

7 family members die of food poisoning

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Seven members of the same family have died of food poisoning in Anaba community, Magama Local Government Area of Niger State, Daily Trust learnt yesterday.

A statement by the Niger State Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Babalola Adewole said men of the Nasko Division of the command received distress calls that one Abubakar Hassan of Yola Fulani Camp in Anaba village and seven family members were vomiting blood.

"Police detectives rushed to the location and took the victims to Medical Centre in Magama for medical attention," the statement explained.

The statement said seven of the family members - Fatima Abubakar, Zainab Abubakar, Aisha Abubakar, Aminatu Kirwa, Haruna Leggi, Faruk Godi and Aliyu Abubakar - died at the hospital.

The statement said Malam Abubakar Hassan, the family head, survived and is recuperating, adding that preliminary investigation showed that the cause of death might be the chemical used in preserving the guinea corn flour which was used for the dinner.