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# Mob sets suspected kidnapper ablaze in Lagos

## •As police rescue 38-yr-old kidnap victim in Delta

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**T**HERE was a commotion in the Agege area of Lagos State, yesterday, as a suspected kidnapper was set ablaze by a mob, while police rescued two other suspects.

According to an eyewitness, the incident happened at about 9 am, in Orile-Agege Local Council Development Area, LCDA.

According to an eyewitness, "A commercial motorcycle operator popularly called, *Okada*, said to have engaged the suspected kidnappers in a hot chase from Ajegunle Toll-Gate, along Lagos-Ogun boundary spot after some of the school children kidnapped cried out for help through the window of the kidnappers' vehicle.

"But, nemesis caught up with them at Mulero Bus Stop in Orile-Agege

LCDA, where their vehicle was intercepted by some passersby after the *Okada* operator raised the alarm to alert passersby of the action of the suspects."

In the ensuing melee, one of the suspects was reportedly lynched on the spot with their vehicle burnt.

"It took the quick intervention of the Police to rescue the other two members of the gang and the kidnapped school children," the source stated.

However, it could not be confirmed at press time if one of the abducted school children died in the vehicle, as there was a report that the suspects had already killed one of the children before luck ran against them at Orile-Agege in Lagos.

Contacted, spokesman for Lagos State Police Command, CSP Olumuyiwa Adejobi, said: "Police operatives attached to Elere division of the Lagos State command, upon a distress call that some suspected kidnappers were being mobbed at

Mulero bus stop, by Omotoye estate, raced to the scene where one white Golf car and a male suspect have been set ablaze.

"The police operatives moved in to rescue the other male suspect who has been macheted severally by the mob numbering over two thousand. In the process, the agitating crowd also attacked the policemen. The suspect was subsequently rescued and taken to hospital.

The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, Hakeem Odumosu, has again condemned the act of jungle justice and called for discreet investigation into the case, as he promised to continually kick against such inhumane act.

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Meanwhile, a 38-year-old woman, Efe Caroline, who was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Biokoro

extension, Orerokpe in Delta State, has been recused by police operatives.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, who disclosed this in a statement, said: "On 6/6/2021 at about 2145hrs, the Divisional Police Officer, Orerokpe Division received a distress call from an unknown caller that four armed men, suspected to be kidnappers shot sporadically at Biokoro extension and kidnapped one Efe Caroline, 38 years.

"Consequently, police operatives from Orerokpe Division were quickly detailed to the area. The operatives on getting to the scene sighted the hoodlums and gave them a hot chase, engaged them in a shootout at Okujorogun community.

"They were overwhelmed by the superior firepower of the Police. Consequently, the hoodlums abandoned the victim and fled, the victim was rescued unhurt. Manhunt for the hoodlums is ongoing."

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