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Infants die; reaction to polio drops feared

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KHAMMAM: In a shocking incident, three infants died, after allegedly developing reaction to polio drops administered on Sunday in Penuballi mandal of this district.

According to information reaching here, all the three infants, aged under two months, suffered from shivering after being given polio drops. One kid died on Sunday and two others succumbed on Monday. Unconfirmed reports said that another infant died in the mandal due to a similar reaction.

The victims were identified as R Venkat Narsaiah of Bramhalakunta, Pramila (Karaigudem) and another baby girl who is daughter of one K Narasimham Kumar in Upplachalaka village. The parents alleged that the deaths were a result of complications arising out of polio drops and that the children were normal and healthy before.

Dr Gopala Krishna and Dr Ranga Prasad from Hyderabad, who are a part of the rapid response team of WHO, visited the district to obtain a report on the deaths.

When contacted, district medical and health officer Dr R Krisha Bramham maintained that the deaths were unrelated to polio drops. “It is a coincidence that the deaths happened just a day after polio drops were given,” he said.