

Four suspected robbers set ablaze in Warri

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There are concerns over the increasing spate of 'jungle' justice in Warri, Delta State. Four robbery suspects were set ablaze yesterday.

Although incidents of lynching of robbery suspects have increased in the area in recent times, yesterday's incident was the highest lynching at a single incident.

It was gathered that the suspects met their end after snatching gold accessories from a female victim at Hausa Quarters.

Eyewitnesses said the incident occurred at about 3:30pm.

The hoodlums reportedly fled into the nearby slum in the area.

Sources said they were caught when security personnel and residents chased them before they got to McDermott Road in front of GKS' Salem City.

"The mob did not have to look too far for disused tyres, there were vulcaniser shops around. They took a number of tyres and made bonfires out of the criminals," an eyewitness said.

However, it was gathered that the development had heightened concerns of civil society groups in the area.

Sheriff Mulade of the Centre for Peace and Environmental Justice warned that innocent persons risked being killed if security authorities failed to take drastic actions to prosecute victims.

Oghenejabor Ikimi, coordinator of the Forum for Human Rights Defence, condemned the jungle justice, describing it as extra-judicial killing, which security agents must not condone.

Investigations by our correspondent revealed that yesterday's incident brought to seven the number of suspected robbers lynched in the city within the past 10 days.

The roasting of the quartet came barely three days after two suspected bank robbers were burnt on Airport Road after they allegedly dispossessed a customer of a new generation bank of money he just withdraw from the bank.

Prior to the Airport Road burnings, on June 21 a suspect, said to be notorious for attacking his victim with dagger and other dangerous weapons at the Enerhen Junction, was caught and also set ablaze after allegedly stealing a handbag containing N150.

When contacted, the Area Commander (Delta South), Abutu Yaro, said he was on casual leave.

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