

# 10 Feared Dead In Ajah Clash

## •Oba's Palace Razed

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Ten people were feared dead on Thursday in an early morning clash between those claiming to be natives of Ajah, a suburb of Lagos, and those loyal to the traditional ruler, Fatai Olumegbon.

Eyewitnesses said men spoiling for a showdown with the monarch to 're-claim' the land went bananas and terrorised every one with deadly weapons.

Children and students going to school were caught up in the stampede that broke out.

The palace of Olumegbon and other properties were razed, and residents who survived the violence fled for refuge in neighbouring towns and vil-

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Mobile policemen from Ikeja, led by Amos Marcus Omuiyadun, later arrived to douse the tension.

Police Commissioner, Emmanuel Adebayo, also ordered Deputy Commissioner (Operations), Zaccheus Olusa, to take charge of the affairs, for a firm grip on command and control.

Police Public Relations Officer, Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident and that police reinforcement has been drafted to the scene.

He said normalcy has returned to the area.