

# Tragedy: 15 dead in collapsed building

*....Three other buildings razed in Lagos*

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that claimed lives, render many homeless and properties destroyed seem to be the order of the day on Lagos Island.

From the building that collapsed on Wednesday at 10, Okepopo Street, at least 15 persons were said to have died while others were still trapped under the rubble. Six bodies were removed on Wednesday while nine others were recovered by Julius Berg-er workers yesterday.

However, a day-old baby has been removed from the rubbles, but the baby's mother, Bosede Oyebaiyi, a 32-year old tailor and 14 others were

not as lucky.

The lucky baby boy was born at 5 am and the mother discharged some six hours later and was in the building with those who had come to congratulate her when it fell at about 5.30 p.m.

Similarly, at about 10.30 pm on Wednesday, about six buildings on 30, Binuyo Street, Lagos Island, were gutted by fire, rendering 30 families homeless and property worth millions of naira destroyed.

The houses were allegedly razed down by fire ignited by a candle light kept close to a

generator.

The generator was said to have exploded and caught fire which spread to the buildings that were razed down.

The houses burnt were numbers 9, 11, 16, 17 and 11A on Binuyo Street. Some of the affected houses were the Olu Asagbe of Ilu Ede and Ilu Ijebu family houses.

Another fire incident occurred at No. 110, Iga Idug-anran Street yesterday. The fire gutted a 3-storey building. All the rooms on the first floor were destroyed.

According to some of the residents, the fire was caused by black out in the area and

when PHCN eventually restored power, there was fire. It was gathered that the fire started at about 11 p.m.

Indeed, it was a hot night for residents of Isale Eko as another building located at Isale Eko (California) was burnt.

It was gathered that the fire was caused by a candle forgotten by one of the residents after a blackout in the area.

Some of the affected residents were seen sitting by the roadsides, lamenting their loss.

Meanwhile, the Lagos State Government has ordered the immediate take over of the collapsed building including two others on the same street.