

One killed as three-storey building collapses in Abuja

ABUJA—ONE person was killed yesterday as an uncompleted three-storey building collapsed in Jabi in Utako District of Abuja.

The dead man, who was identified as Garba Mangu from Plateau, was said to be a security guard. An eyewitness said six other occupants of the building said to be squatters, were rescued and taken to hospital.

FCT Minister Modibbo Umar arrived at the scene of the incident as the dead man was being brought out of the debris.

The Minister, who said the incident happened after midnight, said he was notified by a surveillance team patrolling the area.

Umar said the owner of the building had received a "stop work" notice from the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA), but refused to comply with it. "This is a very serious situation and if this is found to be true, you can be rest assured that the culprits will not only be persecuted but would have their land title revoked," he said.

Dr. Ade Abolurin, Commandant-General of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, who was also at the scene, said investigation would be carried out to ascertain the cause.

"We suspect the cause, but we won't draw any conclusions