

Sokoto mothers, five children die of suspected poisoning

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NO fewer than seven members of a family have died of suspected food poisoning in Kaura village, in the Yabo Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The head of the family of the victims, Mallam Umaru, who confirmed the development, said the leftover of the food the victims ate the previous night was left outside for preservation, adding that the preserved food was mixed with another prepared food the victims ate.

Umaru said the victims



• Sokoto CP, Muhammad Gumel

allegedly died after consuming the food, adding that the corpses and remnants of the food had been handed over to the hospital and

police to unravel the circumstances surrounding their deaths.

According to Umaru, the seven people who died included his two wives and five children.

Reacting to the development, the Chairman, Yabo LGA, Haliru Kilgori, while commiserating with the aggrieved family, urged members of the public to take caution.

"It is necessary to see what happened and take action and ensure that food and drinks are covered at all times," the chairman said.

Efforts to get a reaction from the state Director of Disease Control were not successful as calls to his phone number did not connect as of the time of filing this report.

Contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Sanusi Abubakar, confirmed the incident but promised to get back

our correspondent for further details. He had yet to do so as of the time this

report was filed.

Meanwhile, a senior health worker in the state Ministry of Health, who spoke to our

correspondent on condition of anonymity, also confirmed the incident.

He, however, dismissed the issue of poisoning, saying the food was exposed to air overnight leading to it being contaminated and harmful for human consumption.

Four suspects nabbed for stealing

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THE Lagos State Police Command on Wednesday confirmed the arrest of Temple Samuel, 21, and three others for stealing his boss' Lexus ES 330 car in the Egbeda area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, in a statement, said Samuel, who worked at his boss' car wash, stole his boss' iPhone X and iPhone 13 and fraudulently transferred N75,000 from his boss' account.

He said, "Officers of the Lagos Rapid Response Squad have arrested 21-year-old Temple Samuel for stealing his boss' Lexus ES 330 car.

"The suspect was arrested in the Ogba area of Lagos State with three others, Benjamin Bassey, 32, Chukwuemeka Okorie, 29 and Joshua Agboche, 37, who had conspired with him to sell the car.

"Investigation revealed that the suspect, who works at his boss' car wash in Egbeda, drove the car away in the middle of the night, with his boss' iPhone