

Bauchi housewife held for 'killing co-wife's newborn'

THE Bauchi State Police Command has arrested a 24-year-old housewife, Furera Abubakar for allegedly killing her co-wife's newborn four days after his birth.

The Command's Spokesman, SP Mohammed Wakil in a statement yesterday, said the incident occurred in the Bantu village of Ningi Local Government Area

From David Adenuga Bauchi (LGA) and was reported to the Ningi divisional Police Headquarters on August 19.

According to the statement, preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect is a co-wife to the nursing mother (victim's mother).

Abubakar was alleged to have secretly gained access to the co-wife's room and ap-

plied insecticide liquid (Gramalin) to the unhealed baby's umbilical cord.

"The liquid, suspected to be corrosively affected, led to the deterioration of the baby's health and eventually to his death."

Wakil said an investigation was ongoing, after which the suspect would be profiled and charged in court.