

# Two feared killed in Osun clash over ownership of MKO Airport

**A**T least two persons were feared killed and about 15 others critically injured in a bloody clash on Saturday between Ede and Ido-Osun communities in Egbedore Local Government Area of Osun State.

It was gathered that trouble started in the early hours of yesterday when the people of Ido-Osun community woke up to discover the erection of a signpost allegedly

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by some Ede indigenes which reads "this land belong to Ede" in the area where the ongoing construction of the multi-billion naira MKO Abiola International Airport at Ido-Osun is sited.

The people of Ido-Osun were said to have mobilised some youths to the site and removed the signpost which eventually led to a violent

clash between the two communities.

The people of Ido-Osun were said to have been caught unawares by the youths of Ede, who allegedly macheted many people before the intervention of the police.

The two warring communities, it was gathered, are claiming ownership of the site of the new airport which is being financed by the state government.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Osun State, Mrs. Folasade Odoro, said a number of arrests have been made but however failed to mention the exact figure.

She disclosed that a detachment of anti-riot police have been stationed in the area on the orders of the state Commissioner of Police, Mrs. Dorothy Gimba, to restore peace, law and order.