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Patient die over Ebola scare



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The Inter-ministerial Ebola Virus Outbreak Preparedness and Response Committee has refuted claims of an outbreak of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Delta State.

This declaration came on the heels of the death of a lady who tested negative to Ebola, at Eku Specialist Hospital, Eku, after an overdose of salt-water mixture.

The woman, a diabetes sufferer, had checked into the hospital on returning from a visit to Port Harcourt but died on Thursday, September 4, 2014, which raise suspicions of Ebola disease.

It eventually emerged that the woman's health deteriorated after she consumed too much salt, when people were falsely led to believe that drinking salt water solutions would stave off EVD.

Similarly on Thursday, September 4, a woman who arrived from Lagos checked into the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Asaba, for medical attention and while waiting to be attended to by the medical personnel, the subject showed symptoms similar to Ebola disease.

It was reported that panic broke out in the city, with nurses, doctors, patients and other hospital workers running away from the hospital for fear of catching the disease.

Speaking on phone, the medical director of the hospital, Dr. Leo Erhunmwunse, said that the patient was stooling and vomiting, two of the symptoms of EVD, but it was yet to be determined if he was infected.

He said: "We need to carry out series of tests to verify if she has the virus or not. People should not panic. The situation is under control."



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