

## **1 Killed In Ogun Riots**

One person has been feared killed following a riot yesterday in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, over the scarcity of the new naira notes.

Following the introduction of the redesigned N200, N500, and N1,000 notes by the apex bank, Nigerians have continued to experience nationwide scarcity of the naira.

Some areas of Abeokuta also witnessed some protests by angry residents as they lamented the hardship the situation has subjected them to.

The crisis was said to have commenced at a branch of GTbank in the Asero area of Abeokuta, where customers had queued since 4am but could not withdraw cash.

The protesters were said to have attempted to attack the bank but they were promptly repelled by the police.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeemi, called for calm, saying the authorities were bringing the situation under control.

He identified the affected areas as Panseke, Sapon and Asero, adding that the Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, had put all the Area Commanders on red alert as a result of the protest.

In Edo State, a civil society group led by Comrade Agho Omobude yesterday blocked the main entrance of the Central Bank of Nigeria in Benin City over scarcity of the naira notes.

Vehicles coming into the Ring Road through Akpakpava were forced to go through Igun Street to Sokponba before linking up with the Ring Road.

The protesters called on the appropriate authorities to make the new naira notes available to reduce the suffering of Nigerians who are presently going through hell to access their money, while urging the CBN to start giving out N100, N50 and N20 naira notes if the new notes were not available.