

# Mob kills madman for attacking woman

THE Police have commenced investigation into the killing of a madman by an irate mob at Emejulu Street near Ose Market, Onitsha in Anambra. The madman attacked a woman with machetes and was killed by the mob.

Mr Yusuf Abdul, Divisional Police Officer in-charge of Onitsha Central Police Station, said in Onitsha Monday that police would not wait for the relatives of the deceased to make a formal report.

“As we are waiting for the relatives of the deceased (the madman), we have commenced investigation into the matter. This is a democracy and nobody or group should take any life without due process,” Abdul told newsmen. He said that the police had contacted the Onitsha North Local Government Area to take away the corpse of the madman. An eyewitness told newsmen that the madman, who was in chains, was sighted at about 5 p.m. on Sunday coming into Emejulu Street.

The source said the madman's strange behaviour later made women selling fish on the street to abandon their goods and run for their lives.

“On getting to the fish sellers' shops, the madman allegedly took a machete and attacked an unsuspecting woman and inflicted cuts on the woman before she was rescued by on-lookers and taken to hospital. The irate mob on the street later lynched the madman before setting his corpse ablaze,” the source said. It is not clear if the police investigation would include questions on why the madman should attack the woman in the first place (NAN)