Kogi: Three suspected armed robbers set ablaze

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Three suspected armed robbers were on Friday set ablaze at Orunu junction in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State by some youths.

The youths are suspected to be from the adjourning communities' where the suspected robbers met their Waterloo.

An eyewitness said the robbers, numbering five had taken over the road and began robbing commuters when the youths suddenly appeared on the scene.

A source said that unknown to them, the villagers who were tired of incessant attacks on the road which leads to Idah Local Government Area from Lokoja the state capital rushed out and descended on them.

The villagers said the source refused to be intimidated by the armed bandits, who were said to be foreigners from a neighbouring African country.

According to him: "The villagers came out in their numbers and in the process seized their guns before crushing three of them to death with heavy stones, clubs and other dangerous weapons. Two of the armed robbers escaped into the bush while three were burnt to ashes after they were given the beating of their lives".

The Kogi State Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Williams Aya who confirmed the incident said the police discovered three dead on the road.

He said nobody was seen at the scene but that the police have commenced investigation into the matter.