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Killer drinks: Death toll rises to 10 in Kano

—Commissioner ●400 others hospitalised

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KANO—The death toll of persons who died after consuming killer drinks in Kano State recently has risen to 10 from the over 400 people hospitalised.

The state Commissioner of Health, Dr Aminu Tsanyawa, who

disclosed this in Kano, yesterday, said the number of persons hospitalised has risen to over 400 while 50 others were treated for kidney-related complications.

The commissioner said: "Some days back, the ministry announced an outbreak as a result of consumption of unregistered or fake

drinks.

"Currently, the ministry has over 400 persons on admission, of which 50 were undergoing treatment of kidney-related complications and over 10 have lost their lives.

"With the intense heat experienced and the month of Ramadan in progress, there is a

possibility of more unsuspecting persons consuming such drinks. We, therefore, appeal to the public to be vigilant of such drinks."

It would be recalled that the commissioner had earlier confirmed three persons dead, 284 others hospitalised, assorted drinks worth over millions of naira confiscated and 13 persons arrested in connection with the development

Personnel injured