## **SHORTNEWS**

Patient Dies After Taking Herbalist's Medicine For 'Evil Spirit'

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A herbalist, Aliyu Mallam Taiwe, who resides at Taiwe village near Maitumbi, Bosso local government area of Niger State, has been arrested for allegedly administering poison to treat an "evil spirit", thereby killing his patient.

The state commissioner of police, Shawulu Danmamman, disclosed this at a press briefing in Minna yes-

terday.

He said the herbalist was arrested with one Rabiu Aliyu and during interrogation, they confessed giving the victim a poisonous substance to drink for the treatment of "Evil Spirit" and she died instantly.

"On December 5, a complaint was reported that one Hadiza Umaru residing in Garatu, Bosso was discovered missing on December 1, 2024 and all efforts to locate her proved abortive.