

# Three schoolgirls die after eating poisoned food



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Three students of the Government Girls Secondary School, Ribah in Danko Wasagu Local Government Area of Kebbi State have reportedly lost their lives after eating poisoned food. Another student is said to be in a critical condition at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Birnin-Kebbi. The victims reportedly ate food brought by one of their parents during the visiting day. A nurse, who craved anonymity, told our correspondent during a visit to the FMC that the survivor, Naome Hassan, was brought to the hospital yesterday. The nurse explained that three of the students died before reaching the hospital. He said: "After the tests it was discovered that

she ate poisoned food. Her parents confirmed that she ate food brought by the parents of one of those who died.”

Hassan’s uncle, John Ribah, urged the Kebbi State government to investigate the matter. He said: “If not, it can happen to other students tomorrow. My daughter (Hassan) is innocent and she was affected. May God expose the culprit.” The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Basic Education, Hajiya Raffatu Hamman, said she was not aware of the issue but she was going to find it out. “Thank you my brother for this information,” she said. It was learnt that on Saturday, which was the school’s visiting day, the parents of one of the girls brought food believed to have been poisoned which the victims ate.