One Killed as Three-storey Building Collapses in Kano

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One person died while another was injured when a three-storey building collapsed in the popular Kantin Kwari Textiles Market in Kano State.

The incident, according to eyewitnesses, occurred yesterday around 12:30p.m. at Unity Road, an everbusy street in the market.

An eyewitness, Mr. Rabi'u Yahaya, said that the building, which was under construction, suddenly collapsed while traders and customers were busy trading.

"I was pushing my cart with some loads in it when I heard a thunderous sound with thick dust renting the air. I was a bit far from the place, but I saw when the building was collapsing," he said.

The eyewitnesses said they did not know the cause of the collapse, but the building was under construction.

They added that two floors in the building had been completed while the third floor was under construction.

The Spokesman of the Kano State Fire Service, Mr. Saminu Yusif Abdullahi, has confirmed the incident.

Abdullahi said that they received a distress call at about 12:40 p.m. that a three-storey building had collapsed at Unity Road in textiles market.

According to him, on receiving the information, the firefighters rushed to the scene at about 12:45p.m.

He added that two major victims of the incident made up of one dead person and a severely injured person were taken to Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital.

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