

Strange Disease Kills Four In Benue, Six Others Down With Symptoms Of The Disease

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MAKURDI- Four persons have allegedly died of a strange disease in a boundary settlement, Oye-Obi, Obi Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue state in the last two weeks.

The disease which has already claimed the lives of four persons is causing no small a stir in Obi LGA, particularly the border communities.

Comrade Andyson Egbodo, President, Igbo National Youths Council (INYC) sent a Save Our Souls (SOS) message to the state government in a statement made available to Daily Independent in Makurdi on Wednesday,

He explained that six other persons are down with the same symptoms that killed the four other persons.

The symptoms include headache, internal heat, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach ache, weakness of the body and swollen stomach.

The statement read in part, “INYC is drawing the attention of government at all levels to a strange sickness ravaging a boundary settlement of Oye-Obi, Obi LGA of Benue state. The sickness has so far killed four persons in two weeks.

“The four victims namely Happiness Ogbu, Onah Ogbedu, Andy Edu and Wisdom Agwo developed the same symptoms of headache, internal heat, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach ache, weakness of the body and swollen stomach and died alike.

“INYC is calling on the Benue state government to as a matter of ^{close} urgency do all within its powers to arrest the situation.

“We are not resting on our part in the area of creating awareness campaigns on how to prevent its spread.

“Our investigation reveals that about six more persons as at today (yesterday), Wednesday, 29th January, 2020 are already down developing the same symptoms, some of them have already been moved to the General hospital, Oju in Oju LGA of the state.

“All members of the state assembly, national assembly, government appointees from Igede kingdom either with Benue state or Federal government as a matter of urgency are hereby called by the Youths Wing to rise up promptly and let's fight this dreaded sickness whose name we are yet to get from medical experts.”

Daily Independent also gathered that health authorities in Oju LGA have been briefed on the outbreak of the disease.

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