

2 robbery suspects set ablaze in Ibadan

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Irate youths in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, yesterday set ablaze two suspected robbers at the State Government Secretariat.

An eyewitness told *Daily Trust* that while one was burnt alive, the other was knocked down by a moving vehicle. Our correspondent gathered that one of the two suspects, having failed in their mission to snatch a car, attempted to run away. But he was hit by another car on motion and reportedly died on the spot.

The second suspect, it was

learnt, was nabbed alive before the duo was set ablaze. The state's Police Public Relations Officer, Olugbenga Fadeyi, confirmed the incident.

He said one Adebayo Tobi, a 27-year-old man of Plot 4, Owode Apata, Ibadan was robbed at Favours Area, Awolowo, Bodija, of his Vivo 400 android phone and a bag containing some papers by two Okada robbers.

"Sequel to this, he immediately pursued them with his Toyota Corolla car with Registration Number (Lagos) KRD 573 CH, along Dandaru Road (Parliament

Road). But the hoodlums suddenly entered into a pothole opposite INEC office and lost control of the bike. They fell off. One of them died instantly, while the other sustained varying degrees of injury.

"At the receipt of the information, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Agodi moved swiftly to the scene. But before his arrival, the injured robber had been set ablaze by the angry mob, numbering up to over 200," he said. He said investigation into the incident has commenced.