

# Tragedy as one-year-old slips, dies inside latrine pit in Lagos

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A pall of grief fell on Morgan area of Mushin after a one-year-old called Boluwatife fell into a latrine pit last Thursday, as the incident happened shortly the mother of the baby left for work.

The mother of the baby identified simply as Funmi, a nurse, was said to have her child in the care of her mother at her residence on Morgan Bus Stop on Itire Road, Mushin.

A crowd of sympathisers were seen discussing the incident when our correspondent visited the scene.

*The Nation* gathered that the baby crawled out of his grandmother's apartment and slipped into the abandoned latrine pit outside the building.

His body was later evacuated from the pit by men of Olosan Police Division, Mushin.

Residents told *The Nation* that the decrepit latrine pit had been abandoned for the past three years by the owner of the building, who is a lawyer by profession.

“ The owner of the building is a lawyer. He is aware of the condition of the latrine, yet nothing has been done to salvage it. If the toilet was repaired the baby would not have slipped into the pit and died, a resident, Tayo Okewale said.