

Security operatives kill 2, arrest 4 over chieftaincy stool

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AKURE—TWO of the hoodlums that invaded the oil rich riverine areas of the state and killed six persons in a renewed hostility over chieftaincy stool have been shot dead while four others have been arrested.

They were shot dead following a gun battle with the combined team of Soldiers and men of the Naval base in Igbokoda area of the state who acting on distress calls from the communities engaged the hoodlums.

Vanguard gathered that those arrested are being detained at the Forward Operational Base FOB of the Nigeria Navy located in Igbokoda, Ilaje council area of the state.

Report said that those arrested have made confessional statement while identity cards were recovered from them.

The State Police Commissioner, Charles Dawodu said the deposed Olugbo, Prince Adebajo Mafimisebi has not been killed as speculated.

Dawodu promised to brief newsmen later on the development but he did not pick his mobile phone hours later when he was contacted.

Confirming the arrest and the killing of the hoodlums, the traditional ruler of Ugbonla, Oba Henry Ogunfeyimi who has been in hiding since Wednesday said the combined team of Soldiers and Naval Officers engaged the hood-

lums in a gun duel and in the process some were shot dead while others were arrested.

Also confirming the development, the Council Chairman of Ilaje, Olasehinde Mesogboriwon said two of the attackers were killed during the exchange of gunshots with security operatives that came on a rescue mission to the two communities.

Adding that with the arrest of the hoodlums situation in the community is now calm but that there is still tension and anxiety.

The Chairman of the Council who said that the attack was unreasonable pleaded with the people of the two communities to allow peace to reign.

Vanguard however gathered that many people including children are still missing following the stampede that took place after the invasion on Wednesday.

Speaking with *Vanguard*, Oba Ogunfeyimi said four vehicles were torched in his palace while several houses were burnt within Ugbonla by the hoodlums.

The whereabouts of the deposed traditional ruler of Ugboland, Prince Adebajo Mafimisebi was still unknown yesterday.

It would be recalled that six persons were feared killed on Wednesday while the palaces of the Olugbo of Ugboland and that of the Ugbonla were razed.

The communities have been bedeviled in the last one year over the Olugbo of Ugbo Chieftaincy stool.