

1-day-old discovered dead in waste bin

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It was uproar last Friday when Lagos State Waste Management Agency (LAWMA) in the course of its daily evacuation of refuse discovered the body of a-day-old baby boy that was dumped in a refuse bin at Ladipo, Mushin Local Government Area of Lagos State.

The baby which had a fresh blood on its body was wrapped in a white bed spread and was laid in a dump site.

Speaking to *Sunday Champion*, Chairman, 116/Jimade Traders Association, a place where the baby was found, Mr. Chinonso Chiufo said LAWMA officials discovered the baby's body while trying to evacuate the rubbish in the dump site in front

of Jimade Spare Parts Market located opposite Ladipo Main Market.

He said the LAWMA officials alerted the traders who also witnessed the corpse laid in the refuse bin, saying giving that the baby had a fresh blood on his body, there is every indication that the baby was thrown alive at early hours of the day.

When asked if government officials had been alerted, he said "When they discovered the baby and alerted us, we told them not to move the baby because we want the officials of Mushin Local Government and other

authorities to be aware of the incident"

He said the police have visited the scene but at the time of filling this report, officials of Mushin Local Government were yet to arrive.

Chiufo added that the association had pleaded with LAWMA officials to take away the refuse bin which he said makes the traders uncomfortable.

He said apart from the dead baby, other things which constitute problems to human health are dumped in the bin.

He therefore called on Lagos state government to help them move the refuse bin to avoid other occurrences.



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