

Many feared killed, houses burnt at Lagos Beach over battle for land ownership

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MANY people were reportedly killed between Monday night and early Tuesday as armed hoodlums invaded Ibeshe Beach at Amuwo Odofin area of Lagos State.

Millions of naira worth of goods and beach houses were also destroyed during the attack.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the clash was as a result of battle for ownership of a vast expanse of land that covers the beach.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benjamin Hundeyin, while confirming the clash, said

the police had deployed adequate personnel in the area.

Sources at the beach told the **Nigerian Tribune** that the disputed land is already a subject of litigation in court.

It was gathered that trouble started on Monday when one of the parties in the ongoing suit demanded share of levies collected at the beach.

The situation became more serious as the group reportedly mobilised armed hoodlums and attacked people at the beach.

A resident of the area who pleaded anonymity while speaking with the **Nigerian Tribune**, said the clash continued till late in the night.

He said: "There was heavy shooting and the beach houses were set on fire. It was a very serious battle.

"Again this morning [Tuesday], they came and set the remaining beach houses on fire and killed more people."

It was gathered that three bodies were on Tuesday recovered by security agencies deployed in the area.

Hundeyin could, however, not confirm the number of those killed as of the time of filing in this report.

Hundeyin said: "I don't have the figures yet but we have deployed our personnel there. The place is under control now."