

2-yr-old boy dies in Calabar pit

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CALABAR—A two-year-old boy, Nathaniel Adams, reportedly died in a pit behind a house at 81 Atimbo Road, opposite former Arab Contractor's yard in Calabar Municipality LGA of Cross River State, yesterday.

It was gathered that the victim's mother took the baby to her siblings' place on a visit where the tragedy occurred.

A tenant, who pleaded anonymity, told *Vanguard* that during the visit the child went to the back of the building where he fell into a pit dug for the collection of bathing water.

He said: "The boy's mother was in the room talking with the younger sister without noticing that the boy had left the room to the back of the house, where the pit that bathing water from bathroom empties into.

"The boy fell into that pit and had consumed much of the dirty water before he was discovered and rushed to the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital but it was already too late because nothing could be done as he was declared dead.

"We are also aware that the Naval Officer, who is the father of the victim, has been warning the wife to stop coming to our compound for reasons best known to him."