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...as Police fume over jungle justice; threaten arrests

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Akure — A mob, yesterday, lynched two brothers and one other robbery suspect in Akure, the Ondo State capital, causing panic and tension across the state.



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Vanguard gathered that the suspected bandits stole two motorcycles at gunpoint along Aratusi Street, Oke-Aro in Akure metropolis.

The deceased brothers are Femi Ojo and Segun Ojo. Their accomplice, the third victim of jungle justice, is Taye Pius.

Okada riders protesting in Ondo

The theft of motorcycle used for commercial

purposes had been rampant across the state in the last one month

In a swift reaction, the state Police Command warned against jungle justice, with its spokesman, Femi Joseph, saying the Command will not condone such act and vowed that the killers of the three suspects will be fished out and brought to book.

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However, *Vanguard* learned that the suspects, after being beaten blue-black and severely injured by the youths, were later rescued by the Police, but died on their way to the hospital.

They were about to be set ablaze when the Police detectives got to the scene and took them away.

According to Joseph, "at about 8a.m., yesterday, along Aratusi Street in Oke-Aro, we were told that a three-man gang was caught while trying to steal an *Okada*. The owner raised the alarm, which attracted some members of the public.

"In no time, a mob descended on the suspects and beat them to a pulp. They sustained what I could describe as third degree injuries. We tried to rush them to hospital, but they died midway."

The Police image maker said items recovered from the suspects include a locally-made pistol and the stolen motorcycles.

He added: "They are actually robbers, but we are worried with the jungle justice meted out to them. This is against the law.

"We will apprehend all those who participated in the jungle justice, because this is highly condemnable and reprehensible."

