

Day-old baby found dead

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RESIDENTS of Kosini area of Warri, Delta State, were Tuesday morning stunned by the discovery of a dead day-old baby at a refuse dump in the area. The child was apparently left overnight in the cold.

This elicited emotions of disbelief and anger from the residents, including children, who condemned the action of the baby's mother. They suspected that it was the child's mother who dumped it there.

It was gathered that a group of children who went to dispose off refuse around Cheruvie Street of the area found the baby.

It was unclear whether the baby was already dead before it was dumped at the scene; but a resident told *The Nation* that she heard a shrilled cry during the night.

Residents suspected that a teenage mother, who probably had an unwanted pregnancy, dumped the baby there under the cover of darkness.

At the time our correspondent visited the scene, at about midday on Tuesday, the area had turned into a Mecca of sort, as residents from all over the oil city and neighbouring communities trooped to catch glimpses of the dead baby.