

Abandoned Baby Dies In Refuse Dump In Bayelsa

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A newly born baby boy was found at a refuse dump during sanitation hours on Saturday in the Okaka area of Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital.

The baby was wrapped in Ankara wrapper and crying helplessly when it was discovered in the morning by some residents who came out to dump their refuse.

Residents suspected that the baby might have been abandoned in the night by the mother, who apparently could not take care of him.

The child, who reportedly stopped crying shortly after, was later confirmed dead as

a result of hunger and cold as it had drizzled early in the morning.

A resident, who identified herself as Mrs Abundance Jerry, condemned the action, describing it as wicked.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Bayelsa Command, SP Asinim Butswat, confirmed the incident.

He said that the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of the area had visited the scene and had contacted the sanitation authority to evacuate the child's body.

The incident was the third in recent weeks in Bayelsa State as one newly born baby was abandoned at a refuse dump around Opolo and another in Okutukutu, both within Yenagoa.