

Onitsha: Accidents Claim Three, As Mob Lynches Two Suspects

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Accidents in two locations in Onitsha at the weekend claimed three lives while two robbers who attacked a motherless 'babies' home were lynched by an irate mob.

In the first accident, a five-year old boy was killed on Bida Road near Onitsha Main Market when a bale of cloths being off-loaded by traders fell on him.

The little boy, who was said to be the only surviving child of his parents, was said to be playing, when the accident occurred.

The second accident occurred at the 3-3 area of Onitsha when a Volvo saloon car and a commercial motorcyclist had a head on collision. The motorcyclist and his passenger died instantly.

In another incident, two suspected robbers who invaded a motherless babies' home at Umunna Street,

Odoakpu, Onitsha were lynched by irate youths.

According to an eyewitness, the suspects ran out of luck when one of the staff of the home raised an alarm, which attracted passers-by.

It was learnt that the suspects acted on information that cash and other items have been donated to the home by organisations and individuals.

When the staff raised alarm, youths who were watching a Premier League

match nearby ran to the place.

The suspects tried to scare them away by firing into the air but the irate youth persisted.

When the mob discovered that the robbery suspects had run out of ammunition, they pursued and caught up with them. The angry youth stoned the suspects to death.

When contacted, the Onitsha Police Area Commander, Rasheed Akintunde, confirmed the killing of the suspects.

He, however, said he was yet to be briefed on the two accidents.