

Mob kills woman for blasphemy

Irate youths yesterday lynched a woman at Izom town in Niger state for dropping letters in mosque with inscriptions allegedly abusing Prophet Mohammed.

The youths were said to have mobilized themselves at noon when they discovered the woman dropping the pamphlets with the offensive words which they said was derogatory of the Holy Prophet.

The woman, whose name was not identified, was dragged from the police station in Izom where she was taken to for protection, after the youths overwhelmed the police men on duty before she was stoned to death by the angry mob.

Two police officers were seriously wounded in the at-

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tack on the station while the irate youths forcefully took away the woman. The injured inspector is currently receiving treatment at the Gawu Babangida rural hospital.

The state Governor, Alhaji Abdulkadir Kure said the incident was not a religious crisis, adding that the woman was said to have been insane.

He appealed to the people of the area to remain calm while the police continue with their investigation into the incident, adding that it was unfortunate that the woman was killed by the mob.

Government, he said needed to know those behind the blasphemous pamphlet.

The governor who

rushed to the scene of the incident advised the traditional ruler of the area to ensure the maintenance of law and order in his domain.

The state commissioner of police, Mr. Ernest Ibhaze who briefed the governor on the incident said the woman was mentally retarded, adding that she was not known by the people of the area.

He said the police will however step up investigation to unravel the identity of the woman with the aim of bringing to book those behind the circulation of the offensive pamphlets.

He said his men have brought the situation under control, adding that peace has returned to the area and every body going about their normal duty.