

Mob beats man to death over alleged kidnap

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

A mob yesterday lynched a man suspected to have kidnapped some children at Coker bus stop in Orile, Lagos.

The man was badly beaten by the mob after allegedly being found with two crying school children.

The mob stripped him naked and bludgeoned him to death. A witness said policemen from Orile who later arrived the scene took him away. Though some said he was only unconscious when the police took him away, reports said he died before reaching hospital.

"He was unconscious. He was terribly beaten. They even scattered his head. The mob claimed that the man kidnapped two school children. No one knows the truth. I did not see any school kid around and so I can't say if the man was a kidnapper. They were about to burn him when the police came.

He was rushed to hospital but I heard the man died", another witness, Blinkz Mick, said.

Police spokesman, DSP Joseph Offor, condemned the act of lawlessness displayed by the mob, saying the man was not a kidnapper, and no one

had come to say he attempted to abduct his children.

"Yes the man died in the hospital. It is very unfortunate the way people take laws into their hands. The police could not identify the man because he was unconscious when he was rescued from the mob. They claimed he was a kidnapper but no one saw him with any hostage. No one has also come forward to claim he kidnapped their child.

"Investigation is ongoing and we will ensure that all those who participated in that man's unfortunate death are brought to justice," said Offor.

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