

Mob sets woman ablaze for alleged blasphemy

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A mob set a middle aged woman identified as Amaye ablaze for allegedly defaming the Islamic prophet in Mariga Local Government Area of Niger State on Saturday.

The deceased, as reliably gathered, was accused of blaspheming the Islamic faith with unguided utterances.

Residents of Kasuwan-Garban were said to have been provoked by her utterances, which they considered offensive to the Islamic faith.

They allegedly descended on the deceased and set her ablaze.

Confirming the incident in a statement, the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Wasiu Abiodun, said, "A report was received that one

Amaye, a female resident of Kasuwan-Garba in Mariga Local Government Area of the state, was said to have made some utterances considered offensive to the Islamic faith.

"Unfortunately, the lady's utterances led to a mob attack which resulted in her being set ablaze before the reinforcement of security team could arrive at the scene.

"The state police command strongly condemned the act of jungle justice as it promised that efforts are underway to identify, arrest and prosecute those involved in the criminal act.

The PPRO, therefore, urged members of the public to remain calm, avoid a breach of law and allow security personnel to handle the sensitive matter in line with the provision of law.