

Abandoned Baby Found Dead In Ajegunle Canal

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IT was a sad day for residents of Ajegunle, as a newborn baby was found dead in a canal along Wilmer Crescent, Olodi Apapa Lagos on Thursday,

The baby, believed to have been thrown into the canal by its unknown mother, was said to be crying early in the morning, but died before help could reach it.

At the time The Guardian visited the scene of the incident, the baby had already been buried by neighbours and sympathisers within the area.

Many who trooped in to have a look at the canal, rained curses and abuses on the baby's mother.

A lady who simply gave her name as Nneka, said: "It will never be well with he mother of this baby; she will never know peace in her life." Nneka added that although she is not God, "the words of men are the words of God."

Another woman lamented, shouting: "What a world? Some people are out there looking desperately for the fruit of the womb and some are here throwing away God's gift. This is unimaginable."

As to what could have led to such devilish act, Mr. Kunle Adebayo, a passer-by on his way to work, told The Guardian: "What else could it be than the level of poverty in the country. Times are really hard, people are suffering."

He continued: "The reason I am sure is not far from poverty. Many young girls are into prostitution in other to survive."

According to Adebayo, many of the girls on the streets feed for themselves. Some are even neglected by their parents due to financial problems. "Many youths today are from broken homes, many of which is due to financial problems," he added.

He however, he does support the idea of wasting a child no matter whatever reason.

"The death of any child intentionally caused by the mother or father, is totally condemnable and the spirit of that child will continue to hunt such persons."

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