

Police rescue driver from mob

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MBALE. Police in Mbale District have rescued a taxi driver from a mob that attempted to lynch him after he knocked a boda-boda cyclist at the weekend.

Police fired live bullets to disperse the crowd that was chasing the driver, who is currently detained at Central Police Station.

The accident occurred on Republic Street. Mr Brian Muga, an eyewitness, told *Daily Monitor* that the driver did not respect the right-of-way and in the process knocked the rider.

"He was lifeless when we tried checking him after the accident. Police rushed him away," Mr Muga, said.

Mr Muga explained that boda boda riders looted the driver's property before attempting to lynch him.

A police officer, who talked to *Daily Monitor* but preferred anonymity, said had police officers not intervened earlier, he would have been murdered by the mob.

"In order to save him from the angry mob that was chasing him, we had to fire bullets in air because we were far. He has been arrested and he will be charged according," he said.

The Mt Elgon police spokesperson, Ms Diana Nandawula, confirmed the incident.

"It was serious accident but the boda-boda rider did not die. He only sustained severe injuries and he is on medication," she said, adding that she had not yet got his name. She, however, cautioned boda boda riders against engaging in mob justice.