

8 killed, 25 nabbed in Ikare clashes

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ABOUT eight persons were feared dead with 15 others on danger list, while 25 were arrested in a fresh communal clash over the ownership of a portion of land in Ikare Akoko, Ondo State.

The renewed clash broke out Tuesday in Ikare between the Odoso and Igbede dynasty following a fresh attempt for control the land.

According to *Daily Champion* investigations, Odoso family was a lineage in Igbede family which owed the disputed land.

The land, located between Ikare and Akungba expands for about eight kilometres and had been subject of litigation for the past three years.

Sources said there was a Supreme Court judgment, which ruled in favour of Odoso family about one year ago and our investigation revealed that during the judgment, there was a clash between the two families, which resulted in the burning down of houses of the Odoso family.

The renewed clash over the land on Tuesday was said to have been ignited when members of the Igbede family went to re-claim the land with the intention to dispose it off.

State police public relation officer Aremu Adeniran said over 25 people had been arrested over the clash, while a team of anti riot police had been deployed to the scene to oversee the return of peace.