

## Abandoned day-old baby found dead in Delta

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**OLEH**—RESIDENTS of Oleh, headquarters of Isoko South Local Government Area, Delta State, were, weekend, thrown into confusion following the discovery of the lifeless body of a day old baby in a bush path in the community.

It was gathered that the baby, with a placenta attached to it, was heard crying at night and was found dead in the early hours of Friday, along the Odoro Road area of the community, by passers-by who raised alarm.

A source in the community told newsmen that the baby may have been abandoned by the mother in the late hours of the previous day, adding that the body fell out of a polythene bag placed atop a heap of building blocks.

The source said: “Some persons in the neighbourhood said they heard the baby crying throughout the night, but that they could not come out for fear of the unknown.”

Describing the action of the mother as cruel and barbaric, the source said that the child may have died from cold.

“Everybody, who saw the lifeless body of the innocent child, has been raining curses on the mother,” the source added.

At press time, efforts to reach the Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Celestina Kalu, on the incident proved abortive, but a security source in the community confirmed the development.