

## OPC Sacks Community, kills 4 in Lagos

At least four people were feared dead while fifty others are currently on danger list, as a result of a violent clash between the members of the Odua Peoples Congress (OPC) and some residents of the Arepo town, a border community between Lagos and Ogun states, over land disputes.

*Saturday Champion* reliably gathered that the crisis which entered its third day yesterday was sparked off on Monday when the OPC members allegedly invaded the town to wrestle 21 acres of land belonging to the World Evangelical Bible International Church (WEBIC) from one Alhaji Oshinaya, but were resisted by the villagers.

Eyewitness account has it that the OPC men, allegedly led by their Ikeja coordinator, Mr. Muiyiwa Oloko Isiaka, and Chief Isaiah Olusesan on arrival, displayed various dangerous weapons like guns, cutlasses, Knives and cudgels to scare away the residents.

Some of the unfortunate victims of the OPC attack are currently admitted at the Life Gate Hospital Ogba, in the intensive care ward.

Madam Nuru hekoni recalled to *Saturday Champion* how the village were attacked, saying that they came daring evrybody, including the Baale (village head) Chief Solomn Oyeji who was said to have scaled the fence on sighting the determination of the invaders to sack the whole town.

Speaking in vernacular, she said, "I am going to Abeokuta my ancestral home until the Police is able to restore normalcy, after all, my husband is dead and my children are in Abeokuta, I have nothing at stake here again."

*Saturday Champion* gathered that the land in dispute was purchased by the church in 2002 from the Koleosho family at the sum of N20million, and members had been worshipoing on it since then until recently when the OPC allegedly stormed the place, over-power some villagers and church workers who were seized and macheted for daring to be threat to their mission of liberating the land for their sponsor.