

# Dotun Ibiwoye - Makoko: A Slum That Refuses To Dissolve



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In this extensive slum on the waterfront, adjacent to the 12.5 kilometre long Third Mainland Bridge, tens of thousands of

people live in rickety wood houses supported by wooden stilts driven deep into the waterbed.

There are no official census records, but estimates suggest that about 100,000 people live there and the World Bank estimates that the population on land is just over 85,000.

On July 12, 2012, the state government gave residents 72 hours to vacate the area. Two days later, a large contingent of mobile policemen and staff of the Ministry of Waterfront Infrastructure Development arrived Makoko and started demolishing the wooden on water. It was however made clear that the houses for demolition were those built within 100 meters from the sea and those under high-tension wire.

Nearly two years after the demolition, there is still encroachment towards the high tension cable and more buildings are being erected.

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