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Police Inspector, 2 others killed as mob sets station ablaze

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Three persons including a Police Inspector have been confirmed killed by a mob before setting ablaze the police station at Odo-Eri, capital of Yagba West Local Government Area in Kogi State.

The mob attack followed an alleged accidental discharge by a policeman on Thursday.

The incident is coming barely days after the bank robbery in Egbe, in the same local government area, which claimed some lives.

It was reliably gathered that the Thursday incident occurred in the afternoon when news filtered across the community that the police have arrested some sus-

pected armed robbers that attacked three banks some days earlier.

One of those who converged on the police station was said to have been killed by an accidental discharge from a policeman's gun.

The development, it was learnt angered the people as they killed the police officer and set the police station ablaze and vandalised vehicles parked at the station as well.

Meanwhile, the Kogi State Police Command, in a statement issued yesterday by the Police Public Relations Officers, DSP Williams Aya, and made available to Saturday Telegraph in Lokoja, noted that the police has launched a manhunt for the robbery suspects and arrested two of them.

The manhunt, he explained, was done in col-

laboration with personnel of other security agencies, hunters and vigilantes and that it took the team to Oke-Ere Hills where the robbery suspects were trapped.

"The two suspects who were arrested were taken to Odo-Ere police station. An irate mob from the community went to the station demanding that the two suspects be released to them for lynching," revealed, adding that:

"All efforts by the police to placate the mob proved abortive; it became violent and in the process, they killed one Inspector Bamis-aye Gbenga and injured PC Sunday Alechenu."

Aya stated also that to disperse the mob, a male and a female died in the hospital while receiving treatment. He confirmed that the mob set part of the station ablaze.