

Senate Raises Alarm Over Epidemic Outbreak In Benue

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ABUJA – The Senate yesterday raised the alarm over the outbreak of a strange epidemic on January 29 2020 in Oye-Obi Local Government Area of Benue State.

The Senate added that the strange disease has killed about 15 persons, while the number of persons infected has risen to 104. The Senate, however, called on the Federal Ministry of Health to immediately mobilize focal persons to the area to investigate and ascertain the nature of the disease, which has so far claimed 15 lives.

The Senate also urged the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to promptly put up surveillance to contain the disease, see to the treatment of victims and protect others from contracting it.

The resolutions of the Senate were sequel to the consideration of a motion brought to the floor by Senator Abba Moro (PDP–Benue South) during plenary on Thursday.

He explained that the first victims of the epidemic outbreak were: Happiness Ogbo, Onajobi Ogbedu, Wisdom Agwo, Andy Edu, all of whom died 48 hours after contracting the undiagnosed disease.