

# Mob burns 3 Okada riders

ALPHONSUS NWEZE, Onitsha

At least, three commercial cyclists aka Okada riders were burnt to death in Onitsha at the weekend by an irate mob in response to rising crime wave in the commercial city.

Okada robbers had laid siege to the Anambra State commercial town in the last two weeks, indiscriminately shooting, maiming, terrorizing and robbing their victims of cash and other valuable items.

Hospitals in the commercial town had been admitting and treating victims of Okada robbers who usually sustained various degrees of bullet wounds during

such robbery operations.

At the Easter weekend, however, three of deadly Okada robbers received instant justices in the process of carrying out their operations.

One of the robbers who was roasted alive in front of Queen of Rosary College, Onitsha along Oguta was near Upper Iweka when the people around came to the rescue of the victim.

The robber tried to escape with his Okada, but he was given a hot chase by the people and commercial bike riders who caught up with him at QRC, where he was lynched, poured fuel and burnt beyond recognition with his bike.

Another Okada robber

met his waterloo at Mr. Biggs Roundabout along Old Market by New Market Road.

Daily Champion gathered that the one man Okada robber had attempted to rob a girl operating GSM phone, when he was shot by an unidentified person but escaped with the bullet wounds.

People however pursued him to Mr. Biggs junction where he fell and the angry mob set fire on him and his bike.

Another Okada rider was also given instant justice at Awada area of Onitsha during the Easter weekend when he attempted to snatch a bag from a passenger trying to board a bus.

When contacted, the Onitsha Area commander, Mr. Uchenna Nwamaka, an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), said that he was not ready to confirm

any story even within his jurisdiction.

But the Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Mr. Fidelis Agbo, a Superintendent of Police

(SP) who confirmed the incident, said a pistol was recovered from one of the burnt robbers in front of Mr. Biggs.

## Zone 9 police takes over Mokwe's casefile

THE Zone 9 Police Command, Umuahia has taken over the case of attempted assassination of an Onitsha businessman, Chief Bonaventure Mokwe.

Chief Mokwe, a property developer was some weeks ago shot by some people believed to be assassins at Three-Three area of Onitsha, Anambra State while returning from a meeting

at Nkwelle - Ezunaka in Oyi Local Government Area of the state.

Mokwe who suffered multiple bullet injuries during the attack said, he recognized three of the assassins and the Anambra State police Command was arrested two, but released one of them on the ground.

Daily Champion's investigation into the matter showed that it has been transferred to Zone 9 Police Command.

Champion that a signal from Zone 9 directed that the case file should be transferred to the zone.

We also gathered that the identity of the person who allegedly shot Chief Mokwe has been unveiled. He is said to be personal security guard to the elderly man who was initially arrested but released on age consideration. The boy is said to have come from Aguleri, Anambra