

Ogogoro kills 2 in Edo

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TWO persons in Ugie, a community in Etsako-West Local Government Area of Edo State, have died while three persons have been hospitalised after drinking local gin popularly called *ogogoro*.

A member of the community, Lukman Rilwan, said at least, five persons in the community, complained of stomach ache, after consuming the local dry gin.

He said: "after they consumed *ogogoro*, they began complaining of stomach ache, unfortunately two died while three have been hospitalised."

The incident was confirmed by the traditional ruler (Aidonigie) of South Ibie, Alhaji Kelvin Danisi, and the chairman of Etsako-West Local Government Area, Yesufu Busari. The council chairman added that a ban would be placed on the consumption of *ogogoro* and other illicit gins in the local government.

"I got a report that two people have died and three others are still critically ill at the hospital. We are doing everything possible to make sure that such things don't happen again.

"I have already summoned a meeting of all those that are into sales of alcohol, and we are going to place a ban on illicit gin," the Aidonigie said.