Angry youths lynch 3 men for stealing, selling 2-year-old child for N60,000 in Cross River

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Some angry youths have lynched three men for allegedly stealing and selling a 2-year-old child for N60, 000 in Cross River State.

It was gathered that the incident happened on Thursday between 8 and 9 am at Ekpugrinya Junction in Ogoja Local Government Area of the State.

One Elijah Ugani, who claimed to have arrived at the scene of the incident after the act had been committed, said that the angry youths set the three men ablaze by the roadside.

"Three young men were just set ablaze at Ekpugrinya junction in Ogoja Local Government Area of Cross River State for allegedly stealing a 2-year-old baby and selling to an Alhaji at N60, 000. It happened between 8 and 9 am this morning," Ugani said.

The source further stated, "The youths said they were tired of the suspects."

Ugani, who is also a journalist, said that the suspects confessed to the crime before they were lynched.

He noted that the said Alhaji, whom the baby was sold to, was on the run adding: "They sold the baby outside the community. The Alhaji wasn't found."

He stressed that "tension was high. Nobody would have stopped those youths. One of the suspects escaped and the youths went after him."

The Cross River State Police Command has however, condemned jungle justice, warning that anyone found culpable would be made to face the law.