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BANJUL: AIDS patients would be offered an herbal cure at a 1,111-bed hospital in Gambia that the president said on Tuesday he plans to build despite medical concerns the treatment is dangerous.

President Yahya Jammeh said in 2007 he had found a remedy of boiled herbs to cure AIDS, stirring anger among Western medical experts who claimed he was giving false hope to the sick.

The World Health Organisation had said Jammeh's treatment is alarming because patients are required to cease their anti-retroviral drugs, making them more prone to infection.

Jammeh said 68 patients under had been cured and discharged since the treatment began five years ago. **Reuters**