

Two feared killed, 6 injured, 4 houses razed, 3 vehicles set ablaze in Ondo communal clash

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—TWO persons were, yesterday, feared killed, six injured and four houses razed as violence broke out over a land dispute between the people of Araromi-Obu and Ikale in two separate council areas of Ondo State.

It was learned that three vehicles were set ablaze by the irate youths in the town.

Araromi Obu is in

Odigbo council area, while Ikale is in Okitipupa area of the state.

Vanguard gathered that youths from Ikale community invaded Araromi-Obu in the early hours of Monday preventing the people of the area, who are mainly farmers, from going to farm.

Eyewitness accounts told **Vanguard** that "the Ikale people had been threatening to forcefully take back the land after the

court injunction which favoured them, despite an appeal filed by the Araromi-Obu community

The source said those injured during the attack have been transferred to an undisclosed hospital as the Comprehensive Health Centre in the community was unable to give the required medication needed for those injured.

The eyewitness said: "Members of the community have fled their homes after the attacks over fear of an invasion by the Ikale people.

"The irate youths moved from one house to the other looting goods and property belonging to the people."

When contacted, the former Chairman of Odigbo council area, Mr. Olu Falolu condemned the invasion by the Ikale, adding that "the people carted away their farm produce and drove them away from their farms."

The development, according to Falolu, almost led to a communal clash, "but for the maturity of the community heads, necessitating the intervention of the state police command."

Police confirms violence
Confirming the violence,

spokesperson of the Ondo Police Command, Femi Joseph disclosed that some arrests have been made after the clash.

Joseph added that mobile policemen had been drafted to the community to restore normalcy.

He said: "I am aware that they are fighting but we have drafted our men to the area to restore normalcy. Some people have been arrested by our men in connection with the crisis. We have been able to restore normalcy back in the community."

Ajimobi calls for reconciliation in Oyo APC

IBADAN—IMMEDIATE past Governor of Oyo State and the leader of All Progressives Congress, APC, in the State, Senator Abiola Ajimobi, yesterday, called for reconciliation among party members in the State.

He said this became imperative in order to reposition the party and put it in good stead for the challenges ahead.

The former Governor, in a statement, said: "We have all had our shares of mistakes. No one should be blamed or absolved of such human

imperfection. We should not apportion blame at this time because in the final analysis, no one is faultless in the circumstances. We all contributed in one way or the other."

He appealed to all members that leadership is about taking decision after taking into consideration all competing options. In politics, as it is in life, all expectations cannot be met.

"We, therefore, should rise above scapegoatism or blame game. Let us all reconcile and forge ahead to reposition our party for the challenges ahead."

INSECURITY: Ar to keep state sa

By Shina Abubakar

OSOGBO—THE Nigerian Army, yesterday, pledged to collaborate with the Osun State government to make the state one of the safest in the country. General Officer Commanding, GOC, 2 Division Nigerian Army, Maj. Gen. Okwudili Fidelis Azinta, gave the assurance during a meeting with Governor Adegboyega