

## Mob lynches robbery suspect

Chukwudi Akasike. Uyo

∧ NGRY mob on Tues-**A**day set ablaze one of the two armed robbery suspects who attempted to snatch a Mercedez Benz car from a woman in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

Investigation by our correspondent revealed that the suspect, whose body was burnt beyond recognition, tried to push the woman out of the car.

The incident was said to have attracted commercial motorcyclists who rushed towards the two robbery suspects.

One of them was caught and burnt to death in the process, while the other ran into the bush.

However, in an attempt to scare the mob with gunshots to enable him escape, the fleeing suspect shot himself in his genitals and slumped. Our correspondent gath-

ered that he was immediately rushed to the hospital where he died.

The second robbery suspect who died at the hospital was identified as Monday Nwagolu from Kali village in Abakaliki, the Ebonyi State capital.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Akwa Ibom State Command, Mr. Suur Chafa, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

Chafa noted that although cases of armed robbery had for some time been reduced to a considerable level, the criminalswere beginning to take over the streets again.

## Police arrest 21 suspects

Jude Owuamanam, Jos

MEN of the Plateau State Police Command have arrested 21 suspects in connection with robbery incidents in the state.

The suspects were picked up at various locations following reports of their involvement in armed robbery.

Th state Police Commissioner, Mr. Richard Chime. who disclosed this at a press briefing in Jos. on Tuesday, said the arrest of the suspects was due to renewed offensive by the com-

mand against criminals. Chime said the success of the police was also due to stricter security measures adopted by the command.

The commissioner said the police had gone deep in the investigations into the murder of an Advanced Congress of Democrats governorship aspirant, Mr. Jesse Aruku.

In one of the instances, the police commissioner said that a four-man gang had snatched a Toyota Corolla car and other