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3 feared dead in Edo as another building collapses

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THREE persons were feared dead yesterday in Benin City, after a storey building belonging to Christ Chosen Church of God located at Usama street, Uzebu quarters in Benin City collapsed.

The Edo state Police Commissioner, Folunso Adebajo who was at the scene expressed shock over the incident, saying that the Command would investigate the cause of the incident.

As at the time of filling this report, a dead body was recovered from the debris but two persons were still trapped inside the building which served as offices and residential building to officials of the church.

Saturday Vanguard learnt that nine workers hired at N3000 per day were working in the building but three went out to eat before the building collapsed. Balogun explained that "I immediately called the governor to intimate him and he immediately directed one of the construction companies working around the area to send a crane which was being used to evacuate the site. Five persons were rescued alive but two were still feared trapped in the rubble".

The survivors were brought out with broken limbs. However, angry residents set a bus belonging to the church ablaze and destroyed the main church auditorium. They blamed the church for using manual labour to demolish the building when the church officials could have hired an excavator.

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