

Policeman, others killed in Osun land dispute

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A policeman, Akinsanya Akingbade, was yesterday killed during a clash over land dispute at Ileogbo Community in Osun State.

The dispute was between Iwo and Ileogbo towns which eventually degenerated to a communal clash.

Daily Trust Saturday gathered that apart from the policeman, three other people were killed, while many were seriously injured.

The disputed land is at Asalu in Oke Saji, the boundary between Ileogbo and Iwo.

The incident caused panic among residents of the two communities.

Meanwhile, the state governor, Adegboyega Oyetola, is currently in Saudi Arabia performing lesser Hajj.

His deputy, Benedict Alabi, has summoned the Oluwo of Iwo, Oba Abdulrasheed Adewale Akanbi, and the traditional ruler of Ileogbo, Oba Abeeb Adetoyese Agbaje, to a security meeting in Osogbo, with the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Wale Olokode.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the Osun State Police Command, Yemisi Opalola, who confirmed the incident, said that one Waheed Adeleye had been arrested over the murder of the policeman.

The PPRO disclosed that adequate policemen have been deployed to the communities to prevent further breakdown of law and order.