

Mother remanded for dumping son in latrine

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A Gombe State High Court sitting in Tudun Wada has ordered the remand of a woman who allegedly threw her five-month-old baby into a pit latrine.

The woman was charged with culpable homicide. The charge sheet read in the court indicated that the accused, one Justina Yusuf, had on April 30, 2016, gone to a primary school in Kaltungo Local Government Area and thrown her five-month baby, Nuhu Alex, into a pit latrine, which subsequently resulted in his death.

The prosecuting counsel, Barrister Saratu Bala, told the court that the offence, which was an act of culpable homicide, was punishable under Section 221 of the Penal Code.

The charge sheet read: "You Justina

Yusuf on April 30, 2016, went to Kalarang Primary School in Kaltungo Local Government Area, within the jurisdiction of this court, and did commit the offence of culpable homicide punishable with death, and that you caused the death of a five-month-old baby, Nuhu Alex, by throwing him into a pit toilet with the knowledge that his death will be the probable consequence of your act. You hereby committed an offence punishable under Section 221 of the Penal Code."

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge and the prosecuting counsel asked for a date to enable her present witnesses.

The presiding judge, Justice Paul Idi Apolos, granted the application and adjourned the case to June 13, for hearing.

He ordered the accused to be remanded in prison custody.

Another baby found dead in Unimaid toilet

Meanwhile, the corpse of a new born baby boy was on Wednesday discovered in a toilet at the Murtala Hall (a female hostel) in the University of Maiduguri, Borno State.

Many witnesses told Daily Trust the person who dumped the baby apparently tried to force it down the toilet.

A source in the university said investigation is on to apprehend the yet to be identified culprit who succeeded in disappearing without a trace.

The authorities of the institution were not immediately available for comment up to the time of going to press yesterday.