Forced Evictions in Otodo Gbame

Sept 2014

Dec 2014

Nov 2015

Mar 2016



attempt on Otodo Gbame led by Elegushi

Otodo Gbame goes to court against Elegushi family on fundamental rights matter.

Otodo Gbame goes to court against Elegushi family and Lagos State Government on

Otodo Gbame stages peaceful protest over dredging/sandfilling activities that are affecting their homes and livelihoods.

Oct 9, 2016

Oct 18, 2016

Nov 7, 2016

Nov 9-10, 2016



announces Government's intention to demolish all waterfront informal settlements within 7 days

Otodo Gbame and 14 other waterfront communities go to court to enjoin Lagos State Government and Police from carrying out threat.

Lagos State High Court issues injunction against demolition of waterfront communities

Without prior warning, Lagos State Government and Police forcibly evict 30,000 from Otodo Ghame using arson attack and an excavator working during the night, in violation of court order.

Jan 26, 2017

Feb 7, 2017

Mar 10, 2017

Mar 17, 2017



Lagos State High Court issues interim ruling that these evictions are "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment" in violation of the right to dignity in the 1999 Constitution; orders State Government and Police to maintain the status quo while going through court-ordered mediation with waterfront residents



Governor Akinwunmi Ambode receives the Certificate of Admission of Lagos State as a member of the 100 Resilient Cities.



The waterfront communities engage the Lagos state government in a mediation session to discuss alternatives to eviction.



Without prior warning, Lagos State Government demolishes rebuilt parts of Otodo Gbame community, rendering 4,700 homeless once again in blatant disregard for court order and ongoing mediation

Mar 21, 2017

Mar 22, 2017

Mar 29, 2017

Apr 9, 2017



Military Police, Mobile Police and Lagos State Governmentcontracted swamp buggy return to continue demolishing remaining homes on water.



Otodo Gbame women stage a peaceful protest; swamp buggy and security forces turn back rather than continuing the demolition.



Lagos state government unilaterally withdraws from the mediation process with Otodo Ghame.



Without prior notice, Lagos State Task Force attacked Otodo Gbame at 6am, setting remaining houses on fire and chasing residents in boats deep into the lagoon by shooting tear gas and bullets; one young man was shot dead and thousands rendered homeless.

Apr 12, 2017

Apr 12, 2017

Apr 14, 2017

Apr 18, 2017



Justice Adeniyi Onigbanjo of Lagos state High Court, Igbosere dismissed an application by displaced residents of Lagos waterfront settlements seeking committal to prison of the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, the Commissioner of Police in Lagos, Mr. Fatai Owoseni, for alleged contempt.



Otodo Gbame evictees hold protest at governor's office protesting against alleged killing of Daniel Anya, injuring others and demolition of their properties by suspected policemen.



A press statement was issued by The Nigerian Slum/Informal Settlement Federation and Just Empower Initiative (JEI) on forceful eviction of Otodo Gbame inhabitants and highlighting the Lagos State Governor's non compliance with the rule of law.



Otodo Gbame evictees and civil society organizations (CSOs) had meeting with Lagos State Government without any conclusive commitment from the government.

Apr 19, 2017



Otodo Gbame evictees hold another protest at Governor's office against the forceful eviction of Otodo Gbame inhabitants

WHEN WILL IT STOP







