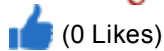


# Mother slaughters own son in Damaturu

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A 25-year-old housewife, Yakura Yana slaughtered her eight months old baby at Gwange ward in Damaturu, the Yobe State capital yesterday, police and locals said.

Daily Trust gathered that the incident happened around 6:15 pm yesterday amid a heavy sandstorm that was accompanied by rainfall.

The state police spokesman, ASP Toyin Gbadegesin, confirmed that the woman slit the throat of the child, Mohammad Idi and buried him in front of her room.

He said the woman was arrested and is been interrogated, adding that: "We want to know whether it was borne out of trauma, because it's quite unusual."

A neighbour, Malam Modu Gwange, told Daily Trust that some women in the area raised the alarm after they noticed the suspicious activities of the woman.

"They went straight to ask whether she was all right, but instead she removed a knife and started chasing them, and that attracted other people to discover that she slit her son's throat and buried the corpse in front of her room," he said.

Gwange said that her husband (name withheld), had been longing for a child for over 20 years before she delivered the baby boy.

Sources at Sani Abatcha General Hospital confirmed that a combined team of military and police brought the corpse to them.