

Kano building collapse: **One dead, as NEMA rescues 8**

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KANO—One dead person has reportedly been recovered from the rubbles of the three-storey building that collapsed at the popular GSM market at Beirut Road in Kano State on Tuesday, while eight persons were rescued.

National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA's spokesperson, Manzo Ezekiel, in a statement yesterday, disclosed that the collapsed building was under reconstruction as additional floors were being added to the existing structure.

The statement said NEMA was alerted of the incident and immediately mobilised emergency responders to the site for rescue operations, adding that the agency's search and rescue team from Kano Territorial Office were also deployed to reinforce and coordinate the rescue.

The statement read: "So far, as at 9:10 pm, eight persons have been rescued and taken to Murtala Muhammed Specialist Hospital. Sadly, one of them was confirmed dead by doctors at the hospital, and six with minor injuries were treated and discharged.

"However, one of them that sustained major injuries with multiple fractures is still being treated at the hospital. Search and rescue operations are ongoing.

"The operations are being carried out jointly by search and rescue teams of NEMA; Kano State Emergency Management Agency; Fire Service, Police, military, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, state Road Transport Authority (KAROTA), Nigerian Red Cross Society, and others."