

Three robbery suspects set ablaze in Lagos

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THREE young men suspected to be thieves, were in the early hours of Monday set ablaze at Anthony bus stop, Lagos.

Two of the men were burnt beyond recognition while the third suspect was burnt in the legs and a disused tyre placed on his chest.

The suspects, riding a motorcycle, reportedly snatched the handbag of a woman who was moving towards the bus stop.

Immediately the woman's bag was snatched, she raised the alarm and youths in the area promptly pursued the suspects.

The youths caught up with the robbers at a spot very close to the Anthony campus of the Lagos State University.

After a session of beating, the youths set the suspects ablaze at three different spots. Their motorcycle was also burnt.

Although the attention of the police at Anthony was drawn to the incident, the suspects had been killed before the arrival of policemen.

As at press time on Mon-

day, two of the charred bodies had been taken away while the half-burnt body and the remains of the motorcycle were still lying on the road median.

A commuter, who spoke with our correspondent at Anthony on Monday, expressed happiness that nemesis caught up with the suspects. He added that thieves operating on motorcycles were notorious at Anthony.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr.

Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday.

Ojajuni, however, condemned the action of the youths, saying that since they were able to arrest the suspects, they should have handed them over to the police.

Similarly, youths believed to be students of the Lagos State Polytechnic, Isolo, have been protesting the killing of some people in the area on Saturday.

Some unidentified gunmen shot about four persons in the neighbourhood. Three of them died instantly.

On Monday morning, two motorcycles were found burnt on Ire-Akari Road, Isolo. It was believed that the owners abandoned the motorcycles in order to escape lynching.

The protesters' main targets, our correspondent gathered, were commercial motorcycle riders.

Ojajuni said he had not been briefed of the Isolo incident.

Judge pleads with angry teachers

**Olamilekan Lartey,
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AN Ekiti State High Court in Ado-Ekiti has directed secondary school teachers in the state not to jeopardise the prevailing peace in the state.

Justice Toyin Abodunde urged the teachers, and the parties in the dispute between the state chapter of the Nigeria Union of Teachers and secondary school teachers to behave in a way that would portray them as responsible citizens.

In her ruling, she directed the teachers, the NUT and the Ekiti State Teaching Service Commission to maintain the status quo until she heard the matter.

The teachers are praying the court to direct the NUT and the TSC to stop deducting check off dues from their salaries to the NUT.

They informed the court that since the crisis started and the teachers initiated the moves to break way from the NUT, they had been subjected to intimidation, harassment, punitive posting to

remote parts of the state and threatening text messages to their mobile phones.

Represented by their lawyer, Mr. Morakinyo Ogele, the teachers said they had reported the threats to the police, but the deductions from their salaries had continued.

He said the TSC and the NUT were taking the laws into their hands by that action.

Counsel to the NUT, Mr. A.T. Lawal, said his clients were respectable citizens who would not denigrate the rule of law.