

Police exhume baby buried alive by grandfather in Bauchi

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Grandfather of the baby buried alive

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The Nigeria Police, Bauchi State Command said it has arrested a grandfather, Bawada Audu of Rimin Zayam, Toro local government area of the state who allegedly buried his own grandson alive.

According to the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ahmed Wakil, Audu had seized the newborn baby boy from his 17 years old daughter, Hafsat Bawada and buried him alive before the case was reported to the police by a human right organization.

"On 16/09/2020 at about 10:00hrs, in a joint operation between the police and human rights organization, one Hafsat Bawada 'f', aged 17 years of Rimin Zayam Toro L.G.A Bauchi was brought to Divisional Headquarters Toro. She was alleged to have given birth to a male child on 14/09/2020 at about 02:00hrs after which her father Bawada Audu 'm' 50yrs of same address seized the child and buried the baby behind his house.

"Upon receipt of the report, the baby was exhumed and rushed to General hospital where he was certified dead by a medical doctor. However, Hafsat pointed one Danjuma Malam Uba 'm' of the same address to have "had carnal knowledge with her" sometime early this, but is now at large. Hafsat, and the corpse were released to the village head of Rimin Ziyam for burial. Suspect has been arrested and confessed to the crime," the PPRO said.

Although the PPRO told Vanguard in a telephone interview that the reason for the grandfather's action was yet unknown, he assured that as soon as the case is transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department at the Command headquarters, more information regarding the case will be released to the public.

Meanwhile, the PPRO pointed out in his press release 3 cases of rape that were reported and are under investigation.

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