

# Mob Lynches Man, Stabs Soldier In Ogun

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A soldier was also stabbed by the group, mostly commercial motorcyclists, popularly known as Okada riders, in the violence on Tuesday.

City & Crime gathered that the motorcyclists pounced on the duo over alleged theft of bikes.

Sources told our correspondent that the motorcyclists got hold of the suspects, clubbed one to death and stabbed the second person, identified to be a soldier.

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Witnesses said that a detachment of soldiers and police deployed to restore sanity clashed with the mob, throwing the community into further chaos.

The Chairman of Ilisan Development Association, Otunba Wemmy Osude, in a statement, said, “One of the suspects was caught by a mob and tragically set on fire. The other suspect, who was dressed in army uniform, sought refuge in a nearby house.

“A crowd of gathered outside the house, demanding the release of the suspect. Despite efforts to disperse the mob, they remained defiant.

“The situation intensified until the army intervened with a commando-style rescue operation, successfully evacuating the suspect.”

The spokesman of the Nigerian Army’s 35 Artillery Brigade, Alamala, Abeokuta, Captain Idereghi Akari, said, “The soldier is not a thief. The deceased person was a civilian.”