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NO fewer than five persons were feared dead and several others injured yesterday when a two-storey building collapsed in Asero area of Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital. The incident which occurred at about noon left three siblings, including a set of twins, who were bricklayers working at a petrol station which was under construction injured.

An eye-witness told Sunday Vanguard that workers, who included bricklayers, carpenters, iron benders and other artisans, were on site when suddenly the building which had its foundation laid about two months ago, suddenly collapsed. Three persons were trapped in the debris.

For several hours yesterday, officials of the state ministry of the environment led by its commissioner, Dr. Adeleke Adedoyin, men of the Red Cross, State Emergency Service and Civil Defence Corps battled to rescue the trapped people and offer treatment to the injured.

Attempts to rescue some of the victims who were trapped under the rubbles of the building proved difficult necessitating the hiring of a crane which was used to remove the dead ones. Those who were injured including a mother of four, two carpenters and other artisans were quickly rushed to the State Hospital, Ijaiye.

Adedoyin, who described the incident as very unfortunate, linked the collapsed building to poor materials used on site including poor proportion of sand, cement and block. "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 particularly in building like this."

The commissioner, who said he could not speak for the Bureau of Urban and Physical Planning, however, assured that investigation would be conducted into the incident and appropriate measures taken to forestall future re-occurrence.

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