

Ijoko community decry alleged killing of their kinsmen, asks Amosun to intervene

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RESIDENTS of Ijoko Community in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Council of Ogun State yesterday demonstrated over an alleged killing of their kinsmen.

The placard-carrying demonstrators who stormed the Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta Governor's Office called on Gover-

nor Ibikunle Amosun to save them from "total elimination." There has been *obaship* (monarchy) tussle in the community in the last eight years, which has resulted in the death of over 40 people in the town. The tussle is between Oba Fatai Alani Matanmi and Oba Lasisi Aremu Ogunseye, who have been involved in a long run legal battle till date.

According to their spokesperson, Chief Mrs. Kuburat Ajoke Sanni, an *obaship* tussle in the area had taken a fresh twist in the last two weeks as "about four of our people have been killed."

Sanni, who appealed to Governor Ibikunle Amosun to salvage them in Ijoko declared: "As a people, we don't want Matanmi in Ijoko."

In the same vein, Chief Mrs. Nusirat Bankole Majekodunmi of Ijoko, informed that the crisis has assumed a criminal dimension that she has lost her own son, an undergraduate of the University of Ilorin, (UNILORIN) to the crisis.

She added that since then, the perpetrators of the violence had fled the area, saying some of the notable personalities

that had been killed in the crisis, included: Chief Amodu, Baba Sotinoye and Mosuru Ogunseye, a son of the monarch and a father of four, who according to her, was allegedly forcefully taken away and killed and his corpse is yet to be seen till date.

Addressing the protesters, the Secretary to the State Government, SSG, Barr. Taiwo Ade-

oluwa assured them that the State government would look into the crisis, urging them to maintain peace and order to avoid another blood-shedding in the town.

Adeoluwa, after receiving the protest letter from the people, added that the State government had been exploring all avenues at ensuring that lasting peace was restored to the area.