

7-Year-Old Boy Killed As Hoodlums Invade Ex-Olugbo's Palace In Ondo Over Landed Property

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Akure- Marvelous Akintubuwa, a 7-year-old boy, was thrown into the river and died when some hoodlums who invaded the home of the deposed Olugbo of Ugbo, Prince Adebajo Mafimisebi in Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The assailants suspected to be from Ode Ugbo axis of Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo state also injured several others during the attack.

The body of the little boy was seen afloat on Friday morning during search for his whereabouts.

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The assailants, numbering about 50, broke into the old palace around 2:00 a.m on Thursday, attacked all residents, including the wife (Olori) of the deposed Olugbo.

During the midnight attack, all personal effects including furniture, electronic gadgets clothes, among others were moved out of the palace by the hoodlums who were armed with dangerous weapons and set ablaze.

It was gathered that some residents in the community who attempted to intervene got their own share of the attack as they received machete cuts and dislodged by the assailants.

Consequently, the Mafimisebi family of the deposed traditional ruler, petitioned the State governor, Mr. Oluwarotimi Akeredolu and all security agencies in the state informing them of the development.

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The petition signed by Idowu Mafimisebi of Mafimisebi, Jayeola and Company, alleged destruction of lives and property of the deposed monarch.

According to the solicitor, “Our clients informed us that sometimes in November, 2019, Obateru Akinruntan (the Olugbo of Ugbo) instructed his thugs to repaint the houses of Dr. Adebajo Mafimisebi, formerly the Olugbo of Ugbo and claimed that he has control over the property because he is now the Olugbo of Ugbo and threatened that he will forcefully eject the family of the former Olugbo out of the premises.”

“In reaction, an action in suit No. AK/ 125/2019, Dr. Adebajo Mafimisebi vs. Obateru Akinruntan was filed to challenge-the acts of trespass of Obaterun Akinruntan over our client’s property.”

“In reaction to the suit, our clients told us ‘that Oba Obateru Akinruntan filed his statement of Defence on 12th February, 2020 and in further reaction the claimant filed his reply to the Statement of Defence and hearing notice for the pre-trial conference on 16th March, 2020, meaning that the matter was ripe for trial before the incidence of covid-19 pandemic which led to the lock down of the entire country and consequently delaying the hearing of the suit.”

The petition continued that “Our client informed us that about four weeks ago, the fence of the land in dispute was forcefully broken and a gate fixed for the purpose of gaining unrestricted entry into the land in dispute by Obateru Akinruntan and his thugs led by Tale Iwatan who had hitherto been declared wanted but harbored by Obateru Akinruntan in his palace for the purposes of using him to terrorise the community.”

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“The matter was promptly reported to the Commissioner of Police who directed the Okitipupa Area Commander and D.P.O Igbokoda to the scene, but surprisingly none of the thugs who are seen hobnobbing with the police officers were arrested up till today for reasons best known to the police.”

Confirming the attacked on some people in the town over landed property, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the state Police Command, Assistant Superintendent of Police Tee-Leo Ikoro, said it was a communal clash between two groups of people in the community.

Ikoro confirmed that two buildings were razed during the clash while some people sustained injuries.

He revealed a delegation led by the state Deputy Governor, Agboola Ajayi, had visited the community on Thursday to intervene in the crisis.

Ikoro, however, said the two groups were warned to maintain peace while normalcy had returned to the area.

In spite of the truce, the Solicitor to Mafimisebi insisted that the sponsored thugs chased them out of their home, set it ablaze and injured them.

According to the petition “our clients informed us that in the early hours of the 16th of April, 2020 when the thugs, goons, brigands and hoodlums of Obateru Akinruntan forcefully broke into the houses of our clients built within the land in dispute and started dispossessing them of their money, certificates and other useful documents kept within the houses and threw them nakedly outside the premises of their building, next packed out their beddings and furniture out of the houses and set them ablaze and continue wanton destruction and vandalization of the houses within the compound of our clients.”

“The hoodlums gave the children of our client namely Adetomiwa Mafimisebi and Abimbade Mafimisebi serious torture and degrading treatments by breaking their heads with axes and gave a dehumanizing treatment to Olori Femi Mafimisebi, the wife of the former Olugbo, by inflicting wounds on her with machete and leaving very scary scars on her back.”

“Our clients informed us that after finishing with them and successfully occupying their houses, the thugs drove them out of their compound and dispatched some members of their gang into the town and started driving the people out of their houses, chasing and dressing down anybody on site to the extent that some of the children who had been mercilessly beaten was driven into the lagoon where one Marvelous Akintubuwa a boy of about seven years of age lost his life.”

However, the attorney called on Governor Akeredolu and security agencies “to come to the aid of our people and carry out a thorough investigation of these allegations very urgently because as at now there is a total breakdown of law and order at Ode-Ugbo.”