

# Mob set robbery suspects ablaze

## ...three feared dead in auto crash

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**T**WO armed robbery suspects were, on Wednesday, set ablaze in the Agidingbi area of Lagos by an angry mob.

The robbers, armed with a locally made pistol, trailed a woman from the Agidingbi branch of a bank to the First Gate bus stop, riding on a Suzuki motorcycle marked UG 130 Abia.

A witness told our correspondent that the robbers caught up with the woman and snatched her bag.

The woman was said to have raised the alarm which drew the attention of commercial motorcycle riders and artisans at the nearby mechanic village.

They were said to have chased the robbers and caught up with them while trying to escape through Jumobi Estate on Acme road.

The witness said the woman's bag, three mobile telephones, a locally made pistol and an undisclosed amount of money were recovered from them.

The decision to set the suspects ablaze was said to be a spontaneous one as the mechanics allegedly provided used tyres and petrol which was used to burn them.

The leader of a police team from the Area 'G' Command in Ogba, Mr. Emmanuel Bale, a superintendent of police, told our correspondents that they received the news from police control room and moved to the scene.

Bale said the mob had already set the suspects ablaze before the policemen arrived

at the scene.

The policemen and men of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority were on the ground to control traffic which was built up as a result of the incident.

Meanwhile, three people were feared dead in an auto crash, on Wednesday, at the Ketu end of the Lagos-Ikorodu Expressway.

The accident involved a truck and a car. The three occupants of the car died on the

spot.

Although details of the accident were still sketchy at press time, an eyewitness said the truck that was moving towards Mile 12 lost its break and swerved to face the car that was moving towards Ojota.

Also on Wednesday, another accident at Adeniji-Adele on the Third Mainland Bridge caused traffic jam on the bridge. The traffic snarl stretched to Yaba.

## Police confirm one dead in Oshodi mayhem

**Olalekan Adetayo**

**T**HE Lagos State Police Command, on Wednesday, confirmed that one person was killed when social miscreants popularly called *area boys* went on the rampage in Oshodi, Lagos on Tuesday.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, in a statement, said preliminary police report showed that the victim, simply identified as Michael, was burnt.

Quoting from the report, Ojajuni said trouble allegedly started when one Alhaji Teslim Almaroof and his group, armed with dangerous weapons, stormed Oshodi Market/Garage with the aim of dislodging a group of the National Union of Road Transport Workers led by Alhaji Musiliu Akinsanya a.k.a. MC.

The two groups therefore engaged each other in a free-for-all.

Ojajuni said when the re-

port was received at Oshodi police station at about 10.20am, the divisional police officer and his colleague at the nearby Akinpelu police station led their men to the market to restore peace.

But later, the Almaroof's group reportedly re-grouped and launched a violent attack on members of the NURTW at Afariogun by Tax Office junction, Oshodi.

It was in that process, he added, that Michael was killed.

According to the police spokesman, the Almaroof's group later opened fire on policemen who went to the scene to recover the corpse. But they were later subdued.

In the process, one Haruna Azeez was arrested with bullet wounds in his left leg.

Ojajuni said policemen were still on the trail of other fleeing members of the group.