

# Police recover abducted child's corpse in Bauchi

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Scene of the recovery. Photo: Police

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The Bauchi State Police Command has arrested a 20-year-old suspect, Rabi'u Safiyanu, over the alleged abduction and killing of a four-year-old boy, Yunusa Salisu.

The command's spokesperson, Nafiu Habib, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday, noting that the suspect was apprehended by detectives attached to the 'C' Divisional Headquarters, Bauchi, following a report of a missing child.

According to the statement, the case was reported on March 21, 2026, by the victim's father, Salisu Yunusa, a resident of Nasarawa Madina Quarters, who said his son had gone missing on March 18.

The father further told police that he received a ransom demand of N500,000 from an unknown caller on March 19 and paid N100,000, but the child was not released.

“Investigation into the matter led to the arrest of one Rabiū Safiyanu, 20, of the same address, a friend of the complainant’s younger brother, who had unrestricted access to the house,” the statement read.

Habib said the suspect confessed during interrogation to abducting the child, strangling him, and burying his body in a shallow grave at Warinje Hills before making further ransom demands.

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The police said the decomposing body of the victim was later recovered from the site, with visible signs of strangulation. A rope suspected to have been used in the crime was also found at the scene.

He added that the Officer in Charge of the Police Clinic confirmed the child dead, after which the body was documented and released to the family for burial at the site on public health grounds.

The Commissioner of Police, Sani-Omolori Aliyu, has directed the State Criminal Investigation Department to take over the case for further investigation and prosecution.

The command urged residents to remain vigilant and promptly report suspicious activities to security agencies.

The development comes less than four days after the command announced the arrest of four siblings in connection with the alleged killing of a security guard at a farm in Jama'are Local Government Area.

The incident reportedly occurred in the early hours of March 15, 2026, when hunters raised the alarm over an attack on three private guards at a farm owned by Idris Waziri Kwamawa.