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Two suspected armed robbers lynched, burnt in Ibadan

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TWO suspected armed robbers have been killed after a mob caught, lynched and burnt them to death during an unsuccessful operation at Popoyemoja area in Ibadan South West local government area, Ibadan on Tuesday.

The suspected robbers

were said to have operated on a motorcycle dispossessing a victim (name withheld) of his valuables including a mobile telephone set at Popoyemoja, but were trailed and caught after the victim raised an alarm.

The incident which drew the attention of the people living in the neighbourhood and passersby happened at

6:30 am.

An eyewitness account alleged that the robbers were responsible for several operations in Akuro, Iyana Lodge, Sharp corner, Odion Cinema, Popoyemoja, Oredein areas of Ibadan before nemesis caught up with them.

Irate youths from the community descended heavily on the suspected armed

robbers, arrested two while the other one managed to escape from the scene of the incident.

It was further gathered that the suspects had earlier robbed, shot and snatched a motorcycle from an unidentified person at Ososami area of Ibadan after which they escaped before getting to Akuro where they were attacked after an-

other robbery in Akuro.

However, youths in the community gave them a hot pursuit and later caught up with them.

Further information revealed that the alleged robbers were attacked with stones and other dangerous objects before they were set ablaze in the Ogunpa drainage

It was also stated that a

gun and cutlass were said to be on them when they were attacked and the motorcycle they snatched was also destroyed by the mob.

When contacted, the Oyo State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Adewale Osifeso, confirmed the incident, adding that "investigation on the case is still ongoing and update would be provided".