

Lovers arrested after girlfriend allegedly killed, dumped infant in dustbin

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A young woman and her lover in Adamawa State have been arrested after the woman allegedly killed a baby she gave birth to and dumped the corpse in a dustbin.

The woman, 20-year-old Blessing Ben, was arrested along with her lover, Luka Iliyasu, by operatives of the Adamawa State Police Command.

The story goes that Blessing Ben, who resides in Jambutu, Yola North Local Government Area, was impregnated by Luka Iliyasu, who resides at Police Barracks within the same Yola North, after they had been dating for two years.

Our correspondent gathered that Blessing, who gave birth to her baby on Saturday, July 8, allegedly killed the infant and dumped it in a

dustbin outside her compound.

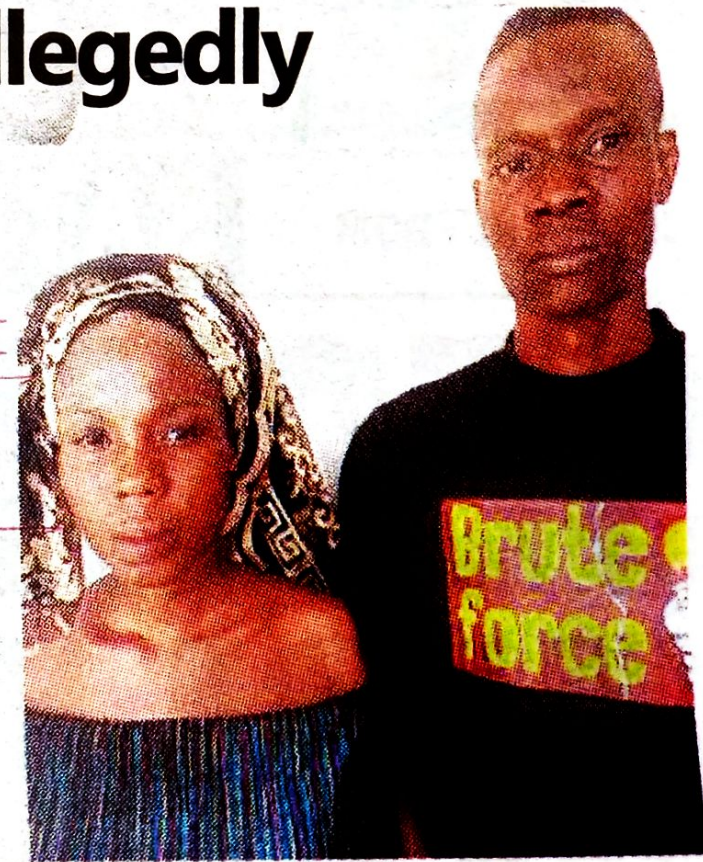
Against the accusation that Blessing killed her baby, however, she is insisting that she delivered the baby on her own and that the baby came out lifeless, making her to decide after a while to throw it into a dustbin.

She told the police that she lives with her aunt but hid the pregnancy from the aunt. She also said the aunt was out of town at the time she delivered.

She said when she discovered that she had given birth to a stillborn she kept the corpse for two days after which she dumped it inside the dustbin.

Speaking on the development, the Police Public Relations Officer in Adamawa State, SP Suleiman Nguroje, confirmed that Blessing and her boyfriend, Luka, were in police custody.

He assured that the police would unearth all the facts of the story as officials with requisite expertise were still doing their investigation.



•The suspects

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