

# Wedding chairman, wife die after eating 'take away' food

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**A** yet-to-be identified man and his wife have lost their lives barely 24 hours after attending a wedding ceremony in Aba, Abia State.

The man, who it was learnt, chaired a wedding ceremony along with his wife, took take away food, which might have been poisoned.

The incident occurred at Umuozu, Uratta community in Osisioma Local Government Area.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO),

SP Geoffrey Ogbonna, said he was yet to be informed of the incident.

However, a source at the Uratta axis, who pleaded anonymity, said the couple was from Anambra State.

The source disclosed that the couple's maid, who survived, was receiving medical attention at an undisclosed private hospital in the city.

The source said: "The couple was childless. The man has a three-storey building at Umudim in Osisioma Local Government Area. He is from Anambra State and the secretary of timber dealers' association.

"From what we learnt, the man and his wife chaired a wedding event in Aba and when they were going, they were handed a take away pack. We learnt that they went home and ate the food with their maid.

"The maid is in the hospital as we speak and has started talking. We hope to hear exactly what happened to the couple when the maid is fit enough to speak.

"The tenants got to know about the death of the man and his wife when their colleagues in the market complained that they have been calling them while their phones rang without any response.

"It was at that point that some of the tenants used ladder to climb into the flat of their landlord only to see their bodies and that of their maid who was eventually taken to the hospital for treatment.

"We learnt that the bodies of the couple have been deposited in a mortuary pending an autopsy to determine whether their death was as a result of food poisoning as being speculated."

The source added that the couple's sudden death had caused confusion among residents and relations as they were devastated by the incident.