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AGF advocates scrapping of state electoral bodies

The Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Lateef Fagbemi, has called for the elimination of State Independent Electoral Commissions (INECs). Despite constitutional provisions aimed at safeguarding the autonomy of local governments, Fagbemi pointed out instances of arbitrary dissolution, abolition, or fragmentation of local governments by higher tiers of government, particularly state governments.

Read more:

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/05/agf-advocates-scrapping-of-state-electoral-bodies/>



Yiaga Africa deploys Election Study Mission for South Africa Polls

Yiaga Africa, has announced the deployment of a high-level election study mission to South Africa for the national and provincial polls scheduled for May 29, 2024. Samson Itodo, executive director of Yiaga Africa, revealed in a statement on Monday that this deployment followed accreditation by the

Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC). Itodo emphasized that the mission is part of the Yiaga Africa Transforming Electoral Governance in Africa (TEGA) initiative, aimed at enhancing electoral governance through evidence-based learning, documentation, and advocacy.

Read more:

<https://www.thecable.ng/yiaga-africa-deploys-election-study-mission-for-south-africa-polls/>

INEC CVR begins in Edo, Ondo

As the governorship elections in Edo and Ondo approach, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has initiated the Continuous Voters Registration process across 397 centers in both states. Launched on Monday, May 27th, the registration aims to capture potential voters yet to register and those seeking to transfer their votes in preparation for the September 21 governorship election. Monitoring in several local governments revealed ongoing PVC collection alongside the continuous voter registration exercise.

Read more:

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/05/inec-cvr-begins-in-edo-ondo/>



Flood Ravages INEC Headquarters in Benin, Damages CVR Machines

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has reported severe flooding at its state headquarters in Benin City, Edo State, following heavy rainfall on Friday,

damaging voters' enrollment machines configured for the upcoming Continuous Voter Registration (CVR). Sam Olumekun, INEC's National Commissioner and Chairman of its Information and Voter Education Committee, disclosed this in a statement issued in Abuja. According to Olumekun, the office was completely submerged, with both movable and immovable items affected, including vehicles, office furniture, and equipment.

Read more:

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/05/26/flood-ravages-inec-headquarters-in-benin-damages-cvr-machines/#:~:text=The%20Independent%20National%20Electoral%20Commission%20%28INEC%29%20said%20its,downpour%20on%20Friday%2C%20which%20damaged%20voters%E2%80%99%20enrollment%20machines.>

Stop Conducting LG Elections, INC Urges State Governments

The President of the Ijaw National Congress (INC), Prof. Benjamin Okaba, has called upon State Governments to halt the practice of conducting Local Government elections in order to ensure credibility. Speaking on Monday in Abuja during a discussion on "Nigeria Security Challenges and Good Governance at the Local Level," organized by

the House of Representatives in collaboration with the UK International Development.

Read more:

<https://nannews.ng/2024/05/27/stop-conducting-lg-elections-inc-urges-state-governments/>

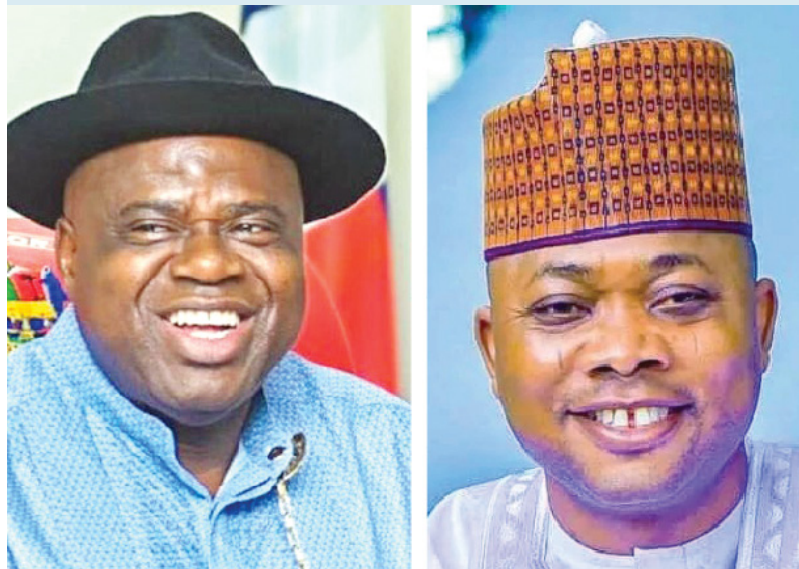


Tribunal Affirms Diri, Ododo As Bayelsa, Kogi Governors

The Bayelsa State Governorship Election Petition Tribunal, seated in Abuja, has upheld the re-election of Governor Douye Diri of Bayelsa State. Led by Justice Adekunle Adeleye, the tribunal dismissed the petition filed by the All Progressives Congress (APC) and its candidate, Chief Timipre Sylva, deeming it lacking in merit. Similarly, the Kogi State Governorship Election Petition Tribunal, also seated in Abuja, affirmed Governor Usman Ododo's victory of the APC in the November 11, 2023, governorship poll. Chaired by Justice Ado Birnin-Kudu, the three-member panel of justices concluded that the petition filed by the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and its candidate Murtala Ajaka lacked substance and was subsequently dismissed.

Read more:

<https://leadership.ng/tribunal-affirms-diri-ododo-as-bayelsa-kogi-governors/>



Bayelsa Guber: Sylva heads to Appeal Court

Chief Timipre Sylva, the Governorship Candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Bayelsa State and former Minister of State for Petroleum, has expressed his discontent with the



recent ruling of the Bayelsa Governorship Election Tribunal and directed his legal team to swiftly pursue justice at the Court of Appeal.

Read more: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/05/bayelsa-guber-sylva-heads-to-appeal-court/>



Ondo Guber: Jimoh Ibrahim withdraws suit against APC, Aiyedatiwa

Senator Jimoh Ibrahim of Ondo South has withdrawn his lawsuit against the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Ondo Governor, Lucky Aiyedatiwa. He had challenged the APC's gubernatorial primary election outcome in Ondo State, alleging no voting in his district and other parts of the state.

Read more:

<https://dailypost.ng/2024/05/28/ondo-guber-jimoh-ibrahim-withdraws-suit-against-apc-aiyedatiwa/>

Soludo Bows To Pressure, Moves To Conduct LG Election In Anambra

Governor Charles Soludo of Anambra State has responded to public pressure by taking steps to conduct local government council elections, following the progression of an executive bill to establish the Anambra State Independent Electoral Commission, which has passed its second reading in the state Assembly. Presented by Majority Leader Ikenna Ofodeme, the bill aims to empower the state government to hold local elections and, once it becomes law, will address the interests of both the government and the public through its 110 clauses.

Read more:

<https://www.dailygazettenig.com/2024/05/28/soludo-bows-to-pressure-moves-to-conduct-lg-election-in-anambra/>



Guber polls: INEC opens portal for election observer accreditation

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has extended invitations to registered Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders focused on democracy, governance, and elections to observe the upcoming Edo and Ondo governorship elections slated for September 21st and November 16th, 2024, respectively. Interested parties are encouraged to apply on or before June 10, 2024.



Read more: https://inecnigeria.org/?page_id=13183

Tribunal affirms Uzodimma as Imo Gov

The Imo State Governorship Election Petitions Tribunal convened in Abuja has upheld Hope Uzodimma's position as the Governor of Imo State. Justice Oluyemi Akintan-Osadebay's three-man panel delivered a unanimous judgment affirming that Uzodimma's election adhered to the stipulations of the Electoral Act. The tribunal's ruling marks the dismissal of the petition lodged by the Labour Party and its gubernatorial nominee, Athan Achonu, cementing Uzodimma's mandate as the rightful governor.



Read more: <https://punchng.com/just-in-tribunal-affirms-uzodimma-as-imo-gov/?amp>

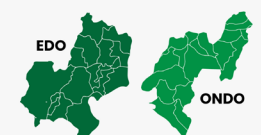
PDP, LP won't collapse structures for merger – Party leaders

Ahead of the 2027 general election, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the Labour Party have both signaled their intent to maintain their respective names and party structures, opting instead to explore the possibility of forming an alliance to challenge the incumbent All Progressives Congress-led Federal Government.

<https://punchng.com/pdp-lp-wont-collapse-structures-for-merger-party-leaders/?amp>

Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

EDO STATE 21st September, 2024 ONDO STATE 16th November, 2024



CONTINUOUS VOTER REGISTRATION (CVR) REGISTRATION CENTRES

Monday, 27th May, 2024 Wednesday, 5th June, 2024 9:00am - 3:00pm Daily (INCLUDING WEEKENDS)



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Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

113 DAYS TO Edo State Elections 21st September, 2024

169 DAYS TO Ondo State Elections 16th November, 2024