

Okada riders roast 10 robbery suspects

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AS incidences of armed robbery and snatching of GSM phones increase daily in Akwa Ibom State, youth, mostly commercial motorcyclists have adopted jungle justice to assist the police and the society to

stem the tide.

Within the last six months, no fewer than 10 robbery suspects and GSM phones snatchers who by fate, missed their targets and ran into the hands of the youth were bathed with petrol and set ablaze before police could intervene.

On Sunday and Monday last week, two of these miscreants

met their waterloo when a group of *Okada* riders apprehended them, beat them into pulp and instantly set them ablaze at Itam Junction in the outskirts of Uyo metropolis.

Eye witnesses told *New Nigerian Weekly* that the one burnt on Sunday in company of his colleague, at a gun point snatched a Mercedes Benz car

from a woman said to be returning from a church service, dragged out her children and zoomed off with the car.

Sources further said that the helpless woman whose alarm for help attracted a group of *okada* operators was lucky as the robbers left her handbag which contained the remote

control of the car's electronic security device.

The robbers had it rough when she remotely stopped the car before the criminals could go far.

On noticing that the mob were closing in on them, the robbers abandoned the car but before they could escape, the one who was burnt on Sunday

was apprehended.

His comrade in the crime who narrowly escaped the same jungle justice having been rescued by the police was said to have killed himself when he attempted to bring out a locally made gun from his trousers which exploded and scattered his testis.

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It was also learnt that Monday incidence was the case of a **GSM** phone snatcher who was caught while snatching the phone from a lady in the crowd who turned up to watch the Sunday's episode.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Suur Chafa gave the name of the one who shot himself as Monday Nwagbolu from Nkali village in Ebonyi State, adding that he died on the way to hospital.