

# Nigeria School Collapse

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Yesterday, a four-storey building with a school on the top floor collapsed in Lagos Island, Nigeria. Nine children have died so far.

The school, which was set up illegally, was built from sub-standard materials. Over a hundred students were at school that day, and many are believed to still be trapped. Rescue workers are searching, after working through the night, and roughly forty children have been pulled out alive.

Large crowds are hindering operations as they attempt to search for loved ones. Lagos Island General Hospital is struggling to cope as the chaos spreads with families desperately searching for their children.

It's not unusual for buildings to collapse in Nigeria. In 2014, a hundred and sixteen people died when a six-storey building collapsed and in 2016, over a hundred people died when a church roof caved in. Also, buildings in the area were undergoing safety checks to make sure they met regulations. Mohammed Muftau said the building had been cracking for a long time and complaints had been made about it.

Lagos state deputy Governor Idiat Oluranti Adebule offered condolences to families saying: "We plead for their understanding to allow the rescue team to do their work...so that the medical team can take prompt and immediate action as soon as the patients are brought in."

"It is believed that many people including children are currently trapped in the building," said Ibrahim Farinloye, spokesman for National Emergency Management Agency.