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Cult War: Group Absolves Obaseki's Chief Of Staff Of Complicity

BY PATRICK OCHOGA, Benin City

Following unabated confraternity war in parts of Benin City and other parts of Edo State, a group, Concerned Edo Youths for Peace and Good Governance (CEYPGG) has condemned several audio and visual attacks on the chief of staff to the governor, Hon Osaigbovo Iyoha, where he was being accused of using a particular cult group against others.

The group said the attempt to drag the chief of staff into the senseless killing and sponsoring the war is baseless and unfounded.

Mob Sets Suspected Tricycle Thief Ablaze In Akwa Ibom

BY INIOBONG EKPONTA, Uyo

Angry youths have administered jungle justice on a suspect, setting him ablaze in the Itam area of Itu local government area of Akwa Ibom State.

A local food vendor at the popular Itam International Market, near Uyo, the state capital, Nsifon Anwangaobong, said the armed hoodlum was trying to escape with a stolen tricycle, but was unlucky to be apprehended by some vigilance youths of Itam, who ensured he was killed before the arrival of the police operatives from

the nearby Itam 'D' Division.

However, the state police command headquarters at Ikot Akpanabia, has confirmed the rescue of two other criminals from being burnt after they were apprehended with items including a generator stolen from a church, and two bottles of Campari brandy, stolen from a supermarket.

Confirming the incident, the police public relations officer (PPRO), SP Odiko MacDon, who warned the youths against taking the laws into their own hands by administering jungle justice on suspected criminals, said the

commissioner of police (CP) Olatoye Durosinmi, is miffed at such primitive act, adding that the CP has vowed to investigate and to prosecute the perpetrators.

He identified the criminal elements rescued in the process of being killed to include: "One Ubong Sunny Ossom, of Ikot Edebe village in Nsit Atai LGA, who stole 2 bottles of Campari Brandy at Godslight Supermarket, Ekpene Ukim, in Uruan LGA, and one Christian Effiong, of Nung Atai Okobo village, in Okobo LGA, who stole a generator at MOUNT ZION CHURCH,

Ikot Ambon, in Ibesikpo Asutan LGA."

He said: "Both of them were rescued at the verge of being burnt after they were caught for stealing. This trend is becoming too frequent and alarming.

"Whereas the command condemns in totality the act of stealing which is a crime, but subjecting the perpetrators to jungle justice is not in tandem with our legal system. The commissioner of police, Olatoye Durosinmi, has therefore warned perpetrators to desist forthwith or face arrest and prosecution."

Edo Guber: Security, Stable Power, Agric Top PDP Aspirant's Agenda

A frontline aspirant in the 2024 Edo

Yakubu, a former chairman of

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BY KALU EZIYI, Umuahia

Anambra State government has said that the ongoing digitisation process in the local government service was aimed at achieving a more efficient service delivery instead of taking jobs from workers.

The state commissioner for local government and town union matters, Mr Tony Collins Nwabunwanne, gave the assurance in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Awka yesterday.

Nwabunwanne said that the state government planned to train and equip 5,000 workers with digital skills and computers in line with the digital transformation agenda of the Prof. Chukwuma Soludo administration.

He said that the first phase of