

# Building collapse claims 2 lives in Anambra

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**A**WKA—TWO persons were feared dead when a two-storey building under construction, collapsed at Oraifite in Ekwusigo Local Government Area of Anambra State, at the weekend.

One of the deceased was said to be still under the rubble, while one had been removed, as at yesterday.

The building was said to have

caved in while the workers were trying to dismantle the second floor, after a defect was noticed by the contractor and it was during the exercise that the two persons, identified as carpenters working at the site were killed.

The Council for the Registration of Engineers in Nigeria, COREN, said investigation into the collapse has begun.

The Anambra State chairman

of COREN, Mr. Victor Meju said members of the State Technical Committee of the Engineering Regulation and Monitoring Inspectorate in the state had visited the site.

Meju said: "The building, which is still under construction was commenced two years ago. The technical committee, in the course of its preliminary and visual site seeing, noted unprofessional practices which are against engineering codes

and standards in the country and beyond.

"Samples of concrete, rods, blocks and other aggregates from the site have been collected for proper laboratory test to ascertain their strengths.

"The State Technical Committee of the Engineering Regulation and Monitoring Inspectorate and the Anambra State Physical Planning Board have since sealed the site."

**At 100 ft high, the building was potentially great**