

Delta: Irate youths overrun police station, snatch, lynch suspects



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Pandemonium broke out at Issele-Uku in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State yesterday, as irate youths retrieved two handcuffed suspected motorcycle snatchers from police custody and lynched them.

They ignored the frantic effort by the police to maintain law and order.

The killing of the suspects has left the community in shock as concerned residents of the area have described it as jungle-justice.

The widespread outrage has pitched the town, which was known for its peaceful disposition against its deep cultural values.

The President-General of the Issele-Uku Development Union (IDU), Mr Offordile Uge, condemned the incident, describing it as a violation of the principle of justice, fairness and equity.

He said: “Two wrongs cannot make a right. We strongly condemn this mob action. It is disturbing that the suspects were snatched from the police and lynched.

“Issele-Uku is a sacred town that values peace and abhors jungle justice. This act of lawlessness is unacceptable and goes against everything we stand for.

“Law enforcement agencies should take the rules of engagement more rigorously to prevent mobs from taking matters into their own hands, to save the lives of suspects and law enforcement officers.”

He said elders of the land would be consulted to perform necessary rituals to cleanse the land of the bloodshed, maintaining that “This killing does not reflect who we are as a people.”

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He emphasised the need for law enforcement agencies to follow strict protocols while making arrests by ensuring that suspects are protected from violent attacks.

He also called for consultations with elders, leaders and major stakeholders to cleanse the town of the criminal elements.

He said the community would work closely with security agencies to maintain peace and prevent criminal activities from escalating in the locality.