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7 Die After Drinking Fura Da Nono

From Imam Imam in Gusau, 08.25.2008

Seven persons were yesterday confirmed dead at Moda village in Anka local government area of Zamfara State after taking a millet drink popularly known as Fura da Nono.

The dead persons, four male and three female, were all from a single family and they all died shortly after taking the fura believed to be contaminated. The fura was allegedly prepared by one of the deceased according to eye-witness account in the village.

The sudden death of the seven people created apprehension among the people of the community who were seen in groups discussing the incident. Moda village is close to the country home of the state Deputy Governor, Alhaji Mukhtar Ahmed Anka.

All the deceased have since been buried according to islamic injunctions at a burial ground located in the village.

Efforts to get to the only surviving member of the family, the husband, whose name was given as Bala was not successful as sympathizers were seen trooping in their hundreds to his house.

Already, chairman of Anka Local government, Alhaji Ahmed Sharu, has constituted a committee to investigate the cause of the incident and submit the report immediately for necessary action to be taken.

Team of medical personnel and security agents were seen trooping to the village in order to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the incident. In a telephone interview, spokesperson of the Zamfara state police command, ASP, Lawal Abdullahi confirmed the incident but could not ascertain the number of victims. He said the command had commenced investigation into the incident.

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