

Residents burn 2 robbery suspects over ₦30

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TWO robbery suspects aged, 26 and 30 were Monday burnt to death in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State capital over bag snatching containing N30 from a woman.

The incident happened at about 8. pm near the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Secretariat along Atiku Abubakar way in the metropolis.

An eye witness, Madam Blessing Afia, who narrated the incident to *Saturday Champion*, said the suspects were apprehended by residents of the area after observing that the robbers had snatched a bag from their victim who was said to have been returning from a church evening programme.

According to her, the suspects who came on a motor-cycle with one person behind were trying to escape after snatching a bag from their prey but luck ran out of them as the angry mob from the area swooped on them immediately and baptized them with fire.

Although, identities of the victims, said to be natives of Abia Emem and Itam, a suburb near Uyo were not disclosed, *Saturday Champion* gathered the robbers died over a paltry N30 as that was the only money alleged to have been found in the bag.

It would be recalled that, the incident of bag snatching by persons operating in the guise of motor-cyclists (okada riders) in the capital city, Uyo has become alarming in recent times.

This and similar developments late last year necessitated the state's Police Command under the headship of the then Police Commissioner now Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG), Mr. Asubuko Uдах to impose restrictions on motor-cyclists operations in the state from 10 pm

to 6am.

A victim, who claimed anonymity also narrated his ordeal in the hands of the criminals early this year to *Saturday Champion* saying, when he was attacked, the hoodlums threatened him with guns in the early hours of the eventful Monday, snatching all his belongings.

Most people who spoke to our correspondent at the scene of the incident equally narrated their experiences pointing out that apart from evenings the crimes were sometime carried out in the morning hours attacking innocent persons most especially travellers.

Police authority in the state while confirming the incident however assured that the command would not relent in its efforts to protect lives and property in the state.

Court throws lawmakers a

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A Federal High Court sitting in Lagos, on Thursday dismissed the application to stay proceedings and leave of court brought before it by eight of the 13 former Plateau State lawmakers standing trial before it.

The eight lawmakers - David Longlam, Gambo Nbilat, Benshak Dalop, Rufus Bature, Wanga Lemoro, Geoffrey Tem, Abubakar Muhammed and Saad Ibrahim Bello, had last November 21, through their counsel, Dr. Olumide Ayeni filed an application, seeking an order granting them leave to appeal against the ruling of the court presided by Justice Muhammadu Shuaib.

They also prayed the court to stay further proceedings pending the determination of the appeal.

Justice Mohammad Shuaib on his