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OGUN State Government Monday imposed a dusk to dawn curfew on Ado-Odo in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government following the killing of no fewer than 11 persons in a communal violence.

The curfew will last from 6pm to 6am.

It was gathered that the violence followed a lingering dispute over a traditional ruler's stool in Ogun West.

A source said tension started building on Sunday when the feuding camps engaged in a battle of wits.

It exploded into violence yesterday.

A witness said a detachment of riot policemen was dispatched to quell the mayhem which spread across the community.

A resident, who simply gave his name as Kuye, hurriedly evacuated his mother, a nurse with the local government health centre in Ere. Many other residents have run for dear lives.

He said the Eguns were being decimated by the Aworis.

In a statement by the Commissioner for Information and Orientation, Mr Sina Kawonise, the government said it imposed the curfew to prevent further breakdown of law and order.

Among those allegedly killed was a Mobile policeman.

The community has reportedly been experiencing some skirmishes since the Olofin of Ado-Odo, Oba Abdul Lateef Akanni Adeniran, ascended the throne in May, last year.

It was learnt that trouble started during the *Eid-el-Fitri* sermon by a popular Islamic scholar, Quatalahi Abdul, who allegedly advised the monarch to quit the throne because his reign has reportedly been uneventful.

The cleric was said to have recalled that the community has been experiencing "more harm than good" since Adeniran became oba.

The Nation learnt that the body of the unidentified Police Corporal was taken to the Police Divisional Headquarters in Ado/Odo with blood stains all over it.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, who confirmed the disturbance, said he was yet to be briefed by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO).

He said: "I don't have enough facts of the crisis. I am still waiting for the DPO. I can't confirm whether such number of

deaths was recorded. In the time being, we have deployed policemen in the place and as I speak, we are about deploying more."