

adjusted in the last tariff adjustment by the NERC hence these classes of customers are not affected in the new tariff reduction.

Quoting the Chairman of the NERC, Dr. Sam Amadi, the AEDC said further that "majority of the residential customers in the R2 and R1 categories did not experience the January 1, 2015 increase in tariff. They will not also see any reversal or reduction in tariff as the industrial, commercial and high-end residential consumers whose tariffs were increased."

The AEDC management, therefore, said that in furtherance of its avowed commitment to the success of the transformation in the power sector, it would ensure total compliance with NERC directives on tariffs and sundry issues.

The company, while assuring its esteemed customers of its readiness to improve service delivery to them, however urged the consumers to always settle their electricity bills promptly.

Governor Olusegun Mimiko of Ondo State (second left); his wife, Olukemi and others, during a thanksgiving service at the Chapel of Grace, Government House, Akure... yesterday.

One feared killed, property destroyed in Osun violence

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THE political violence, which hits some parts of Osun State during the House of Assembly election, worsened yesterday, as one person was feared dead in Ile-Ife following violent clashes between supporters of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The casualty marked the peak of pocket of violence, which had erupted between the two parties in a desperate bid to win the House of Assembly seats in the area.

Although identities of the deceased could not be immediately known at the

time of filing this report, however, residents of Gbodo area in Ile Ife, who craved anonymity, said a man was killed in the area during a fight involving party supporters.

The PDP won the disputed Ife Central Assembly seat as announced by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

The Guardian learnt that hostilities between the parties began on Friday when their supporters clashed at Enuwa area where dangerous weapons, including cutlasses, guns and charms were freely used.

Ostensibly worried by the ugly development, the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade

Sijuwade, was said to have summoned leaders of both parties to his palace on Friday evening when it was "becoming obvious people would not come out to vote because of the crisis that was spreading to all parts of Ife."

On Saturday evening, violence reportedly resurfaced in some areas in the town when some suspected political thugs clashed at Ayetoro, Otutu, Gbodo, Ita-Akogun areas and engaged in gun duel for several hours.

"After the clash in Gbodo here, a lifeless body was seen near the road leading out of this neighbourhood, but we were all too scared to come out. Many people were also injured

and property damaged. In a house in Gbodo here, the hoodlums damaged four vehicles. Also, around Ita-Akogun, property, mostly cars, were damaged", a resident told *The Guardian*.

Also in many areas in Ife East Local Council, property were damaged while unspecified number of people were injured during clashes by supporters of APC and PDP.

The clashes, it was further learnt, continued till early Sunday morning, but normalcy appeared to have returned to the town. When *The Guardian* visited the area yesterday, heavily armed policemen were seen moving round major roads and streets.