

## Newborn found dead inside carton in Kano

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RESIDENTS of Tudun Tagarji in Kano State were thrown into shock on Saturday after discovering a newborn baby abandoned in a carton near a drainage in the Kaura area of the state.

PUNCH Metro learnt this from a statement issued on

Sunday by the leader of the Operation Zaman Lafiya vigilante group, Commander Rabiul Sulaiman.

He said his team stumbled upon the disturbing scene during a routine patrol around 2 a.m.

"Yesterday, around 2 a.m., while we were on patrol, we came across a shocking incident inside a pit very close to us. Upon close observation, we

noticed a disposed carton, but we had no idea what was inside it.

"To clear our doubt and be sure nothing harmful was kept there, I instructed my boys to open the carton, and behold, upon opening it, we saw a baby already dead," Sulaiman revealed.

Following the discovery, the vigilantes alerted

community leaders and later reported the case to the police.

"By morning, we invited the ward head to come and see for himself, along with other members of the community, before conveying the baby to the police station and informing them," he explained.

The police directed them to a hospital, where doctors confirmed the baby was dead.