

Woman jailed for killing child

THE Chief Magistrate Court II sitting in Minna, Niger State has sentenced a young woman to four years imprisonment for killing her own new born child. She later dumped the body in a neighbour's dustbin.

The presiding magistrate Hon Tanko Mohammed noted that the convict pleaded for leniency after admitting committing the crime contrary to section 235 of the penal code.

The convict Aisha Mohammed of Lambata Village in Gurara Local Government Area State pleaded guilty to the charge of "intent to prevent a child from being born alive which is contrary to section 235 of the penal code.

Prosecuting Police Officer Inspector V. Ayuu had told the court that a traditional ruler in Lambatta had reported to the police that while he was clearing his backyard he noticed a dead child wrapped in polythene bag in his bin.

The traditional ruler then reported the matter to the Gawu Babangida Divisional Police Headquarters which arrested the woman for interrogation and later brought her to the Criminal Investigation Department in Minna for further interrogation.