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## Mother, children, 2 dogs die after *amala* meal in Ekiti

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**A DO-EKITI—ODO-**  
**AYEDUN**, an agrarian community in Ikole Local Government Area of Ekiti State was thrown into mourning yesterday, as a 45-year-old mother and her two children died after eating a meal of yam flour (*amala*).

The head of the family, who is in his 50s, is also lying critically ill at the intensive care unit of the Federal Teaching Hospital, Ido-Ekiti, as doctors battle to save his life.

Vanguard gathered that two dogs, which were also served crumbs of the meal, also died.

The eldest of the children was 14, while the younger was

12.

The lawmaker representing Ikole Constituency II at the Ekiti State House of Assembly, Mr. Adeoye Aribasoye, confirmed the incident to newsmen.

Earlier, Aribasoye had raised the issue at plenary of the House, where he called for sympathy and investigation into the matter.

Recounting the incident to

newsmen, Aribasoye said the flour was made by the mother, which was served to all the family members as dinner.

According to him, "after they ate the meal on Saturday, the mother and two children complained of stomach ache overnight. They resorted to self-medication, which led to the death of the mother on Monday and the two children, in quick succession, between

that Monday and Tuesday.

"Before the deaths were revealed to the father, he was already down. He was rushed to Federal Teaching Hospital, Ido-Ekiti, FETHI, and is currently battling with his life."

### Ekiti Assembly calls for probe

In his response, Speaker of the Ekiti State House of Assembly, Mr. Funminiyi Afuye,

expressed sympathy and directed the House Committee on Health to commence investigation into the matter.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ekiti Command, DSP Caleb Ikechukwu, confirmed the incident.

He said the Police will join hands with other relevant institutions to investigate the cause of the deaths.

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