

Mob lynch two robbery suspects in Lagos

By **Olasunkanmi Akoni**

A MOB, yesterday, set ablaze two armed robbery suspects following a botched attempt to rob an unsuspecting woman who had gone to withdraw a huge sum of money from a bank.

The incident took place at the Agidingbi area of Ikeja occurred around 10am.

The robbers said to have been armed with a locally made pistol, trailed the woman from the Agidingbi branch of the bank to the First gate bus stop along Lateef Jakande road, riding on a new Suzuki motorcycle with registration number UG 130 Abia.

According to eye-witness account, the robbers caught up with the woman and snatched her bag consequent upon which the woman raised an alarm which drew the attention of traders and artisans around the mechanic village who went after the suspects.

They later caught up with the suspects while trying to escape through the Jumobi estate on ACME road.

In what could be termed spontaneous reaction to the development, the mob went for disused tyres, sprayed

them with petrol and set the suspects who were said to have pleaded for mercy ablaze.

They recovered the snatched bag said to have contained three different handsets, a locally made pistol and an undisclosed

amount of money.

Leader of the police team from the Area 'G' Command in Ogba, Mr. Emmanuel Bale, a Superintendent of Police, who moved into the scene in an attempt to save the suspects from being lynched failed.

According to the police officer, they received the information on their communication gadget.

Bale said the mob had already set the robbers ablaze before they got to the scene.

Oyo terminates N240m contract

By **Ola Ajayi**

IBADAN — OYO State Government yesterday, terminated the N240 million contract for the installation of a new digital radio transmitter for the Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State (BCOS) awarded to Interloc Nigeria Limited by the ex-governor of the state, Alhaji Lam Adesina.

The contract which was first awarded in 2001 at the cost of N190 million was further reviewed by the impeached Senator Rashidi Ladoja shortly after his government came on board in May, 2003.

The termination of the contract came on the heels of the

failure of the contractor to meet the ultimatum given by the incumbent governor of the state, Otunba Adebayo Alao-Akala

Briefing newsmen after the weekly state executive Council meeting yesterday, the Commissioner for Information, Mr Adele Aderogba, announced the termination of the contract, saying the said contractor would also be sued for breach of contract.

The Commissioner also noted that after several efforts by the government to make the contractor honour the agreement failed, "we had no choice than to terminate the contract.

"We are terminating it in order to take further steps to make the BCOS transmitter

function, the contractor had given several undertakings which he did not follow. He was supposed to do the contract in 2001 and up till now, nothing has been done.

"In March 2006, after series of failure, the Managing Director of Interloc, Mr C.A Adewumi, entered into an undertaking that he would complete the job by March ending but when he again failed to do so, we sent a petition to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) because we discovered that he was not willing to do anything but while we are awaiting the outcome of that, the need for the government to formally terminate the contract became imperative in order to move forward."