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Jilted lover allegedly poisoned 'amala' meal that killed 5 in Osun

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The death toll from the poisoned 'amala' meal in Ibokun, Obokun Local Government Area of Osun State, has risen from two to five and fresh facts have emerged on how a young man identified as

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Rasaq allegedly poisoned the food because he was dumped by his girlfriend, Esther.

Daily Trust reliably gathered that Esther who was dating Rasaq, popularly known as 'fine boy' decided to quit the relationship but Rasaq, who is a commercial motorcycle operator, was not happy with her decision.

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Rasaq was said to have connived with one of Esther's female friends to poison the food meant for the whole family. After eating the food, Esther and her mother, Mrs Kehinde Fasanya, a staff of Obokun Local Government, died instantly.

Effort to save the lives of other people that ate from the food failed as three out of the four persons that were taken to Wesley Guild Hospital of Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital in Ilesa eventually died.

The Commissioner of Health in the state, Dr Rafiu Isamotu, said he was aware of the death of two more persons out of the four taken to hospital in Ilesa but that he had not been updated on the death of the third person.

"Two out of the four persons that we took to Wesley Guild Hospital in Ilesa could not make it. They are dead. Four persons lost their lives so far to the best of my knowledge. I have not been told about the death of any of the remaining two persons," Isamotu said.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Fimihan Adeoye, in a chat with Daily Trust on telephone confirmed that Rasaq has been arrested and that he was being interrogated. He assured that the matter would be diligently investigated.



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