

**THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA ISSUES NEW ₦5, ₦10  
AND ₦50 POLYMER BANKNOTES**

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) will, on September 30, 2009, issue new ₦5, ₦10 and ₦50 polymer banknotes into circulation to coincide with Nigeria's Independence Anniversary.

The new notes will be launched by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, GCFR, at the Presidential Villa.

The ₦5, ₦10 and ₦50 polymer notes, which have retained their current designs, also have the essential polymer features (like the ₦20 note) to enhance security of the notes.

The existing denominations of ₦5, ₦10 and ₦50 paper notes, however, remain legal tender and will circulate side-by-side with the new polymer notes for the next six (6) months (i.e. up to March 31, 2010).

The deposit money banks have established exchange windows to enable the public to exchange their genuine old "paper" banknotes with the new polymer notes.

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