



## JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

**THE ENGINEERS BOARD OF KENYA**

**THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY**

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS & QUANTITY SURVEYORS**

**MONDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS ON THE COLLAPSE OF A NINE STOREY BUILDING WHICH OCCURRED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 IN RUIRU, KIAMBU COUNTY**

We have noted with concern that over the recent past there has been an increase in the collapsing of buildings that are under construction.

In the early the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, a nine storey building under construction in Membley area, Ruiru (Kiambu County), collapsed.

The Engineers Board of Kenya, the National Construction Authority and the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors have collaborated with the County Commissioner, Kiambu County and the County Government of Kiambu and will conduct investigations into the collapsed building.

On the day of the incident, a multi-agency team visited the site and the following preliminary findings have been made:

- There were no casualties. Two guards who were on the premises at the time of collapse were rescued;
- The collapse also affected an adjacent 9 storey building which is fully occupied. The team evacuated the tenants for their safety;
- The developers had made an application for registration in the National Construction Authority portal on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 but the same had not been approved pending clarification on documentation sought from the developers;
- The probable cause of the collapse is foundation failure or structural failures.

The multi-agency team is still continuing with investigations and will within the next two weeks share a full report as well as sanctions taken against the developers and any other person (s)

found to be culpable; recommendations on the way forward with regards to alleviating the collapse of buildings will also be shared. The investigation by the multi-agency team will include a structural design assessment of all ongoing projects within Kiambu County in collaboration with the County Government.

Developers are urged to engage only licensed professionals (engineers and architects) to design and supervise their projects. Developers can confirm the status of their engineers and architects by logging in to the EBK and BoRAQs websites respectively.

Developers are further urged to ensure that their projects are registered with NCA and that their contractors are in good standing with the Authority, which can be verified on [www.nca.go.ke](http://www.nca.go.ke).

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