

# Abandoned baby found dead on farmland in Niger

The Police Command in Niger State says it has uncovered the lifeless body of a baby suspected to be a day old in a farmland in Tayi village of Minna.

SP Waisu Abiodun, the Police Public Relations Officer in Niger, made this known to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Minna on Tuesday.

He said that on August 9, the GRA Police Division received information that a lifeless body of "About a day-old child was found in a farmland in Tayi village, Minna."

Abiodun said that police operatives of the GRA Division moved to the scene and alerted welfare officials of Chanchaga LGA of the state.

He also said that the welfare officials brought in a medical practitioner who examined the baby and confirmed it dead.

He said that the incident was under investigation with the aid of the community to arrest the perpetrator of such an act.

Meanwhile, a resident of the area who prefers anonymity told NAN that the baby must have been abandoned by a woman who got pregnant out of wedlock.

"The person must have abandoned the baby while still alive, but due to severe exposure to cold, the baby died, this is the first time we are seeing this type of such occurrence in our area," he said.