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Food poison kills family of 6MICHAEL OLANREWAJU, *Ilorin*

Six persons have been reportedly killed in Nimgurumi village in Baruteen Local Government Area of Kwara State, after a meal of cassava flour popularly called *Amala*. Four others who partook in the meal are said to be on danger list at an undisclosed hospital.

A member of another family in land dispute with that of the victims is being fingered in the food poison. Our source said a member of the feuding family went to where the family of the victims kept cassava flour and put a substance suspected to be poison on it.

The source said it was after the six people died leaving four in a terrible condition that someone alleged he saw somebody put the substance in the cassava.

The Kwara State Commissioner for Health, Ayinka Saka who confirmed the incident said the incident was due to food poison. She said according to the reports that came to her on the matter, a neighbour from the family who was engaged in a land dispute with the other allegedly poisoned the cassava while the family of the victims left the flour to dry in the sun.

She confirmed that four people who joined in eating the food were rushed to the hospital, and are responding to treatment.

The spokesman of the Kwara State Police Command, Dabo Ezekiel also confirmed the incident. He said the details of the incident would soon be made public, even as he promised that the police would do its best in unraveling the circumstances that led to the death of the six persons.

He said the incident had been reported to the police and that the law enforcement agency had begun investigations on the matter. The commissioner advised people in the state to always give protection to their food items at raw or processed stage to save them from being poisoned or contaminated.

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