

Outbreak



74-year-old, two others die in Bauchi after salt-water bath

From Ali Garba, Bauchi

THREE persons, including a 74-year old man, have died in Bauchi of complications following their abuse of salt intake as well as the application of same in hot water for bathing, after the widely circulated rumour that the practice would prevent Ebola infection.

An eye witness told *The Guardian* that Mr. Paul Bigi, 74, in Misau local council, drank over two cups of salt and rubbed some on his body after also bathing with salted water, as he was directed by his children, adding: "It was less than one hour when Baba started to stool non-stop and later died at about 7a.m."

Also, in Gumdum Sayawa, one Mr. John Ayuba was said to have used a bag of salt in a drum of water to bathe and drank another because

he has a large number of people living in his house. He later died of diarrhea and vomiting, according to family source.

Similarly, a pregnant woman, Mrs. Hanatu Kushi, was said to be discharging blood from her private part after drinking too much salt and bathing with salted warm water. She is now at ATBUTH receiving medication and, according to source, she will be operated on to save her live and that of the unborn baby.

When contacted, the Bauchi State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Abubakar Sani Malami, said there was no outbreak of Ebola in the state, and that the messages broadcast on its prevention with the use of salt will only endanger health, particularly of kidney or hypertensive patients.

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However, Bishop Mike Inkwo of The Redeemed Evangelical Mission (TREM), speaking at the church's headquarters in Abuja as guest speaker at a seminar titled, "Leading Edge Conference," has urged Christians to go about their businesses without fear of the

He observed that though malaria and other diseases

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persons in a makeshift stretcher without having contact with them and would