

hours in the street rushed out, we saw the uncompleted building collapsing.

"It was a big surprise to all of us because we noticed that re-

cently work on the building was going on at a very high speed.

"It is just a pity for such a huge financial loss. But thank God that no one was working in the build-

ing today (yesterday) and no one was injured in the incident."

At press time, the cause of the collapse had yet to be ascertained.

Woman docked for killing 7-month-old daughter

MAKURDI — A WOMAN, Terdoo Aleva, was, yesterday, arraigned before a Makurdi Chief Magistrate Court in Benue State for allegedly killing her seven-month-old daughter.

The 42-year-old housewife was charged with culpable homicide punishable by death under Section 222 of the Penal Code.

Police prosecuting officer, In-

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the state capital.

Ogodo gave the names of the suspects to include Amen John (21) from Benue State; Aboi

spector Hyacinth Gbakor, told the court that the woman's husband, Terhemen Aleva of Ako-Yawe Street, Gboko in Gboko Local Government Area of the state, reported the matter on August 19, at the Gboko Police Station.

He said the complainant had accused his wife of feeding the deceased with a liquid substance locally called *novan* or *otapiapia*, which he claimed she bought at N20.

According to the prosecution, the baby died instantly and the the woman had in the course of

investigation confessed to the crime.

The prosecutor also told the court that the accused had also confessed to the police that she terminated the baby's life because she wanted to return to her former husband with whom she had three children.

The plea of the woman was not taken but the Chief Magistrate, Cecilia Bakare, ordered that she be remanded in Makurdi Prisons and adjourned the case till September 27.

