

# Jungle justice: Mob burns robbery suspect to death

RESIDENTS of Ejigbo community in Lagos, on Tuesday, meted instant justice to a robbery suspect who allegedly stole recharge cards, worth about one million naira.

But two other members of the three-man armed robbery gang were fortunate as policemen from Ejigbo rescued them from the irate mob.

*Daily Champion* learnt that trouble started when the three gun men, who operated on motor bike, popularly known as Okada, attacked a car distributing recharge cards to their clients.

A witness said the driver of the Okada stopped at a distance with the Okada

steaming, while the suspects who were armed with gun, snatched the cards from the owner.

Following this, the recharge card owner raised alarm that attracted passersby and resident of the area who quickly pursued the suspects that fled with the Okada.

However, the witness noted that some bus drivers joined the pursuers and one of the bus drivers hit their Okada resulting to the arrest of the suspects by the mob.

He said the recharge cards were recovered from them before the bus drivers siphoned fuel from their buses and set one of them ablaze: "They were about setting others ablaze in turns, before police

from Ejigbo Police Station intervened and rescued the two others."

The deceased whose identified were not known was said to have led the two others in the operation.

The Okada driver who gave his name as Sunday said he was contracted to carry the suspects by the deceased without informing him what they were going to do at Okota.

Reacting to the incident, the Divisional Police Officer incharge of Ejigbo, Mr Ebere Onyeagocha condemned the act, saying it was barbaric and unlawful to set a suspect ablaze.

He said the rescued duo would be transferred to the appropriate place for prosecution.