

# Father, mother, three children die after amala meal in Kogi

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**F**IVE family members have lost their lives after eating cassava flour meal, popularly known as amala, prepared at their family house at Usugnwe-Okaito, in Okehi Local Government Area of Kogi State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered on Monday that those who died after eating the meal include the father, mother and three of their children.

A source said the three children died immediately after eating the meal on Friday, while their mother died on Saturday, and the father

died on Sunday.

The source said the family hailed from Omavi, in Ohupe ward, but resided at Usugnwe-Okaito.

Efforts to speak with the epidemiologist at the state's Ministry of Health for confirmation proved abortive as he was said to be out of town.

A senior staff in the ministry, however, confirmed the development.

A similar incident occurred years ago at Okene Eba, when a whole family died after a meal, and just recently in Ogaminana and Osara, another incident occurred, which were all traced to food poisoning.



Some of the structures demolished by officials of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), on Monday.