

Tears as mother, five kids die after eating local delicacy

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Tragedy has struck the ancient city of Kano following the death of six family members, comprising a 35-year-old mother, Alhaqatu Abdulkarim and her five children, moments after consuming a local delicacy in Karkari village in the Gwarzo Local Government Area of the state.

Sources within the vicinity of the tragic incident told PUNCH Metro that the victims were rushed to the Gwarzo General Hospital for abdominal complication treatment, where they died at intervals, while receiving treatment.

When contacted via a telephone call on Sunday, the Ward Head of the community, Yakubu Danazumi, confirmed the tragedy.

Danazumi said, “The incident that led to the death of the six family members happened on Tuesday.

“Two of the children died the same day, two others died the following day, followed by their mother on Thursday, while the last passed away on Friday.

“We have buried the victims according to Islamic rites and we will observe the seven-day prayer for all of them on Tuesday.

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“The father died about seven months ago leaving behind his widow and her five children while the late husband’s second wife had six children.

“So, the woman alongside her five children died after consuming the local delicacy,” Danazumi stated.

The deceased were identified as the 35-year-old mother, Alhaqatu Abdulkarim; Usman Abdulkarim (nine years); Fiddausi Abdulkarim (11 years); Hafsa Abdulkarim (seven years); Jamilu Abdulkarim (four years) and Bashari Abdulkarim (19 years).

When contacted by *PUNCH Metro* on Sunday night, the spokesman for the Kano State Police Command, Abdullahi Haruna, who confirmed the incident, said the incident occurred in Gwarzo (about 135 kilometres away from Kano).

According to him, investigations had commenced towards arresting the suspects, who sold the killer local delicacy to the deceased.

“As soon as investigations were concluded, the command will address a press conference to update newsmen,” he said.