

Three suspected robbers burnt

THREE suspected armed robbers were burnt in Surulere, Lagos yesterday.

They were set ablaze in front of the Surulere General Hospital on Randle Street in the early hours.

Eyewitnesses said that the five suspects, had attempted to rob a bank around Ojuelegba, also in Surulere.

Luck ran out on the gang when some members of a neighbourhood watch closed in on them while they were trying to break into the bank premises.

On sighting them the robbers fled the scene but

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they were chased by the vigilance group.

The group caught-up with three of the hoodlums. The others escaped.

Another account said that the suspects were members of a 'catch in the air' gang, popularly known as 'One Chance.'

It was gathered that the suspects were robbing passengers in a commercial bus along Ojuelegba Road, when the vigilance group sighted them.

After beating the suspected robbers for more than an hour, some social miscreants (Area boys) around Randle area came with used tyres

and petrol which were used to burn them

When *The Nation* visited the scene yesterday afternoon, the charred bodies of the suspects were still in front of the hospital.

Commenting of the incident, the command's spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajuni, a Superintendent of Police (SP), said the action was barbaric and uncalled for, as an innocent person could also have fallen victims.

According to him, "we condemn the action. The suspect should have been taken to a police station. They deserve a fair hearing."