

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), in collaboration with the Lagos State Police Command and the Rapid Response Squad (RRS), has demolished structures under a high-tension power line in Ikola community, Alimosho area of Lagos.

According to LASEMA, the exercise was part of ongoing safety operations in the community to protect residents, following the [clash in the community which claimed four lives](#) on Thursday, 27th August.

According to an e-statement signed by the Agency's Permanent Secretary, Dr Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, the demolished informal settlements go against national and international safety standards and puts thousands of citizens at the risk of electrocution, fire outbreak, and structural collapse.

"In line with the administration's commitment to the preservation of life and property as the highest duty of the government, relevant agencies were immediately deployed to the area." Communities were granted ample time to safely evacuate and recover personal belongings before the commencement of any demolition activity" he stated.

He explained that controlled demolition exercises were ongoing according with the highest standards of professionalism and safety, while highlighting the recognition of the Lagos State Government of the right of every citizen to shelter and livelihood which must however to prevent avoidable loss of life.

He warned the residents against building under power lines, gas pipelines, and other restricted corridors, urging them to construct buildings after seeking the guidance of appropriate authorities