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7 family members found dead, one in critical condition in Osun

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OSOGBO—There was palpable tension in Apomu, Isokan Local Government Area of Osun State as seven members of a family of eight were found dead, yesterday morning, while one is in critical condition.

It was gathered that residents of Elegbata, Oke-Suna area of the

community woke up to the shocking news as some of them fled the area for fear of being arrested, while the eight-member was rushed to a private hospital.

It was gathered that the family head, identified as Saheed, was a policeman residing in the community with his wife and the six children.

But a source, Wale Adeyemi, told *Vanguard* that the six

children were not Saheed's biological children.

He said: "The man is a policeman and married to the woman, but the six children were his stepchildren. He was at the house to pass the night, but unfortunately, their dead bodies were discovered Tuesday morning by neighbours.

"We heard that it was a chemical poison but their bodies were evacuated to a hospital where they were pronounced dead.

"The police later moved their

bodies to a teaching hospital in the state for autopsy."

Confirming the incident, Osun Police Command spokesperson, Yemisi Opalola, said the deceased bodies have been taken to Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital in Ile-Ife for an autopsy.

She said one of the children is at a private hospital in the town responding to treatment, adding that an investigation has been launched to unravel the mystery behind the unfortunate incident.