

Body Recovered at Site of Banana Island Collapsed Building

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One body was recovered last night from the rubble of the collapsed seven-storey building under construction at 1st Avenue, Banana Island, Ikoyi, Lagos on Wednesday, this week.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Gbenga Omotoso, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) workers' search and recovery efforts unearthed the remains of the adult male hitherto unaccounted for by site supervisors.

The excavation of the site, using the architectural designs, continues,

the statement said, adding that "The site has been divided into quadrants for a painstaking search and rescue operation. Quadrants 2 and 3 have been levelled to ground zero, with the search operation completed. Quadrant 4 is ongoing.

"Twenty-five people were rescued from the site when the building went down on Wednesday. They are all doing fine.

"When a roll call was done by the site supervisors, everyone was accounted for. Nobody could ascertain whether the victim whose body was found this morning was on the site - as of the time the roll call was taken."

Omotoso, had in a statement on Thursday, said the Lagos State

Government ordered the stoppage of all building projects in the area until a comprehensive audit was done by the Lagos State Building Control Agency.

"The Lagos State Government has launched a probe into the collapse of a seven-storey building under construction on Banana Island, Ikoyi, following a directive by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu," the statement said.

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