

③ Seven family members die after meal in Sokoto

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SEVEN members of a family in Kaura village, in Yabo Local Government Area of Sokoto State, have died after reportedly eating a meal suspected to have been contaminated.

A source who spoke with the *Nigerian Tribune* from the council area said the family members died after eating a

meal prepared the previous day.

While speaking on the development, the head of the family affected, Mallam Umaru Yabo, said the food was made from corn, adding that non-members of the household also ate from it.

He said before they went to bed, the leftover of the food was placed outside to 'breathe air' without cover-

ing it.

He said the food was added to a newly-prepared meal, which resulted in the death of seven family members.

He added that the corpses of the deceased and the remaining food were taken to the hospital for investigation.

He said the seven persons who died included his two wives and five children.

The chairman of Yabo Local Government, Yabo Haliru Abubakar Kilgori, while speaking on the incident, urged people to always ensure that food and drinks are covered at all times.

Efforts to speak with the Director of Disease Control in the state on the development failed as his mobile phone line did not connect.