

Baby stays with dead mother for three days

Tragic. The deceased is believed to have committed suicide.

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MASAKA. Residents of Kitengeesa Trading Centre in Buwunga Sub-county, Masaka District, were yesterday morning shocked to find a two-year-old girl locked in a house with the mother's decomposing body.

The LCI chairperson, Mr Qudra Mwanje, said the residents were attracted by the stench and flies that came out of the house.

"The door had remained locked for some days but when we opened it, we found the baby girl sitting on the bed where her dead mother was lying," Mr Mwanje said.

"The body was producing unpleasant smell and fluids similar to those we have seen from people who commit suicide," he said.

Residents suspect the deceased may have committed suicide given the condition of the body and that she had left some food for the

baby. According to Mr Mwanje, the deceased had stayed in the village for about eight months but very few knew her.

"I also thought that she only worked here, not knowing that she was a resident," he said.

The LCI chairperson asked all local council officials to be keen on all people coming to their areas.

Southern region police spokesperson Lameck Kigozi said they had not established the cause of death but he identified the deceased as Rosemary Naluggwa.

“We must remain vigilant and follow up all the new comers to our villages and have them registered to avoid problems of tracing their relatives when such incidents happen,” QUORA MWANJE, LCI CHAIRPERSON

"The deceased was taken to Kitengeesa by her boyfriend who rented a house for her without



Happier times. The deceased and her daughter in a recent photo. PHOTO BY ALI MAMBULE

informing any authority," he said.

Mr Kigozi called upon Ugandans to always report to local authorities whenever they are settling in a new place.

The police took the body to

Masaka Regional Referral Hospital for postmortem. The baby was handed over to the police Child and Family Protection Unit in Masaka as they look for the relatives of the deceased.