

Irate Mob Set Two Robbers Ablaze

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• Wilmer Residents Under Siege

Irate mob at the weekend lynched and set two robbers ablaze after attempting to rob a shop in Lagos.

It was gathered that three bandits, who were operating on a single motorcycle popularly called 'Okada' had attacked a shop at Kogberegbe Junction, Isolo. As the attack was going on, an irate mob took courage and challenged the men of the underworld.

A source said the bandits had attempted to escape from the scene after robbing the owner of

the shop before the mob pounced on them.

It was learnt that the mob gave the robbers a good fight during which two of them were lynched and after which they were set ablaze.

The third member of the gang was alleged to have escaped narrowly from the scene before the arrival of anti-robbery operatives drawn from Isolo Division following a distress call.

He was said to have escaped through a canal in the area, thereby abandoning the 'Okada'.

Lagos State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Olubode Ojajuni, a Superintendent of Police (SP) confirmed the report.

He said that the mob lynched and set two of the robbers ablaze, while the third escaped through a canal.

He, however, solicited the co-operation of members of the public to assist the police in exposing criminals living in their midst for prompt action. Meanwhile, residents of Idewu Street in Wilmer Area of Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Government are now living in fear following incessant attack by armed robbers.

Daily Independent gathered that the men of the underworld have been operating in the area successfully in the last couple of months.

Last Thursday, the robbers attacked a business centre around the bus-stop and were alleged to have carted away an unspecified amount of money, GSM handsets and other valuables.

Witnesses said the robbers, who dressed corporately and numbering about five came to the place in a jeep some minutes before 10p.m. on the day.

They were said to have parked

the car close to the shop and sat inside for a while ostensibly to survey the area before they descended on their prey.

After successfully robbing their victim, the criminals armed with sophisticated guns started shooting sporadically into the air to scare away people and bystanders at the bus stop before they zoomed off.

Their shootings led to stampede as people scampered for safety with some sustaining injury in the process.

Some residents of the neighbouring Wilmer Crescent and Muyibi Street said they now sleep with their two eyes open as a result of the incessant robbery.

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