

# Man dies during drinking competition in Ebonyi

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**A 37 years old bricklayer, Ndubuisi Elom has died after drinking competition Abakaliki, Ebonyi State .**

The tragedy occurred on November 30, 2025, after the deceased consumed the drinks used for betting in Abakaliki.

A witness told *Daily Sun* that the man left his house on the fateful day very strong for Abakaliki, where people seeking daily jobs usually gather known as Okpoko oru, but upon his arrival, the

man found already staked dry gin comprising many alcoholic drinks, including sachet drinks and local concoction by his colleague, Chika.

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It was gathered that the combination of the substances was meant to be free for an interested drinker who could consume it completely and continue with his daily activity conscientiously, while the cost of the dry gin would be paid double to the buyer, if after drinking and the person happens to lose control of himself.

He added that it was on that premise that Ndubuisi, who considered himself suitable enough for the risk, chose the gamble and enthusiastically swallowed the mixture without knowing it was a drink of death as he reportedly began to produce white bubbles through his mouth, nostrils and ears after the consumption.

Another worker, Mercy Mbam said that some late Ndubuisi's relatives that were contacted by sympathizers over the development, hurriedly took the man to his home hoping that he would regain his consciousness, but he gave up ghost the following day.

The woman alleged that all the characters in the evil act as the disguised generous man, Chika, the drinks seller and the spectators had disappeared into the thin air after the incident, whereas the remains of Ndubuisi had been buried on December 1, 2025, at his country home, Ameka, Ezza South LG of Ebonyi State.