

# Kwara: Mob sets detainee on fire, vandalises police station

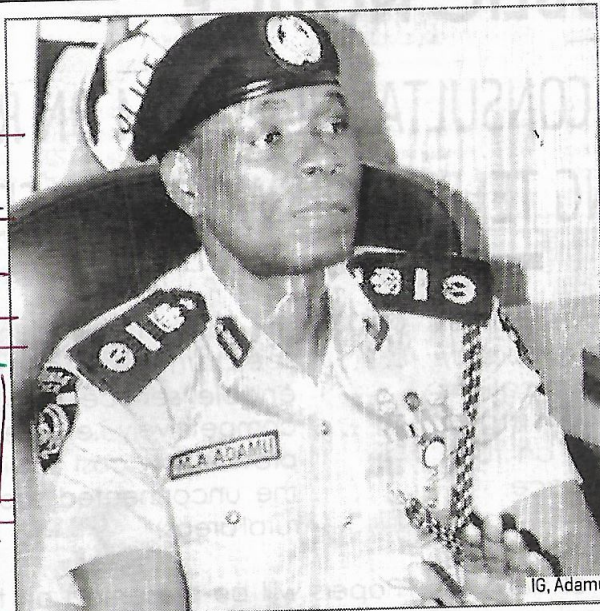
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**A**ngry mob yesterday overpowered policemen at a police station located at Oro in Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State and set a detainee on fire.

A witness said the incident occurred about 9a.m. following the discovery of the body of a commercial motorcyclist who had been missing since Sunday night.

The suspect, identified as Femi Tete of Salawa area, Oro, had asked the cyclist to take him to Agbamu, a neighbouring town. On the way, Femi reportedly lured the cyclist into the bush and allegedly killed him, before stealing his motorcycle. The deceased was identified as AbdulGaniyu Tunde, popularly called Afobaje of Oke-Ola.

Angry residents, along with members of the commercial



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motorcycle association in the area, were said to have descended on the police station, de-

manding that Tete be released to them. They said that Tete had often been arrested and lat-

er released without justification. The cyclists complained of incessant cases of cyclists being attacked and killed in the same way that Tunde was killed.

When the police refused to hand over Tete to them, the mob started hurling sachets of water at the station. The police were said to have fired shots into the air to disperse the crowd. Rather than flee in fear, the mob became infuriated and descended on the station.

A police source said: "The police had to make a tactical withdrawal before calling for reinforcement from the Area Command, Omuaran. The mob thereafter vandalised the station. The mob also seized the suspect and set him ablaze. His corpse was moved to the General Hospital at Omuaran."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ajayi Okasanmi, said he was yet to be informed of the incident as at the time of filing this report.



## My wife beats me always – Husband

**A**n Ibadan-based businessman, Oluwatosin Bakare, yesterday told an Ile-Tuntun Customary Court sitting in Mapo, Ibadan, to dissolve his seven-year-old union to his wife, Enitan, because she frequently beats him.

Bakare, who lives at Labo Owo, Dugbe area of Ibadan, cited frequent battery and threat to his life as reasons for his prayers for divorce.

He said: "My refusal to make a thorough research before I eventually got married to Enitan is the reason behind my problem today.

"My lord, as soon as Enitan got into my house, she began to act strange. She challenges my authority on most issues.

"I have made efforts to correct her misbehaviour by informing our pastor, but rather than turn a new leaf, Enitan's attitude worsened, making the pastor's intervention ineffective.

"In October 2018, Enitan, on entering our bedroom, gave me a deafening slap as she followed it up by bringing out a knife to stab me.

"I, however, managed to escape unhurt.

"I can't count the number of times she had attacked and torn my