

Parents see son lynched, after he crushed 4 to death in Akure

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AKURE—IRATE mob has allegedly killed a 35-year-old man, Olorunfemi Tope, after he reportedly crushed four persons to death in an accident, which occurred in Ijoka area, Akure, Ondo State, yesterday.

The victim was alleged to be an internet fraudster by the mob.

His parents, who reportedly rushed to the scene, while the mob were ston-

ing him, escaped death by whiskers, after identifying the victim as their son.

But for the timely arrival and intervention of police officers, they too would've been lynched by the mob.

They, however, set ablaze the Toyota vehicle driven by the 35-year-old victim.

An eyewitness said: "The Yahoo boy was driving a Toyota car along the road, and suddenly skidded off its lane to crush the victims, who were on commercial motorcycles, also known as *Okada*."

"The driver rammed into about five commercial motorcycles carrying passengers at different spots at Ijo Mimo, through Sunday bus stop, Ijoka Road.

"The victims died on the spot, while others sustained serious injuries.

"Immediately the accident happened, some sympathisers, who rushed to rescue the victims and the driver, later reportedly found some fetish items inside the driver's vehicle, raising suspicion that the driver is a yahoo boy.

"Angered by their discovery, the sympathisers descended on the driver.

"The driver of the Toyota car, who did not sustain any injury, was said to be trying to escape

from the scene when he was caught by some youths and beaten and stoned to death."

Vanguard learned that the corpses have been deposited at the state Specialist Hospital in Akure metropolis while those injured received treatment in the same hospital.

Speaking on the incident, spokesperson for the state police command, Funmi Odunlami, confirmed that the mob killed the driver of the vehicle that crushed the victims to death.

Odunlami said that only two persons were killed by the driver during the accident.

According to her: "No one can confirm if the young man in question is an internet fraudster, there was an accident that led to the death of a motorcyclist, rather than people around to help, some resorted to jungle justice by killing the young man, Olorunfemi Tope, aged 35, who drove the vehicle and set the car ablaze.

"But for the quick intervention of the police, his parents too would have been killed, in all two people were confirmed dead.

"Six others involved and injured in the accident are currently in the hospital."

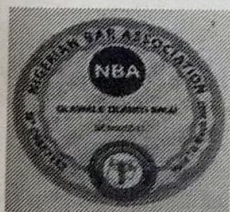
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