

One-year-old baby's corpse, two others found in Benin

Residents of Uwa Street Junction and Second East Circular road in Benin, Edo State capital woke up on Wednesday to the shocking discovery of the corpses three children abandoned in the area by unknown persons.

PUNCH Metro gathered that one of the dead children was a little girl, whose age was put around a year old by some of the residents and her body was yet to decompose, thus, giving them the belief that she may not have been abandoned there a long time ago. But the remains of the other two children, which were already decomposing, were abandoned under a palm tree along the road.

One the residents, Mr. Victor Imonitie, who blamed the tragedy on indiscriminate pregnancy among young girls in the country, called for the proper registration of pregnant women by the government, adding that such women should also be monitored for up to two after delivery to minimize such incidents.

He said, "I think the government should begin registering all pregnant women in the country and monitor them for at least two years after giving birth, because all these young girls getting pregnant indiscriminately could do such things.

Another resident, who pleaded anonymity, attributed the incident to the high level of poverty among many Nigerians in the country and appealed to the Nigeria Police to remove the corpses.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Edo State Command, DSP Noble Uwuh, who said that he would get back to our correspondent, was yet to do so as of the time of filing the report.

However, it was gathered that some police officials from the Esigie Police Division were seen making arrangements to evacuate the lifeless bodies.

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