

20 dead as 2-storey building collapses in Kano Varsity

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KANO—It was wailing and tears, yesterday, at the Kano University of Technology, Wudil, when a two-storey building under construction collapsed, claiming no fewer than 20 lives.



However, in a swift reaction, the institution's Vice Chancellor, Professor Shehu Musa, denied that anybody died, saying five people were injured.

Vanguard learned that the collapsed building was one of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, TETFUND-sponsored intervention project that was been handled by a local contractor.

An eyewitness told *Vanguard* that the incident occurred midday, when workers were on site. The eyewitness added that many labourers were trapped and that "there were fears that the figures may rise, following challenges confronting rescue team; there are fears that over 20 people are trapped or feared dead."

The eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, disclosed that an "unspecified number of people are trapped. There are no multi-purpose excavator to speed up the rescue efforts."