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Five persons feared dead in Ogun

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About five persons were feared dead on Saturday afternoon in Abeokuta after a two-storey building collapsed in Asero leaving several others injured.

Sunday Tribune learnt that the incident happened around 12.35pm ,while three siblings who were working at the site escaped death by the whiskers.

Sunday Tribune gathered that the foundation of the two-storey building , which was laid only two months ago, suddenly collapsed leading to the death of five people .

Artisans working at the site scampered for safety despite sustaining severe injuries. It took the efforts of the officials of the Ogun State Ministry of Environment, led by its Commissioner, Dr. Olukoya Adeleke- Adedoyin , the Red Cross, and State Emergency Service, to render assistance to the victims.

A crane was hired to excavate the debris in a bid to remove the dead ones. Victims of the collapsed building , which included a mother of four and some artisans, were taken to the State General Hospital, Ijaiye, for attention.

Dr. Adedoyin ,described the incident as unfortunate. According to him, "This is evident from what we have seen so far and it is very sad. We must discourage our people from using sub-standard materials in building houses."

He promised that investigation would be conducted and that appropriate measure would be taken to forestall future occurrence.