



The baby boy was left close to a fence of a house. He was found by a villager.

Woman abandons newborn

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MACHANG: When a Pakistani divorced his wife last July, he did not realise that his actions would affect the child that she was carrying.

On Tuesday, the 22-year-old woman abandoned her hours-old son outside a nearby house in Kampung Pertok in Temangan here.

She had apparently washed and bundled the baby in a sarong before placing him on the ground outside a neighbour's fence.

The woman, a goreng pisang seller, had delivered the baby unassisted at her house at 10am.

The 2.5kg baby was found around 12.40pm by a passing villager who took him to the village health clinic before lodging a report at the Machang police station.

Kelantan police chief Datuk Ab-

dul Rahim Hanafi said police were able to identify the suspect as she had been the only one pregnant in the village.

He said the woman was detained but released under police bail as she was weak and confused.

She is being treated at the Machang Hospital.

"We have not taken down her statement as we are going to wait until she is stronger and calmer. The baby will be under the care of the hospital before being handed over to the district welfare department."

Police have also called in her former husband, 41, who also lives here to record his statement. The woman had been divorced through an SMS by the carpet seller.

It was the second marriage for the woman, who has a 5-year-old daughter from her first marriage.