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Mob sets house with over 100 suspected stolen motorcycles ablaze in Benue



A fenced house on George Akume Way in Makurdi, Benue State capital, was yesterday set ablaze by a mob who suspected that stolen motorcycles were kept within the premises.

The incident caused a traffic gridlock on expressway as okada (commercial motorcycle) riders blocked the major road, insisting that police should disclose the identity of the owner of the house.

The astonishing discovery was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the police and a motorcycle owner who used a tracker to locate his stolen vehicle.

The Nation gathered that when the owner of the stolen motorcycle tracked it to the building, he called his fellow okada riders, who came and surrounded the building alongside the police.

They forced their way into the building and discovered many motorcycles, sewing machines and grinding machines, all suspected to have been stolen.

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Police moved all the motorcycles to E. Division Police Station in Makurdi.

Over 200 motorcycles riders blocked the busy George Akume Way, demanding that the police vacate the building so they could set the house ablaze.

The Nation learnt that in recent times, cases of motorcycles snatching in Makurdi have been on the increase.

At press time, the police advised those with complaints of stolen motorcycles, grinding machines, sewing machines or other household items to come forward and report at E Division Police Station in Wurukum, Makurdi.