

School collapse kills at least 11

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NAALYA, Uganda -- A school building under construction in Uganda collapsed, leaving at least 11 workers dead and an unknown number buried in the rubble, officials said. At least nine workers survived the Wednesday morning collapse at the St. Peters Secondary School construction site in Naalya, near Kampala, but several were hospitalized in critical condition, The Daily Monitor in Kampala reported. Police spokesman Gabriel Tibayungwa confirmed the toll of dead and injured workers so far but declined to say how many more might have been caught by the falling debris, the Monitor said. "Let's keep searching. We shall know when we clear the whole site," he said. Christopher Mukiza, a security guard at the school, said he was a few yards away when the four-story building collapsed. "I saw the site foreman, Sam Kafere, go inside carrying a book where he registers the casual laborers. Only five minutes after he got in, the building came flat on the ground at once," Mukiza told the newspaper. One survivor, Alexander Mackay, 18, told the Monitor there were about 38 workers at the site and only a half-dozen were able to quickly jump out of the way when the building came down with the remainder trapped in the 32 debris.

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