

Day-old baby dumped in Ogun river



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•Body of the baby (circle) floats on the river

Residents of Ijaiye in Abeokuta, Ogun State were shocked last Wednesday, when the body of a day-old baby was seen floating on a stream in the community.

The baby was allegedly dumped in the stream by a woman suspected to be its mother a few hours after delivery near a popular market in the area.

A passer-by had spotted the baby floating on the river and raised the alarm that attracted residents to the scene near a white garment church.

Sympathisers were said to have made futile attempts to evacuate the body from the river.

The stick used to draw the body to the shore only succeeded in pushing it further inside the river.

A resident identified as Ajiun said: "We were shocked to discover the body of the baby floating on the river. It was a day old baby as revealed by his curly hair and umbilical cord which was still intact.

"It is sad that a child which is a divine gift from God could be so treated by a heartless mother this way. Such woman deserves curses and that was what residents did; we cursed mother of the baby."