

From **Wole Balogun**, Ado-Ekiti

THE land dispute between Ayede-Ekiti and Itaji-Ekiti, in Orisunmibare community, has claimed another life. A man, waylaid by yet-to-be identified persons in his farm, has been beheaded. His hands were also severed from the body.

The victim's death came one week after an Ayede indigene, Seyi Ola-

dipo, was shot dead, which prompted Ayede youths to protest.

Speaking with reporters in a telephone chat on Wednesday, Oba Babalola described the victim's killing as unfortunate. He called on the warring communities to embrace peace.

The traditional ruler maintained that Orisunmibare is a settlement under Itaji, wondering why Ayede people want to claim the land by ev-

ery means.

Oba Babalola said: "Orisunmibare is a settlement under Itaji and is more than 10 kilometers from Ayede; Ayede people just went there one morning on rampage and the scuffle led to the death of somebody from Ayede."

"But yesterday, an Orisunmibare subject was killed inside his farm and he was beheaded. The

Asiwaju of Orisunmibare was attacked with machete, beaten to coma and declared dead by Ayede youths.

"The Ayede people were singing that they had killed Asiwaju Orisunmibare, but he has been taken to the hospital, where he is still under observation. But we have been experiencing sporadic attacks from Ayede people and