

Tragedy in Kano as baby drowned in well

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A 19-month-old baby boy has reportedly drowned in a well at Al-Ansar Quarters of Danbatta Local Government Area of Kano State.

The incident, which led to the baby's death, occurred when his mother was away from the house.

The boy was said to have been taken to Danbatta from Minjibir by his parent for weaning under the care of his grandmother.

Confirming the incident, spokesman of the state's Fire Service, Alhaji Saminu Abdullahi, said they received a distress call from one Salisu Bello and sent a rescue team to the scene.

He said when their men entered the well to rescue the boy, he was found with a cup and kettle and that he was crawling towards the well with the items.

"The team removed the lifeless body of the child from the well while the service began to investigate the incident," he

stated.

Abdullahi added that the child's corpse was handed over to his grandfather, Malam Abdulkadir, for burial.

He called on parents to be vigilant about their children's movements to avoid such unpleasant developments, adding that children should not be left alone no matter how little the moment.

He enjoined residents to build walls around their open wells and always provide cover for them.

Son stabs mother to death in Niger

By Abubakar Akote, Minna

A 27-year-old Habibu Bazabarme has stabbed his biological mother to death and inflicted severe injuries on his wife over a misunderstanding.

The suspect, who resides in Kontagora, the headquarters of Kontagora Local Government Area of Niger State, was said to have mistakenly stabbed his mother when she attempted to

separate him and his wife during a fight.

The wife (name withheld) was also said to have sustained injuries and taken to the General Hospital, Kontagora, for treatment.

A source confided in our correspondent that the suspect was mentally unstable.

The Niger State Commissioner of Police, Monday Bala Kuryas, confirmed the incident and said investigation had commenced.



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