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5 die of suspected poisoned food

Tragic. It is reported that some of the victims ate food laced with a tobacco pesticide.

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YUMBE/ARUA. Five family members died of suspected food poisoning in separate incidents on Monday in Yumbe and Arua districts.

The deceased were identified as Kalsum Candiru, 39, Samsa Aleki, 8, Ceaser Brahan (3), and Mukhtar Abina (6).

Two others who ate the food are still in critical condition at Midigo Heath Centre.

According to police and residents, the food is suspected to have been laced with a tobacco pesticide.

The head of the deceased family members, Mr Burhan Drataga, told *Saturday Monitor*: "I hanged the chemicals for spraying my tobacco on the top of the roof but I don't know how the chemical was removed. It is indeed a sad moment for me because losing four people is so sad because my wife who died

was also pregnant."

Mr Drataga said he had been to his second family home when he was told that people were getting paralysed and were unconscious.

Witness account

According to a neighbour, who preferred anonymity, they (victims) could have suspected the chemical to be salt and added it in the food.

The Yumbe District police commander, Mr Abubaker Musiho, said: "When we reached the scene, we found the dead bodies were al-

ready transported for burial in Apo Sub-county. But we managed to collect samples from the food and the container of the chemical."

Mr Musiho advised parents not to keep chemicals within the reach of children. The chicken and pigeons that ate the leftover of the food also died.

In a separate incident in Arua District, a five-year-old boy, Henry Angubo, died and 14 others were hospitalised after eating meat from a goat that had eaten a poisonous chemical. The meat was sold at Odoko market in Micu parish.

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