

Day-Old Baby Dumped In Gutter

A day old baby was yesterday abandoned in a drain in front of Day Secondary School Maitumbi, a suburb of Minna, the Niger state capital.

LEADERSHIP WEEKEND gathered that the body of the baby was discovered yesterday morning by a passer-by who immediately drew the attention of the staff of Niger Environmental Protection Agency (NISEPA), who were cleaning the gutters.

The NISEPA labourers raised the alarm and attracted residents of the area, who in turn alerted the policemen at Maintumbi police division.

It was gathered from preliminary findings by the police that the baby might have been dumped in the gutter alive but gave up due to the cold it was exposed to over the night.

Some of the police men and NISEPA officials, who evacuated the body in an interview, disclosed that the baby may have been dumped early hours of the night on Thursday as the body had started smelling to the extent of attracting a passer-by.

The Police Public Relation Officer, Richard Adamu Oguche, confirmed the incident to LEADERSHIP WEEKEND and stated that the police have mandated the NISEPA officials to evacuate the body since it had started smelling.

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