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5 family members die of food poisoning in Akure

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AKURE — FIVE members of a family of eight died mysteriously in Aule area of Akure, the Ondo State capital, yesterday, of alleged food poisoning.



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Vanguard gathered that those that died overnight from the alleged food poisoning include three children — Michael, Mary, Abigael, a mother in-law, and a brother in-law.

Their neighbours confirmed that they ate rice before the death of the five members but no one could ascertain the cause of their death yet.

The three other members of the family, who are still unconscious and now hospitalised at the specialist hospital in Akure,

include the father, Kehinde Ajayi, mother, Banke and their last child, Samuel.

Kehinde, a 33-year-old vulcaniser, resides at Ijaro quarters, off Aule road, Akure with his family, his mother in-law and brother in-law.

Neighbours reportedly became worried when none of the family members were seen around the house yesterday morning.

On enquiry, five family members were found dead while the husband, wife, and their last son were unconscious.

When Vanguard visited the residence, their neighbour, Muyideen Raheem, said: “Mr Kehinde Ajayi ran to me last Saturday to assist him to pray to revive his unconscious children in his house. Another neighbour and I rushed to his house and we found the children lying weak on the floor. We began to pray till the children woke up.

“Kehinde also prayed into water and sprinkled it in the house and on the children and they got up. We advised him to take the children to the hospital for medical attention but he said it was not a matter of hospital and that it is well.

“On Sunday, my wife told me Kehinde came to the house to show his appreciation, but just yesterday (Tuesday) we began to hear shouts.

“When we got to the house we discovered that the wife’s mum, three of the children and the wife’s nephew, who had come to sit for the ongoing NECO examinations were already dead while Kehinde, Banke, his wife and Samuel, their son were still unconscious.”

He said the Police later came to the house to evacuate their bodies to the State Specialist Hospital, Akure.

During a visit to the hospital, the Chief Medical Director, CMD, Dr Ikuomola Ayodele said five members of the family were brought in dead while three others were unconscious.

Ikuomola said the husband and the son had been referred to Federal Medical Centre, Owo while the wife is receiving treatment at the emergency unit of the hospital.

On the likely cause of their death, the CMD said: “All the symptoms showed that it could be food poisoning.”

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