

Pigs kill abandoned twins in Nasarawa

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Residents of Jeun Makadi community in the Masaka area of Nasarawa State were shocked on Tuesday when they saw the corpses of newborn twin babies at a dump in the area.

Our correspondents learnt that the babies, who were suspected to have been dumped on Monday, were reportedly killed by wandering pigs.

When one of our correspondents visited the area on Tuesday, one of the corpses was still at the dump. The baby was injured in the face.

Residents said the other corpse had been carried away by the pigs.

PUNCH Metro learnt that some community leaders reported the incident to policemen from the Masaka division, who visited the dump.

A resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said people staying close to the dump confirmed that the babies were brought alive to the spot.

He said, “We believe that the babies were left at the dump on Monday evening or Tuesday morning. When we got to the dump, pigs had already eaten one of the babies and escaped with the corpse. Some people staying close to the dump told us that there were indications that the kids were alive when they were abandoned.

“There has been pandemonium in our area. People have been trooping to the dump when they get the information that newborn twins were abandoned there. Residents, who were at the scene of the incident, rained curses on the person that dumped the babies. They could have taken the babies to an orphanage or to a government’s shelter, not at our dump to be eaten up by pigs.”

A youth in the community, Garba Julius, said the community and the police were investigating the incident to unravel the culprits.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Nasarawa State Police Command, DSP John Kennedy, however, said the command had yet to receive information on the incident.

He said, “The command has not been informed of the incident that happened at Jeun Madaki in the Masaka Police Station bus stop area of Nasarawa State.”

Meanwhile, hoodlums, suspected to be armed robbers, have broken into the office of the Nigerian Union of Journalists in Lafia, Nasarawa State, carting away several items.

It was learnt that the incident, which occurred on Saturday, was the third burglary of the NUJ press centre.

The NUJ Chairman, Nasarawa State chapter, Mr. Dogo Chammah, while decrying the lack of adequate security, said the union would take drastic measures to check the repeated incidence of burglary and theft at the press centre.