

# Lagos: Ikorodu community protests harassment by land speculators

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**RESIDENTS** of Oreta community in Ikorodu area of Lagos State on Tuesday stormed the state House of Assembly to stage a peaceful protest over alleged killing of two members of the community by land speculators.

Spokesperson of the community, Babajide Samuel, while speaking on their mission to the Assembly, explained that a group of land speculators

under the leadership of one Waliu Arowolo last Wednesday attacked the community at about 11.30 a.m., destroying property, attacking residents and also shooting sporadically into the air.

Samuel also alleged that in the process of the attack, the group killed one Freeman Zannu while two other residents were kidnapped and some other people who sustained serious injuries are under intensive care at an undisclosed hospital.

According to him, the al-

leged attack was sponsored by Waliu Arowolo, Teriba, Alowonle, Abiola Biyo, Nurudeen Arowolo, Afisu Alaje and one Sheriff.

He added that the thugs numbering up to 30, who stormed the area, carried guns and cutlasses.

Another woman who spoke on anonymity lamented how her 25-year-old son was allegedly killed by the hoodlums in cold blood in her presence on the particular day.

The residents who were car-

rying placards with several inscriptions, appealed to the lawmakers and the state government to come to their aid by curbing the activities of land speculators in their community.

While addressing the protesters, Speaker of the Assembly, Adeyemi Ikuforiji, appealed to them not to take laws into their hands by retaliating, assuring them that the situation will soon be put under control by the state government.