

# Policeman, four others feared killed as armed hoodlums invade Lagos community

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① FIVE persons, including a mobile policeman, were feared killed over the weekend in Gberigbe area of Ikorodu in Lagos State when armed hoodlums invaded the community.

② Two persons had earlier been killed in May after two groups clashed over a large expanse of land in the community.

**Nigerian Tribune** gathered that Saturday's clash occurred less than 24 hours after policemen from X Squad in Abuja stormed the community to arrest two

mobile policemen who were allegedly stationed there by a popular land grabber.

A resident of the community who simply identified himself as Kehinde, alleged that the hoodlums who attacked the community were led by four mobile policemen and that two of them were arrested by members of the community and taken to Imota police station.

The resident said: "Some policemen came from X Squad, Abuja on Thursday and arrested two of the six mobile policemen who were earlier stationed in this community by some land grab-

bers."

He added that "at about 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, more than 50 armed hoodlums, who were led by another four mobile policemen, invaded Gberigbe and started shooting into different directions.

"The hoodlums were reportedly led by two land agents who are working for a popular land agent in Ikorodu.

"When the hoodlums came, policemen from Imota divisional police station, who were initially in Gberigbe, left when they noticed the hoodlums were too many."

Meanwhile, a popular land agent in Ikorodu, Chief Kamorudeen Oluwo, popularly known as Sir K, has distanced himself from the Gberigbe crisis.

Oluwo said: "I have no business in Gberigbe and the police have arrested some of the people who took part in the clash.

"All through Saturday, I was attending the wedding ceremony of the son of Oba Abigi Ojutomoro, Oba Segun Ogboye, in Sagamu, Ogun State."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officers (PPRO) in the state, Adekunle Ajisebutu, said he was

yet to be briefed on the incident.

Ajisebutu promised to make enquiries and get back, but he was yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.

However, a police source at Imota police station confirmed to **Nigerian Tribune** that "some suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident."

The police source, who pleaded anonymity, also disclosed that some of those arrested had already been transferred to the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID) in Panty for further investigation.