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Ilaje, Ijaw may clash over death of youth

OMMUNAL war is looming between the laje and the ljaw in

Ondo State, following the killing of an Ijaw youth from Akpata in Ese-Odo Local Government.

Already, some persons living in llaje riverine communities have started fleeing in droves over fear of a rumoured reprisal.

From Osagie Otabor, Akure

Governor Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Richard Olatunde, condemned what he termed criminal acts that led to the killing of anybody.

He said he had directed security agencies to get to the root of the alleged crime.

He said investigations were on.

"The government, therefore, urges fleeing indigenes and residents, if any, to return to their normal places of abode and continue with their lawful businesses without fear. The governor implores all communities, including those perceived to have been hurt, to refrain from any act in the direction of self-help. Such shall not be tolerated in any manner."