

Instant judgment:

Mob 'sentence' robbers to death

Nemesis caught up with two armed robbers who had hitherto robbed, maimed and killed several people at Agric bus stop, close to Army cantonment, Ojo, as aggrieved driven and passengers burnt them alive.

The victims, said to be member of a five man armed robbery gang met their Waterloo early in the morning of last Tuesday when armed soldiers who were allegedly going to work saw the robbers attacking their victims, few metres away from the army gate.

Daily Champion learnt that the soldiers quickly stopped and shot the two, wounding them while

others fled through the Mammmy market.

A conductor who was part of the mob that set the evil men ablaze told our correspondent that the wounded robbers attempted to escape via the bush but early morning passengers and drivers prevailed and delivered instant judgment on the duo by burning them.

Our source said the deceased robbers pleaded with the passengers to spare their lives promising to turn to new leaves if given a second chance but the mob purportedly ignored their pleas.

He said that one of the lynchings narrated how the bandits killed her cousin's husband last month and urged the mob to pay the deceased in their own coins.

As at about 8 am when our reporter visited the place, the charred corpses of the bandits were seen.

Another source said the robbers had in the last days resorted to operate at the early hours of the day. He argued that "since coaster buses have been on strike along Orile/Okokomaiko route which reduced traffics along the road at night, the robbers shifted their operation to early morning".

He said that several appeals have been sent to Lagos state Commissioner of Police Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo to permanently deploy Policemen at Agric bus stop to enhance

security at the place.

Reacting, Police spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba said it is illegal to take the law into one's hand, stressing that the mob

should have handed the criminals over to the police for prosecution.

Mba said the police are working hard to enhance security in the state.

Group petitions Okiro over missing colleague

FAMILY, friends and associates of 36-year-old Onyemaobi Ikechukwu Charles are worried and shocked over the purported missing of the businessman and bread winner of the family.

Charles, a chemist at Omanuelu Ikwerre, Rivers state left his shop in 2006 and has not returned since then his whereabouts could not be traced as at the press time.

Worried by the development, members of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement, Saint Mary Catholic church, Omanuelu, Ikwerre have petitioned Inspector-General of Police, IGP, Mr. Mike Okiro to direct Rivers state police command to constitute a search party, aimed at locating their loved one.

Coordinator of the Catholic Movement, Mr. Emmanuel Nwobi told *Daily Champion* that Charles was a hardworking person, dedicated and above all a genuine child of God before the incident.

Nwobi said that the immediate family shortly after the alleged missing of Charles, constituted a local search team that searched

all the bushes surrounding the place but could not find anything as a result of what he described as "lack of tools".

Urging Inspector-General of Police to constitute the team which, he, argued should comprise local vigilantes group and trained detectives from the police, Nwobi said "We want to be sure if he is dead or alive somewhere or kidnapped. We want to find out if he is in detention or in prison without his family knowing".

Nwobi who said the victim was one of the turtled members of the Watchman noted that they have been praying on his behalf asking God to bring him alive.

In his own remark, another member of the movement, Mr. Emmanuel Ferdinand enjoined public to assist the family with useful information that could lead to his discovery.



Onyemaobi Ikechukwu Charles