

# Police launch manhunt for suspects in toddler's gruesome murder

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The Bauchi State Commissioner of Police, Auwal Muhammad, has condemned the gruesome murder of an 18-month child who was thrown into a soakaway.

To this end, the commissioner has set up an investigative panel headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigation Department of the Command, Yakubu Mohammed, to thoroughly probe the circumstances

Bauchi Commissioner of Police, Auwal Muhammad

The panel is also to work towards fishing out those directly or indirectly connected to the inhumane act and subsequently charge them to court.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Bauchi State Command, Ahmed Wakil, stated these in a press statement made available to journalists on Thursday.

Wakil, a Superintendent of Police, said the unfortunate incident happened on Saturday, August 19, 2023, after the child went missing only for his remains to be found in a soakaway.

He said that the toddler's parents removed the corpse and buried it.

"The Commissioner of Police Bauchi State Command, CP Auwal Musa Muhammad, appealed to the general public to be calm as the Command is already tracking those suspected to be responsible for the gruesome murder of a baby boy in Bauchi and promised to leave no stone unturned until the victim gets justice.

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"The incident occurred on Saturday 19th August, 2023.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the toddler (victim) Muhammad Abideen, male (18 months) was with his mother, Saudatu Abideen, female (21) of Bakin Kura area of Bauchi when he went missing on the 19th of August, 2023.

“Subsequently, the remains of the said Abideen was dumped at a soak-away situated in the Games Village area of the Bauchi metropolis which was exhumed and buried by the deceased’s parents.

“The Command commiserates and condoles the family of the deceased. May Allah (S.W.A) give them the strength and fortitude to bear the irreplaceable loss. And, for the deceased, may Allah (S.W.A) make Aljannatul Fiddaus be his final abode.

“The Commissioner of Police Bauchi State Command CP Auwal Musa Muhammad, unequivocally condemned the ruthless and terrible act exhibited by the anonymous underworld, promising to trace and clampdown on the perpetrators to allow the law to take its course.

“The Command has constituted an investigative committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), DCP Yakubu Mohammed to thoroughly investigate the circumstances surrounding the murder of the boy and fish out whoever is directly or indirectly connected to this act and charge to court,” he said.

He said that the Command calls on the general public, particularly parents, to be very vigilant on their wards and continually cooperate with the Police by reporting any suspicious person or object to the nearest Police station.