

## Mob kills two robbery suspects in Ekiti

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**T**WO suspected robbers have been killed by a mob in Ilu-omoba-Ekiti, Gbonyin Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

Three suspects, believed to have been terrorising the community in recent weeks, were reportedly arrested by members of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) on Wednesday and handed over to the Police.

Sources said youths, enraged that one of them was killed by robbers the previous day, stormed the Police outpost, overwhelmed the police officers on guard and killed two of the three suspects.

Ekiti State OPC Coordinator Chief Ojo Obafemi said: "I am not giving an excuse to support jungle justice, but the experience of the people in the past weeks and months compelled the youths to deal instantly with those caught. The killing of innocent souls in these past weeks has been alarming.

"As I am talking to you, motorists and commercial motorcyclists now refuse to ply the roads. If you go out and it is getting to 5 pm, you will be afraid to return to your house because you may never get there.

"However, I have warned my members not to allow such a thing to happen again. It is not a legal process of dealing with suspects. I told my members to immediately hand over any suspected robber they apprehend to the Police for prosecution."

Police Spokesman Jimoh Mohammed, who confirmed the incident, warned against jungle justice.

Jimoh said the remains of the slain suspects had been deposited at the mortuary of the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) in Ado-Ekiti, the state capital.

He said the third suspect had been transferred to the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) at the Police headquarters in Ado-Ekiti.

Jimoh said no one has been arrested.