

# A-day-old baby found dead in P-Harcourt manhole

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**P**ORT HARCOURT—There was rain of curses in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, as residents of the area discover remains of an a-day old baby in a manhole.

It was gathered that members of Diobu vigilante group made the discovery in the early hours of yesterday and that the dead baby was a boy.

A source disclosed that dead baby was found in a manhole around Ekwe Street by Ikwerre Road, Mile 3 Diobu, Port Harcourt City Local Government Area of the state.

Mr Godstime Ihunwo, the Chief Security Officer of Nkpolu Orowurokwo working with Diobu vigilante said the community security team found the baby already dead during their patrol.

He said: "On Tuesday, about 5a.m., I and my team members were on patrol. On getting to Ikwerre road/ Ekwe street Mile 3 Diobu, Port Harcourt, we discovered that a new born baby was dumped into a

manhole.

"We discovered that the baby was dead. It was a male. I quickly rushed down to Nkpolu Police Division to make an entry. I also contacted, Prince Wiro, who is a human rights activist."

Meantime, Prince Wiro, who is

the National Coordinator of Centre for Basic Rights Protection and Accountability Campaign has condemned the action of the unidentified mother, describing it as height of wickedness.

Also, the Public Relations Officer of the State Police Command, Grace

Iringe-Koko, confirmed the incident.

Iringe-Koko said Police have contacted the relevant agency for possible evacuation of the dead body while investigations continue.

She urged residents with useful information on who may have dumped the baby to report to the nearest Police station.

## Police, Akpowowo, Dafe move to tackle kidnapping in Ethiope East, Ukwuani LGAs

**F**OLLOWING the nod of the Governor of Delta State, Sheriff Oborevwori, representatives of Ethiope East and Ukwuani constituencies in the Delta State House of Assembly, Arthur Akpowowo (Deputy Speaker) and Ogbefi Chukwudi Dafe respectively have taken up the responsibility in collaboration with the police to tackle kidnapping in the said local government areas.

On Monday, both lawmakers accompanied the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Operations, DCP Aina Adesola to the palace of the Ovie of Oruarivie Abraka Kingdom,

HRM Akpomeyoma Majoroh Ojeta II to solicit the support of the traditional ruler in the project.

Earlier, they also visited the Okpalukus of Umutu and Obiaruku communities.

Recall that the incessant kidnapping in the area has led to a collapse of farming activities in the bushes which has resulted in an alarming rise in prices of food items, especially gami.

Apart from the attack on farmers in the bush, several kidnap operations occurred in Abraka and Obiaruku communities.

Speaking after the visit, DCP Ademola who stood in for the

Commissioner of Police, Olufemi Abaniwonda, said: "We are here this morning to rub minds together with the community members through the audience of the king, the Deputy Speaker and Hon. Dafe on how we can synergise and cooperate to send these people

On his part, Akpowowo said: "As elected representatives of the people, one of the major reasons for forming a government is the security of lives and property. We are inundated with calls of insecurity in this area, Abraka particularly and Obiaruku," saying both communities are under siege by kidnappers.