

Mob sets ablaze two suspected POS robbers

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YENAGOA: AN angry mob, yesterday, set ablaze two suspected POS robbers at the Biogbolo suburb of Yenagoa, Bayelsa State capital.

Also set ablaze was the Lexus Sport Utility Vehicle used by the suspects.

The incident, which occurred along Greenville Road, is the latest in series of rising cases of jungle justice in the state capital.

There was a conflicting account of the incident, but a version had it that the suspects allegedly robbed a POS kiosk on the busy road when nemesis caught up with them.

According to sources, "they were caught, beaten to stupor and burnt alongside the Lexus car they came with."

Another version said the suspects were not armed but had wanted to scam the POS

operator, who raised an alarm, a development that triggered a mob action.

A source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "The Lexus SUV they drove is new and without a number plate. I heard there was a disagreement between the suspects and the POS operator over the amount they collected and what the machine debited from their credit card."

Contacted, the state police public relations officer, Mr. Asinim Butswat, who confirmed the incident, however, condemned the mob action.

He said: "Authorities of Bayelsa State Police Command have condemned the mob action which led to the death of two yet to be identified male adults at Biogbolo, Yenagoa.

"The Commissioner of Police, CP Uche Anozia, has ordered investigation and those responsible for the act will be arrested and prosecuted."

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