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Two die, one in coma after consuming herbal concoctions in Ondo

TWO middle-aged men have reportedly died, while another is in coma in the hospital after consuming local herbal concoctions during a traditional festival in Ipe-Akoko in Akoko South East Local Government Area of

Ondo State.

The two deceased, Alex Ojulewa and Samuel Alonge, were said to have arrived in the community from Abuja to celebrate the age-grade traditional festival known as 'Ibogbe,' where they consumed the concoctions.

It was gathered that an indigene of the community,

Johnson Adu, who prepared the herbal concoctions and drank with his friends, is said to be in coma.

A resident of the community said the trio drank the herbal concoctions and shortly after, things went wrong as they started vomiting and were rushed to the hospital.

The source said despite all efforts to save their lives by rushing them to the hospital, their condition worsened and Ojulewa and Alonge died before they were attended to.

He said: "Alex and Samuel came home to participate in the festival. As usual, while they were celebrating the

festival, they decided to drink a herbal concoction.

"It was after they drank it that they started feeling uncomfortable. Before we could realise what was happening, they began to vomit and later became unconscious.

"They were quickly rushed to the hospital in the community, but they died before

they got to the hospital."

Confirming the incident, the state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Funmilayo Odunlami, said the two died after consuming the concoctions.

Odunlami, however, stated that investigation had begun into what really happened.