

Mob lynch man accused of stealing from church



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An unnamed man in his mid-thirties has been feared killed after he was attacked by a mob for allegedly stealing from a church in [Abia State](#).

The victim was alleged to have stolen musical equipment from a church located around Umuoba road, Aba North local government area of the state.

The man was said to have broken into the church to cart away their musical instruments, but was spotted by a resident who raised the alarm that attracted passers-by.

The crowd that soon gathered launched attack on him, leaving him all bloodied and lifeless.

It was gathered that the mob claimed there had been increase in robbery activities within the area by hoodlums that operated on foot and commercial tricycles.

Some of the residents decried the spate of crime in the area, blaming security operatives for failing in their responsibility of protecting the lives and property of citizens.

The body of the deceased was still lying at the scene of the incident at the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, Aba residents have expressed concerns over the spate of mob justice and extra-judicial killings in the commercial hub of the state.

Respondents noted that some of the killings were between cult groups, while others were killed by residents after being caught in various nefarious activities.

There have been reported killing of several persons in Aba North, South and other suburbs within the past few months as people have resorted to self-help rather than subjecting the suspects to the criminal justice system.

Giving account of reported jungle justice in Aba South local government area of the state, a resident of Ngwa road by East, Chukwu Uwa, said no fewer than five persons have been extra-judicially killed in the last one month.

According to Uwa, apart from the policeman that was killed by unknown gunmen in the area and some parts of Ngwa road off Ohanku, most cases of death or extra-judicial killing in Aba South LGA were cult related.

Uwa and one Mrs. Patience, a resident of Owerre-Aba begged the government of Abia State to liaise with the heads of security agencies to fashion out how best to reduce or nip extra-judicial killings in Aba South in the bud.