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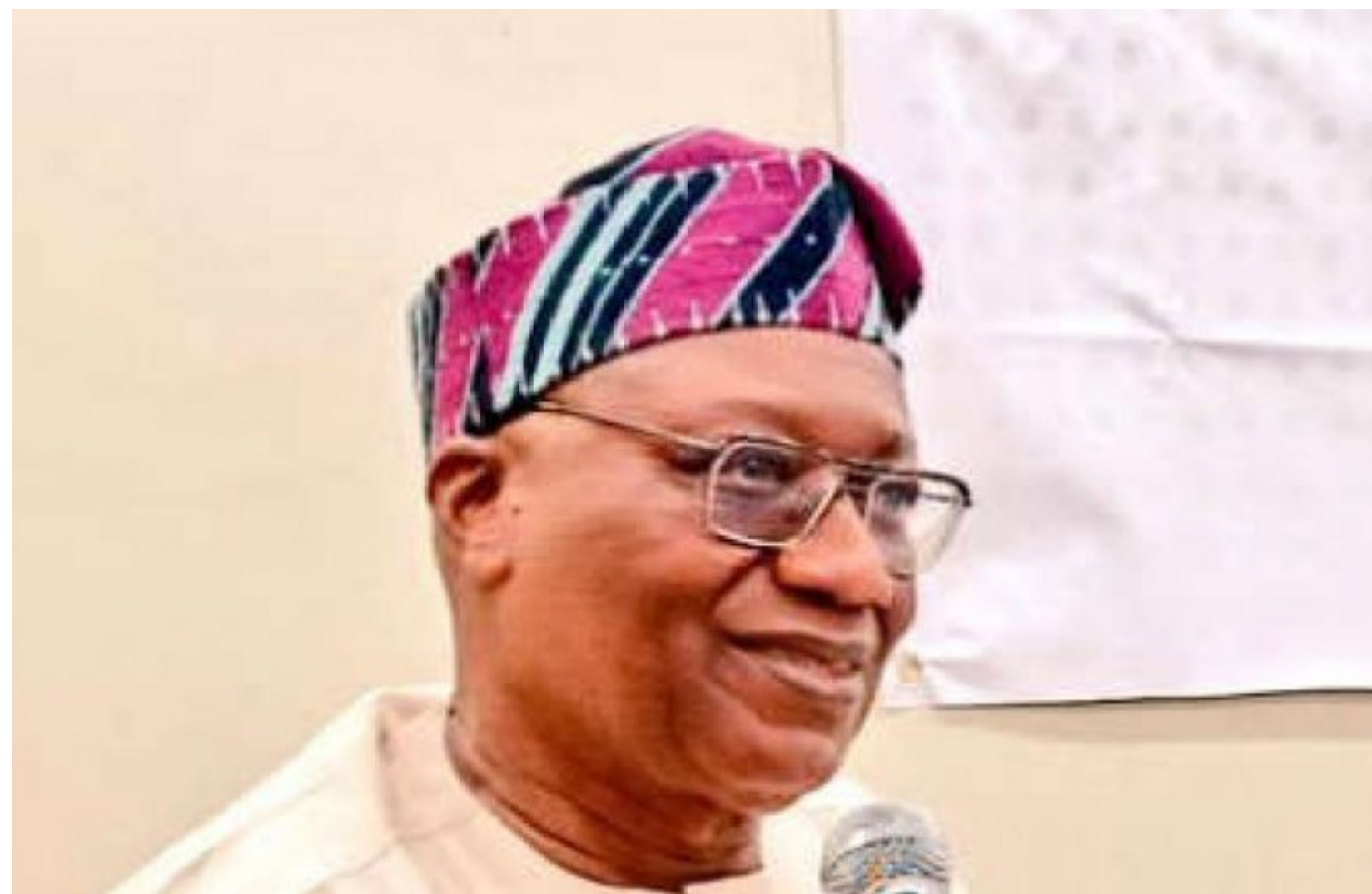
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Nigeria has a tradition of conducting transparent, fair elections: Tinubu

In his Democracy Day broadcast, President Bola Tinubu praised Nigerian democracy for its 25-year tradition of "transparent, open, and fair" elections and peaceful government transitions. He emphasized that these achievements are a testament to the nation's democratic commitment and while paying tribute to those who fought against military rule, honoring those who lost their lives in the struggle.

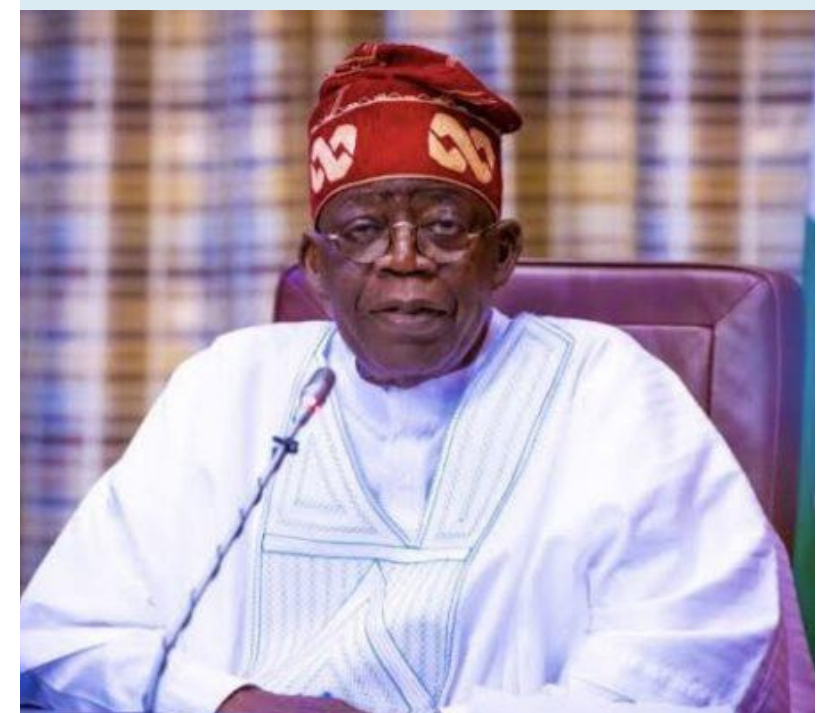
Read more:

<https://gazettengr.com/nigeria-has-tradition-of-conducting-transparent-fair-elections-tinubu/>

INEC registers 269,992 new voters in Edo, Ondo, calls for public scrutiny

The Independent National Electoral Commission has announced that as of June 9, 2024, 269,992 new voters were registered during the voter registration in Edo and Ondo states. In his statement, Sam Olumekun, the National Commissioner and Chairman of the Information and Voter Education Committee, revealed that 129,246 (47.87%) of the new voters are male and 140,756 (52.13%) are female. He also added that the preliminary voter register will be displayed for public scrutiny for seven days starting from June 12, 2024.

Read more: <https://www.thecable.ng/yiaga-africa-nigerias-democracy-shows-signs-of-progress-but-challenges-persist/amp/>



Yiaga Africa: Nigeria's democracy shows signs of progress — but challenges persist

Yiaga Africa has celebrated Nigeria's strides since returning to democracy, citing political, social, and economic progress. Emphasizing democracy's role in enhancing citizen participation and strengthening democratic institutions, the Executive Director, Samson Itodo, noted in his statement that despite these gains, persistent challenges remain within Nigeria's democratic framework, while also proposing strategies for addressing them.

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Reps propose 6-yr single tenure, power rotation, 2 VPs

On Monday, some members of the House of Representatives introduced a bill proposing a single six-year term for both the President and state governors, alongside a rotational system for key executive positions across the country's six geo-political zones and constituent parts of states and council areas. Sponsored by representatives such as Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere, Paul Nnamchi, and Chimaobi Atu, along with 27 others, the bills also propose amending the Constitution to allow for the appointment of two vice presidents.

Read more: <https://sunnewsonline.com/rep-propose-6-yr-single-tenure-power-rotation-2-vps/>



INEC publishes final list of candidates for Ondo governorship election

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has released the final list of candidates and their running mates for the Ondo State governorship election on November 16. Sam Olumekun, the National Commissioner and Chairman of the Information and Voter Education Committee, announced that the candidates' personal particulars have been published at INEC state and local government offices in Ondo State.

Read more:

https://inecnigeria.org/?page_id=13150

Plateau: Mutfwang Inaugurates New PLASIEC Chairman, Seven Members

Plateau State Governor, Barr. Caleb Mutfwang, on Monday, inaugurated the new Chairman of the Plateau State Independent Electoral Commission (PLASIEC), Hon. Plangji Daniel Chishak, along with seven additional members during an event held at the Government House in Jos. Governor Mutfwang emphasized the importance of bringing governance closer to the people by allowing them to elect their leaders directly. The inauguration took place at the newly established Government House in Little Rayfield, Jos.

Read more: <https://independent.ng/plateau-mutfwang-inaugurates-new-plasiec-chairman-seven-members/>



Edo/Ondo Polls: INEC Warns 'Corrupt Officials' Against Compromise

At the annual Professor Abubakar Momoh Memorial Lecture organized by The Electoral Institute (TEI) in Abuja, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, emphasized the commission's stance against unethical and corrupt practices by election officials during the upcoming Edo and Ondo governorship polls scheduled for September 21 and November 16, 2024, respectively. Prof. Yakubu declared that INEC will not tolerate any form of misconduct, underscoring the importance of conducting free, fair, and credible elections in Nigeria.

Read more: <https://leadership.ng/edo-ondo-polls-inec-warns-corrupt-officials-against-compromise/>



Reps Speaker reshuffles standing committees

On Tuesday, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Abbas Tajudeen, announced a minor reshuffle of the House standing committees during the plenary, stating that the changes aim to ensure the efficient functioning of the House. This is the first reshuffle by the speaker in the current Assembly.

Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/703098-reps-speaker-reshuffles-standing-committees.html>



I've No Intention For 2027 Presidency - Akpabio Disowns Joint Posters With El-Rufai

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/06/02/aspirants-call-for-cancellation-of-ebonyi-councillorship-primary-election/>

Senate President Godswill Akpabio has dismissed as mischievous and frivolous, claims linking him to a purported political alliance with former Kaduna State Governor Nasir El-Rufai for the 2027 presidential election. Reacting to circulated posters suggesting a joint ticket, Akpabio's Special Adviser on Media, Esemey Eyibo, stated on Wednesday that Akpabio has no intention to contest the 2027 presidential election or plan a joint ticket with El-Rufai.

Reps move to intervene in Plateau State Assembly crisis

Following a motion by Hon. Ahmed Idris Wase during a plenary in Abuja, the House of Representatives has called on the National Assembly leadership to intervene in the ongoing crisis in the Plateau State House of Assembly. Wase pointed out that some members-elect, despite meeting all legal requirements, have not been sworn in, while others have.

Read more: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/06/reps-move-to-intervene-in-plateau-state-assembly-crisis/amp/>



Soludo signs bill to conduct LG election, 10 others into law

On Wednesday, Gov. Chukwuma Soludo of Anambra signed the state's Electoral Bill, facilitating the conduct of local government elections, along with 10 other bills into law. Soludo emphasized that these laws would strengthen governance in the state and must be obeyed to avoid prosecution.

<https://freedomonline.com.ng/soludo-signs-bill-to-conduct-lg-election-10-others-into-law/>

National Assembly should outlaw military intervention, says MKO Abiola's wife

Tinu Abiola, wife of the late MKO Abiola, has called on the National Assembly to enact a law prohibiting military intervention in Nigerian politics. Speaking to journalists in Abuja on Wednesday, as part of the commemoration of 25 years



of unbroken democracy in Nigeria, she also commended the military for adhering to democratic rule over the years.

Read more: <https://gazettengr.com/national-assembly-should-outlaw-military-intervention-says-mko-abiolas-wife/>



**Countdown
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100 Edo State Elections
DAYS TO 21st September, 2024

156 Ondo State Elections
DAYS TO 16th November, 2024