

VENEZUELA: AT LEAST 14 DIE AS BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION COLLAPSES

Building tragedy in the Venezuela capital of Caracas as a bridge under construction suddenly gives way and collapses. Four hundred tons of concrete and steel cave in - trapping below at least 60 workers who are on the job when the structure falls.

Ambulances from the city - complete with scores of doctors and nurses - are on the scene in a matter of moments. Also joining in the rescue operation are police, firemen and civilian volunteers - all digging frantically to save those still alive but buried in the rubble.

The bridge was designed to form part of Armed Forces Avenue in the city and was to have been inaugurated in December. But now all work ceases as the dead and injured are brought out. In all - at least 14 die in the collapse and another 50 suffer injuries. And property damage is enormous - running into hundreds of thousands with the collapse of a bridge that was almost completed.