

Newborn baby found floating in Bauchi well

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A newborn girl was, on Saturday, found floating in a well at Gwallameji, the students' village of the Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi, the Bauchi State capital.

This is the second incidence in less than one week.

A dog was found by passers-by feasting on a new born baby abandoned at a refuse dump last Sunday in the same area.

The baby girl found inside the well on Saturday afternoon was believed to have been dumped a day before she was discovered.

An eyewitness, who gave his name as Elkamcy, told *SUNDAY PUNCH* that the odour from the decomposing body of the baby attracted residents.

"On my way to my shop, I saw many people gathered by an abandoned well in the area. It caught my attention and when I got there, I saw the baby floating inside the well.

"We called the traditional leader, who came with the local chief. They called the police, took pictures and asked some of the boys around to remove the baby. Afterwards, she was buried few meters away from there," he stated.

The eyewitness, who described the development as painful, said this was the fourth of such incident this year.

The Sarkin Gwallameji of Gwallameji, Hassan Ibrahim, who confirmed the incident, said he had given directives to his subordinates in charge of the community to investigate the matter and find the culprit.

He told our correspondent that he was saddened by the development.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Bauchi State Police Command, Haruna Mohammed, could not be reached as his telephone line was unavailable.