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Mob sets suspected criminal, police station ablaze in Kwara

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A mob yesterday set a suspected criminal and a police station ablaze in Oro town, Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, over his alleged perennial criminal activities.

It was gathered that the mob Wednesday morning, besieged the police station, where the suspect, simply identified as Femi, was being detained, demanding that he be released to them for “proper judgement”.

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It was also gathered that the suspect had always been in and out of police detention for several criminal offences in the past.

Witnesses said the police refused to yield to demand of the mob, and shot into the air to scare and disperse the growing number of unruly people. That however resulted in further confusion.

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It was reported that the situation got uncontrollable for the police as the surging crowd forced its way and took out the suspect, set him ablaze and also burnt the police station.

Some sources in the community said the mob action was carried out by some aggrieved commercial motorcycle operators in the area, who had reportedly lost a member on Tuesday night. The sources said the deceased motorcycle operator had been tricked by some hoodlums, believed to include Femi, to a bush where they collected his motorcycle and also killed him.

The police public relations officer, Ajayi Okasanmi, was not available for comment on several attempts made to reach him.

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