state Emergency Management Agency and sympathisers more than 40 minutes before those trapped could be rescued from the debris.

One Mr Shola Oyedele who took part in the rescue operation, told THISDAY that the workers were working on the second phase of the hotel when they suddenly heard a loud bang.

He said, "workers on the site resumed work this morning, but around 11.00a.m. when we heard a loud bang, and by the time we came out, we discovered that the whole building under construction had collapsed.

"Myself and others tried to rescue those trapped, while we also reached out to men of the fire service and the state Emergency Management Agency," he said.

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