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Vigilante Kill Four Robbery Suspects in Lagos

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While the nation is still writhing in the death of the four students of the University of Port Harcourt (UniPort) who were murdered a month ago, four other persons were at the weekend burnt to death at the Mushin Area of Lagos State.

This is just as the Lagos State Police Command were said to have yesterday arrested the persons behind the jungle justice exerted on the suspected armed gang.

According to reports, the yet-to-be identified persons were said to be part of a dare-devil armed robbery group that had constantly terrorised the residents of the area.

THISDAY gathered that the deceased persons were butchered and then burnt to death by the vigilante unit of the Oodua People's Congress (OPC), after allegedly intercepting them in an armed robbery operation.

Some residents of the area however claimed that the suspects met their waterloo in the hands of an angry mob who were tired of being victimised by the gang's daily operations.

Eyewitness report said the gang members numbering about 10 including some females, had stormed Vono Street in Mushin and were carrying out their raid of terror when the vigilante also stormed the place.

A gun duel was said to have occurred and four of the suspects were gunned down while the remaining six fled to safety.

The vigilante group were said to have quickly burnt the four persons that were mowed down by their bullets.

Attempts to contact the state Public Relations Officer, DSP Ngozi Braide, proved abortive and text messages sent to her phones were not replied either.

However, police sources said the state Police Command upon receiving the information, ordered a comprehensive investigation into the matter, while ordering for the arrest of the culprits behind the death of the deceased persons.

He said, "We are yet to recover from the death of the four persons that were killed in Rivers State by an angry mob and here it is happening in Lagos.

"With the arrests of the culprits, the command is trying to send a signal that jungle justice is not allowed in the state. The law must be allowed to run its due course."

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