

Woman, five kids die after corn meal in Maiduguri

A 40-YEAR-OLD woman and her five children have died in Maiduguri after eating a suspected poisonous corn meal.

Our correspondent reports that the victims died at the Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, where they were rushed to when they became ill.

Only the father, Mr Yussuf Ali, survived as he was said to be away from home when the meal was served.

Confirming the incident in Maiduguri, Police spokesman Mohammed Sani, said that the com-

mand received the report on Monday.

He said that Ali was a

farmer resident in Alamderi, a suburb of Maiduguri.

Cashew farmers count losses in Kogi

KOGI State cashew farmers have been losing millions of naira due to the lack of appropriate mechanism to evaluate the quality of the crop.

The chairman of the All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), Dr. Tunde Arosanyin, stated this in Lokoja.

He regretted that, in spite of the fact that the state produced the Brazilian Jumbo and Brazilian Medium varieties of cashew, the best in the world, its farmers continued to receive "ridiculous prices for their produce."

According to him, "buyers from other states, with processing technology buy the crop at cheaper rates and apply such mechanism for good prices at the international market."