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# Otodogbame Community Seeks Protection From Frequent Communal Attack

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**Residents of Riverine Otodogbame community in Eti-Osa Local Government Area have appealed to Lagos State government and security agents to protect them from incessant attack by Elegushi family of the neighbouring community.**

The community while addressing some journalists in Lagos stated that from September 5 to 7, a group of hoodlums numbering about 200 from Elegushi invaded Otodogbame community shooting sporadically for several hours. The latest attack came exactly a year after the first one left more than

10 persons dead.

The Spokesperson of the community, Hon. Hennu Solomon expressed disappointment that the principal actor in the heinous crime against humanity which was arrested during the incident was later released unconditionally.

"We are alarmed that since the incident, the major culprits and principal actor was arrested by the police and later released unconditionally without the notice of the community," he said. The action of the police according to Solomon gave the people boldness to launch the recent attack on the community.

"You will agree with me that our community has been in existence for over three hundred

years living peacefully with our neighbours from Ikate and Itedo until recently."

Apart from constant attack and threat from neighbouring communities, the people of Otodogbame also wants government and relevant agencies to check the illegal dredging of some companies which has caused environmental degradation of the area.

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The community expressed regret that for several years these companies have not been

living up to their Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR) as the area lacks basic social amenities like school, roads, Electricity, health institutions among others.

The companies involved in the dredging activities are; Orange Island, Development Company, Van Oord, Destiny Dredgers International Limited and Namson Dredging, Marine Services Ltd.

The community further appealed to the Federal Government, Nigeria Inland Waterways Agency, Ministry of Waterfronts, the judiciary and security agencies to stop these companies and Elegushi family from further dredging of Otodogbame community's land.

## T.B. Joshua Honors Collapsed Synagogue Building Victims With Memorial Service Today

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Prophet T.B. Joshua, founder of the Synagogue Church of All Nations (SCOAN), will today hold a memorial service in honor of the victims of the September 12, 2014 building collapsed within the church premises in the Ikotun area of Lagos.

The SCOAN owned collapsed six-storey guest house claimed the lives of 116 people, mostly South Africans.

The church, in a statement said the memorial service, which is to commemorate the first anniversary of the unfortunate incident, would hold in South Africa.

According to the statement, Prophet T.B. Joshua had sent a delegation from Nigeria to take part in activities leading to the memorial. Joshua, who described deceased as Martyrs of Faith, maintained that they were on an appointment with God when they met their death and therefore believes that they did not die in vain.