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Confusion as mysterious death hits 5 persons in Imo community

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OWERRI— NO fewer than 13 persons were, yesterday, rushed to the Specialists Hospital, Umuguma in Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State after they were found lying helplessly in a room.

About five of them were reportedly confirmed dead by the hospital at press time while they were making efforts

to stabilise other victims.

There were different versions of what might have led to the unfortunate incident which happened in a room in Obokwu/Umuekpu village in Obinze, Owerri West LGA in the State.

A youth leader in the community, Ejike Oparanozie, who confirmed the ugly development to newsmen described it as a mystery.

One of the villagers, who introduced

himself as Mr Eddy, who said there were about 13 in the room, linked the incident to food poisoning.

He said: "It is food poisoning but I hear some people are still saying it is generator fumes but the generator was far from the room where the thing happened."

Another villager, who pleaded anonymity, urged the "villagers to consult the chief priest of the area for

an explanation of the mysterious death that befell the people of the community. I am sure they will get answers to the questions people have been asking."

However, one of the victims happened to be the chief driver of the Imo East senatorial candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, Uche Onyegucha, who was identified as Kingsley Oguzie.

The Imo State Police Public Relations Officer, Michael Abattam, said investigation would be carried out.

Murder: Absence