

11 Die After *Amala* Meal In Oyo

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Tragedy recently struck in Saki area of Oyo State as no fewer than 11 persons lost their lives after eating *amala* local meal prepared from yam flour (*elubo*).

The sad incident, which occurred over a number of days last weekend, *Saturday Independent* gathered, has thrown at least three families into mourning.

Children of one Biodun Oladipupo were among the victims as he reportedly lost his three kids to the unfortunate incident.

The killer yam flour, which was reportedly bought at the popular Owode Sango market in Saki, was given to unsuspecting Oladipupo as a gift.

However, after taking a meal prepared from the flour, his three children reportedly complained of stomach pains at the same

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time.

Eyewitness accounts have it that as Oladipupo and his wife were rushing the kids to the hospital, they also developed strange sensation in their stomachs, leading them to cry out for help.

Although, the couple were treated and later discharged from the hospital hale and hearty, their three kids were not lucky as they lost their lives.

Another victim was an unnamed 70-year-old woman who was entertained by her child with a meal prepared from the killer yam flour. The old woman had reportedly visited her child on health grounds.

A police source in the Saki confirmed the incident, but added that families of the deceased had not officially reported the matter.

Community leaders in the town have reportedly held series of meetings with farmers in the area, advising them to be careful with the chemicals they use to preserve their farm produce.