

Two dead, one hospitalised after vomiting, stooling in Ibadan

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TWO persons, Sekinat Lawal (48) and Abdulahi Fasasi (43), who were residents of the same house on Orun-solu Street, Odo-Oña, off Ibadan-Abeokuta expressway, in the early hours of Wednesday, died in mysterious circumstances, while one Safiu (38), is currently receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

The three of them were said to be vomiting and stooling at the same time,

which led to the death of Sekinat and Abdulahi.

Abdulahi was said to have died in his room, while Sekinat was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Investigations by the *Nigerian Tribune* revealed that the trio did not eat the same meal before showing the symptoms.

Narrating what happened, a younger brother of Abdulahi, Rafiu, told the *Nigerian Tribune* that: "It was my younger brother, Safiu, who was vomiting and stooling at the same time and we were attending to him.

"It was at that point in time that I asked my elder brother, Abdulahi, who is now late, to get drugs and call a nurse to attend to him. I was surprised when he returned and started complaining of tiredness and collapsed. He regained consciousness, but shortly after, he started vomiting and stooling too.

"I now called on Aunt Sekinat to come and see what happened, she came out and joined us to attend to him; I left to get some stuff, and before I returned, Aunt Sekinat too started

vomiting and stooling; hers was so bad that we had to rush her to the hospital.

"Before we left the house, Abdulahi had passed on, while Aunt Sekinat was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital."

Speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune*, son of the late Sekinat, Blessing Ojo, said: "I am still surprised by the news of my mother's death. I still spoke with her on phone two days ago and she spoke well with no sign of any ailment.

"I now called her again yesterday [Tuesday], her

phone line was not reachable, so I had to call Rafiu, who lives in the same house with her, and he told me he was not at home, that he would call me when he returned home. The call I received from him was that she [mother] was weak and could not stand and that she was vomiting and stooling at the same time.

"I told Rafiu that I would come to see her; I later went home, the next call I received was she could not breathe properly and she died thereafter."

Asked whether his mother

had an underlying ailment, Ojo said: "Recently, she would call me that she was not feeling fine, I would advise her to take medication and anytime she called back, she would say she was okay. There was a time she travelled to her hometown, she fell sick there and was treated. But her death today is still something strange to me."

As of the time of filing this report, Safi, who initially fell sick, is still at the hospital while the duo of Sekinat and Abdulahi had been buried according to Islamic rites.

The duo were 40 and 42 years old