

Four dead as families clash over land in Ajah

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LAGOS—NO fewer than four persons including a primary school pupil, yesterday, lost their lives in a renewed bloody clash between two prominent families in Ajah area of Lagos, over ownership of the area.

An unspecified number of buildings including the massively built Ajah market were razed by one of the warring factions.

The Palace of *Olumegbon* of Ajah was also torched. However, Police authorities said no lives were lost but confirmed that several people were injured while 17 persons were arrested.

Following this development, the state Police Commissioner, Mr. Emmanuel Adebayo yesterday summoned the *Olumegbon* of Ajah, Chief Fatai Olumegbon to a closed door meeting.

Though details of the meeting were not known as at press time, reliable sources said the Police boss frowned at the incessant clashes in Ajah and warned that the Command would no longer fold its hands and watch a total breakdown of law and order in the area.

This is just as a police constable who was shot during a similar crisis which disrupted the Action Congress campaign rally in the area two weeks ago has been confirmed dead.