

Mentally-ill man lynched, Kogi council blames fake news

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A mentally-ill man has been killed by a mob after he was accused of abducting children by diabolic means in Okene, in the Okene Local Government Area of Kogi State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the mob paraded the victim in the Okengwe axis of the local government before burning him to ashes

A source said residents tied the man's two hands and beat him before dragging him to Okengwe, where he was set ablaze.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of Okene Local Government Area, Kogi State, Abdulrazaq Muhammad, has ordered the arrest of those behind the killing.

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Muhammad, in a press statement on Tuesday, described the masterminds as criminals who took the law into their hands.

The chairman directed security agencies to investigate the incident, while the district head of Okengwe, some ward heads and community leaders were invited to make statements for their negligence of responsibilities.

“Preliminary investigations indicate that the information that led to the murder of the man was fake. Further investigation will reveal the identities of all those who masterminded the jungle justice who will be arrested and made to face the full wrath of the law. Youths of Okene and the public are hereby cautioned on the spread of fake news,” the chairman added.