

Mob sets three suspected robbers ablaze in Akwa Ibom

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Some aggrieved youths yesterday burnt three persons suspected to be armed robbers to death at Uruk Usung village in Obot Akara Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

It was gathered that the suspects have been terrorizing residents of the area. According to eyewitnesses, the suspects, who were aged between 22 and 30 years, were apprehended by the youths after robbery operations. It was gathered that the mob, after beating the suspects to a pulp, quickly set them ablaze before help could come.

Meanwhile, when contacted, the Akwa Ibom police spokesman, DSP MacDon Odiko, said he was yet to be briefed by the area Divisional Police Officer on the incident.

This is coming weeks after two armed robbery suspects were killed by an angry mob in Bayelsa State. The two suspects met their Waterloo in Opolo area of Yenagoa, the state capital, where they and another gang member, who escaped with injuries, had robbed some passers-by of their mobile phones and other personal effects.

The robbery incident, which happened close to the residence of a serving Senator, attracted the attention of some community youths who mobilised to chase the suspects. Two of the suspects were eventually nabbed and overpowered by the mob that dispossessed them of their machetes and beat them to death.

The other suspected gang member, who was said to be wielding a gun, had fired some shots, escaping with injuries. The Police Public Relations Officer of the Bayelsa State Police Command, Asinim Butswat, confirmed the incident and urged residents to desist from handing jungle justice to suspects. Residents of the state capital live in fear as suspected thieves and cultists snatch valuables and cash from residents at gunpoint.