

# Irate youths burn suspected Benue motorcycle snatcher

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Some youths in Gboko Local Government Area of Benue State on Sunday set ablaze a suspected motorcycle snatcher who was allegedly caught stealing a motorcycle.

The incident happened early hours of Sunday at Abagu community in the local government area.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered on Sunday that the suspect was arrested while attempting to steal a motorcycle that was parked by the owner.

The jungle justice came barely a day after commercial motorcyclists, popularly known as Okada riders, staged protests in Gboko over incessant motorcycle snatching and killing of their members in the ancient town.

Three people were allegedly killed Thursday night, which triggered a protest by the motorcyclists on Friday.

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The command's spokesperson, DSP Udeme Edet, who confirmed the protest, told *PUNCH Metro* that an investigation was ongoing to unravel those behind the snatching of motorcycles and the killing of okada riders in Gboko.

He said, "Yes, we are aware of the incident. An investigation is currently going on to unravel the circumstances behind it."

Residents said the mob action happened in the early hours of the day, causing panic in the area as people gathered at the scene before security agents arrived.

The deceased body had been deposited at a private morgue, while normalcy had returned to the area.

Meanwhile, efforts to get a reaction from the Benue State Command spokesperson on the Sunday incident were not successful as her phone rang out, but she did not pick it up as of the time of writing this report.