

CRIME

3 Motorists Lynched In Ogun

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A mob beat three persons to death and set their vehicles on fire over allegation of theft at Aseese area of Mowe in Obafemi Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The state's police command, on Monday, described the incident as "jungle justice".

The spokesman of the command, Abimbola Oyeyemi, told newsmen in Abeokuta that the allegation of theft had not been substantiated by anyone.

He said it was the quick intervention of the police from Mowe Division that saved two other persons from being killed.

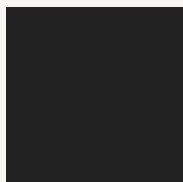
He said Okada riders "are always in the habit of attacking motorists involved in an accident with any of their

members. Their usual practice is to set such vehicle ablaze regardless of whether their member is at fault or not.

“The command is hereby using this medium to warn that such unlawful behaviour will no longer be tolerated in any part of the state, and anybody caught in such dastardly act will be decisively dealt with in accordance with the dictates of the law.”

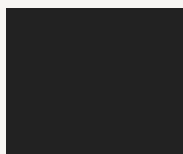
He further said, “In as much as every member of the public has the power to arrest anyone who is suspected to have committed a crime, the provision of the law is that such arrested person should be handed over to any of the law enforcement agencies for proper investigation and prosecution,” and added that, “Those who are fond of this primitive act are hereby warned to desist from it as the command will not leave any stone unturned to hunt for anyone culpable in this act and bring such person to justice.”

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