

# Two Feared Dead In Abijan Over Chieftaincy Title

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Two people were feared killed on Thursday at Abijan, a suburb of Ajah as the community erupted in violent crisis over traditional stool.

Sources said the crisis is rooted in the emergence of two parallel chiefs (Baale) in the community.

The battle, which involved the factional supporters of the chiefs, was said to have turned the whole community into turmoil as dangerous weapons such as cutlasses and cudjels were freely used by the warriors and residents had to take to their heel for safety.

Several other people also allegedly sustained various degrees of injuries.

It was gathered that some of the residents have already relocated to the nearby communities to put up with friends and relatives.

When contacted, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Frank Mba said he was not aware of the incident and promised to find out later.

As at the time of filing this report, tension still enveloped the community.

Many communities in Eti-Osa and Ubeju Lekki councils are noted for violence crisis either over land chieftaincy title.

For instance, Ajah was embroiled in protracted chieftaincy title that occasional throws up violent clashes in the area. Though the area is relatively peaceful in the recent time, the matter is yet to be settled.

Also, Ibeju-Lekki was enmeshed in chieftancy for years before the issue was settled just last year.

In all these cases, several lives were lost were property worthy millions of Naira were destroyed.