

the deceased, who was said slumped while playing foot- that the clinic authorities burnt down the clinic.

Four suspected robbers set ablaze in Calabar

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• Five others arrested after shootout with police

ANGRY residents, who have been incessantly harassed by daredevil robbers, burnt to ashes three suspected robbers in Calabar, the Cross River State, yesterday. One of them was burnt alive along White House Street, while the other was at Abua, by Ephraim Street. Similarly, one suspected armed robber was also caught and set ablaze by residents of Bebosco bus-stop along Murtala Mohammed highway on Tuesday.

It was gathered that the suspected robbers numbering over 30 and armed with guns, machetes, axes and other weapons were walking through the streets in Calabar-South in broad daylight, robbing and harassing residents.

They were, however, confronted by the police and there was a shootout, which resulted in some of them sustaining gunshot wounds.

Some still managed to escape with the wound, while five were arrested by the police. The two that were killed were among those that sus-

tained the bullet wounds and while trying to escape were caught and burnt alive by the residents.

A resident, who lives along

Ekondo Street narrated what happen: "It was like a war zone here, bullets were flying everywhere as the police and cultists engaged each other.

"From Ekondo Street, Ebuka Street, King Duke Street, Abua Street, Nyong Edem Street, White House Street, up to Mayne Avenue and many other others in Calabar South, it was really a terrifying experience. People were running helter-skelter to protect themselves from stray bullets. For over an hour, there was complete pandemonium. The government should do something to check the activities of these cultists, who seem to want to take control of this city."

The Commissioner of Police in Cross River State, Hafiz Inuwa, in a text message yesterday said after receiving a distress call from residents, he deployed his men immediately to check the situation. He confirmed that five of them were arrested.



The suspect before he was set ablaze

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