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Mob sets madman ablaze

Alphonsus Nweze, Onitsha

I rate mob on Wednesday burnt a mentally deranged man to death at the ever busy Upper lweka Onitsha, Anambra State following the alleged stabbing to death of an old man, who was passing along the area.

An eye witness told *Daily Champion* that the incident took place in the morning when the old man whose identity could not be established was stabbed in the back with a broken bottle by the madman.

The old man, was said to have ran into the mad man unknowingly, but went his way. However apparently angered by the collision, the mad man picked up a broken bottle and went after the old man.

Our source also said that before the old man could understand what was happening and before people could mobilize to stop the mad man, the old man was already lying in the pool of his own blood

Efforts, according to the source, to revive the old man proved abortive as he died few minutes later.

When it became obvious that the old man has given up the ghost, a mob went after the mad man, beating him to stupor, before setting him ablaze.

When contacted, the Police Area Commander in charge of Onitsha, Mr. Osita Larry, an Assistant Commisioner of Police (ACP), said the incident had not been reported to his command.

He urged the people in Onitsha to remain calm as the Police in the town are poised to combat the hoodlums in the commercial town, warning that people should not take laws into their hands but to always follow to the rule of law.

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