

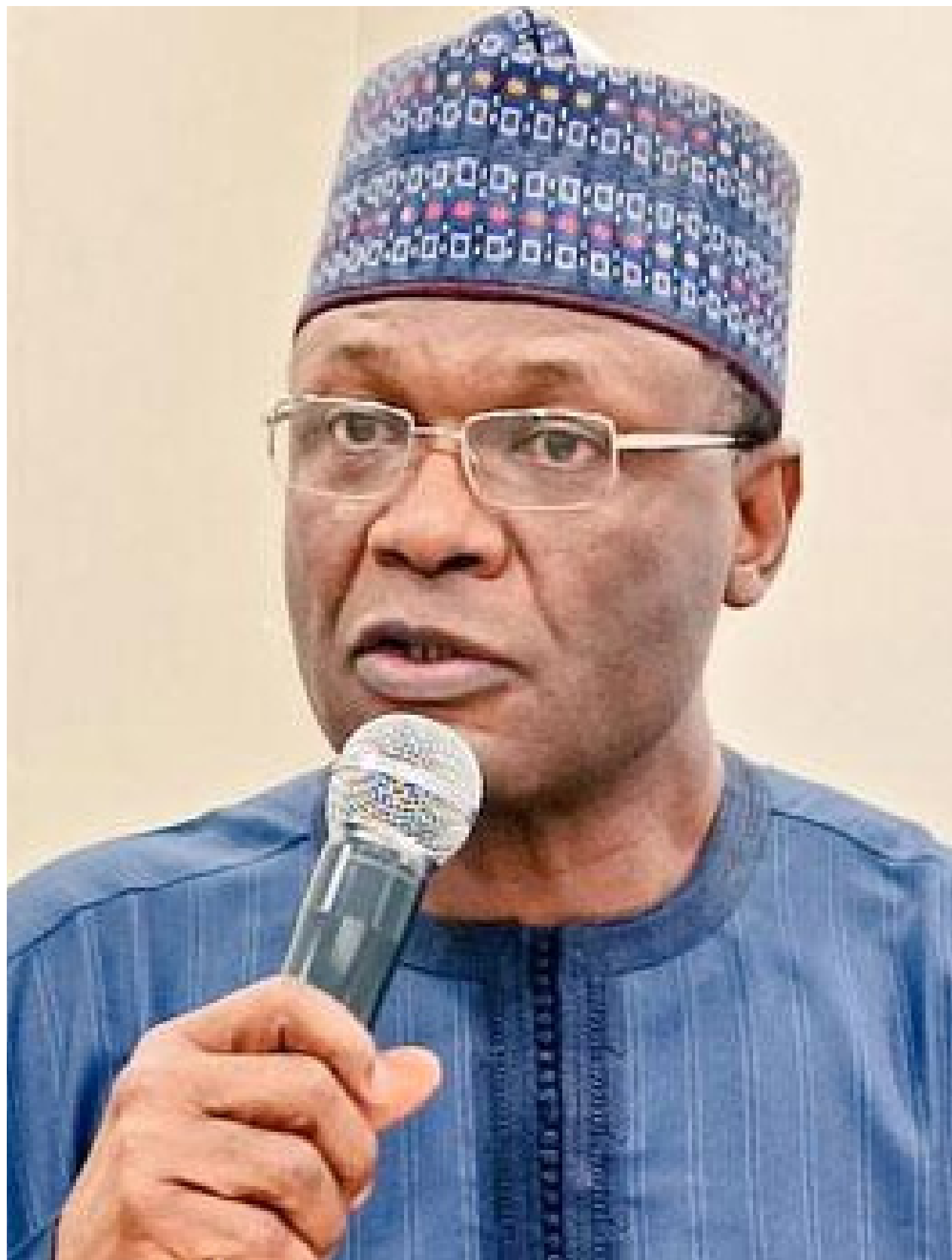
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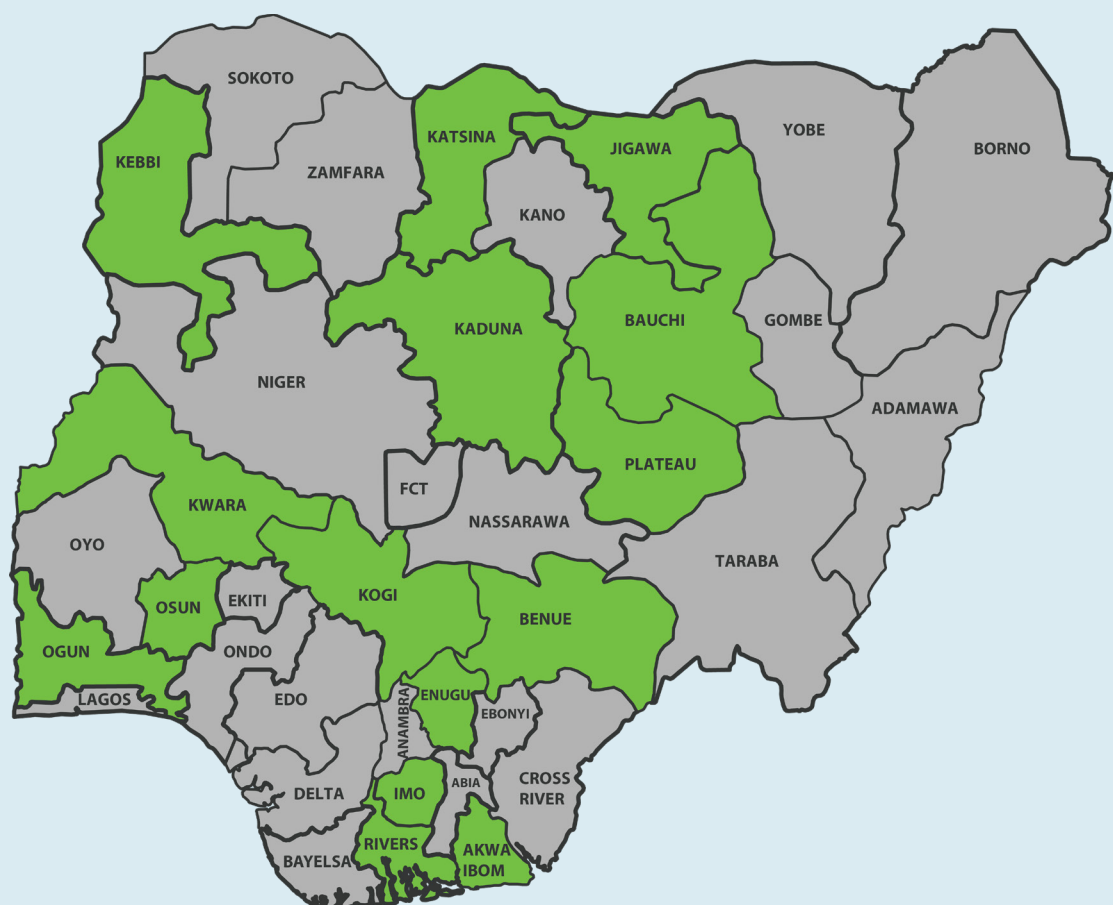
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INEC chair expresses readiness to conduct LG elections across Nigeria

Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), has declared the commission's readiness to conduct Local Government elections, provided it receives the necessary legal backing. He made this statement on Thursday while addressing the National Assembly Joint Committee on Electoral Matters, emphasizing that INEC's track record demonstrates its capability to conduct such elections.

Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/717297-inec-chair-expresses-readiness-to-conduct-lg-elections-across-nigeria.html>



Upcoming LG elections following Supreme Court judgment

- Akwa Ibom - **October 5, 2024**
- Bauchi - **August 17, 2024**
- Benue - **November 16, 2024**
- Enugu - **October 5, 2024**
- Jigawa - **June 14, 2025**
- Imo - **September 21, 2024**
- Kaduna - **October 19, 2024**
- Katsina - **February 15, 2025**

- Kebbi - **August 31, 2024**
- Kogi - **October 19, 2024**
- Kwara - **September 21, 2024**
- Ogun - **October 26, 2024**
- Osun - **February 22, 2025**
- Plateau - **October 9, 2024**
- Rivers - **October 5, 2024**

Remove governors' powers to appoint SIEC members, Yiaga Africa tells NASS

Yiaga Africa has called on the National Assembly to revoke the authority of State Governors to appoint members of the State Independent Electoral Commissions (SIECs) as part of ongoing electoral reforms. This appeal was made by its Executive Director, Samson Itodo, during a meeting with stakeholders to discuss strategies for improving the integrity of Local Government elections in Nigeria.

Read more:

<https://thenewsdesk.ng/2024/07/24/remove-governors-powers-to-appoint-siec-members-yiaga-africa-tells-nass/?amp=1>



INEC Trains Officials for Edo State Governorship Election

The Training Department of the Electoral Institute (TEI) has organized a comprehensive training program for Electoral Officers (EOs), Assistant Electoral Officers (AEOs), and Heads of Departments on "Management of Elections" in preparation for the Edo State Governorship Election scheduled for September 21, 2024. The five-day training, held from July 22 to 26, 2024, aims to ensure participants understand strategic managerial approaches, legal frameworks, technological innovations, and procedures for conducting elections.

Read more: <https://x.com/inecnigeria/>

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Group unveils smartcard to track votes, checkmate election rigging

The Consolidated Alliance for Grassroots Mobilisation (CAGraM) has introduced a smart card aimed at mobilizing and tracking votes to prevent election rigging in Nigeria. The initiative was announced by CAGraM's Executive Secretary, Mr. Nwosu Emmanuel, during the unveiling, data capturing, and issuance of membership smart cards to leaders in Abuja on Thursday.

Read more:

<https://nannews.ng/2024/07/25/group-unveils-smartcard-to-track-votes-checkmate-election-rigging/>



Ondo Polls: INEC Hosts Workshop on Election Violence Mitigation in Akure

Ahead of the November 16th #OndoDecides2024 Governorship Election, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) held a Methodology Workshop on Election Violence Mitigation and Advocacy Tool (EVMAT) for field agents in Akure. The workshop aims to equip agents with the skills to identify and prevent electoral violence through the effective deployment of EVMAT.

Read more: <https://x.com/inecnigeria/status/1816213432405762346?s=46&t=jtZs89xvpBLYYpRcObFpJw>

Lawmakers approve Otu's request to dissolve CROSIEC

The Cross River House of Assembly has approved Governor Bassey Otu's request to dissolve the Cross River State Independent Electoral Commission (CROSIEC). During a session on Thursday in Calabar, 22 out of 25 legislators voted in favor of the dissolution. Lawmakers supporting the decision stated that it was in the best interest of Cross River, as reconstituting the election body would hasten the process of conducting local government council polls in the state.

Read more:

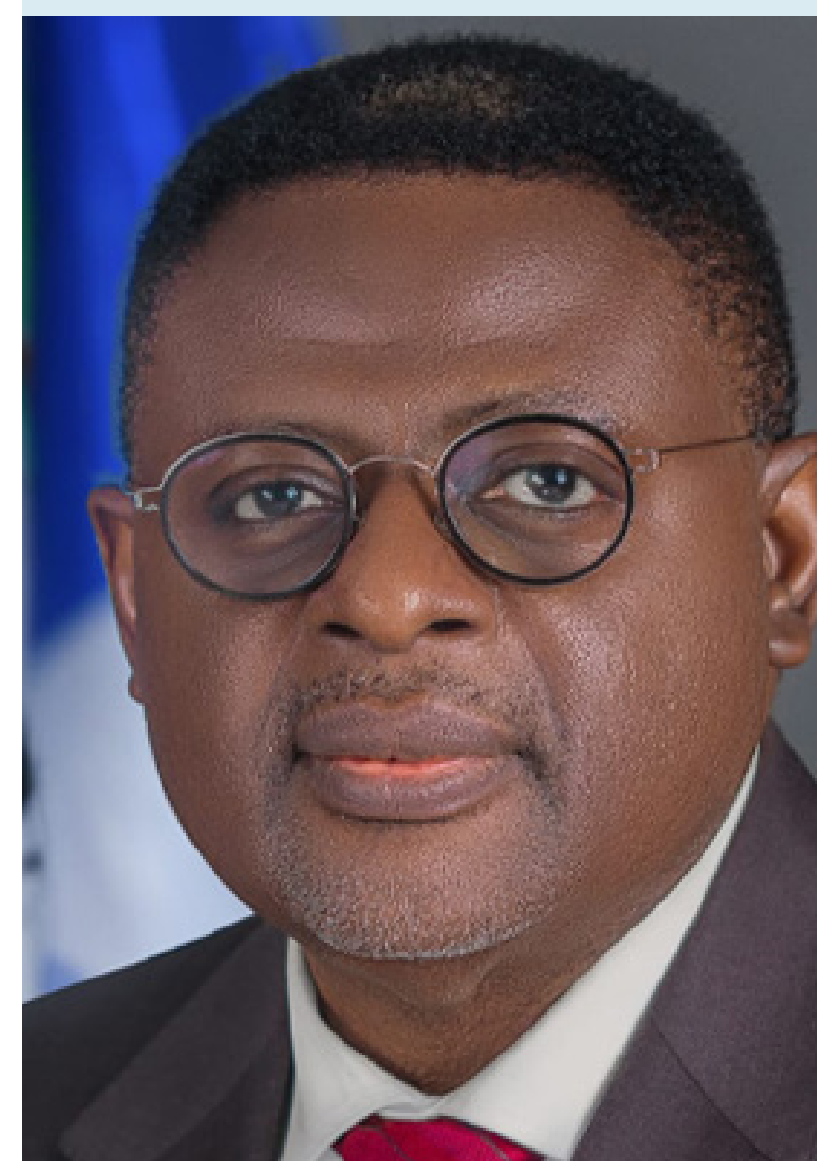
<https://gazettengr.com/lawmakers-approve-otus-request-to-dissolve-crosiec/>



Court orders INEC to probe electoral offences 'perpetrated by governors'

The Federal High Court in Abuja has mandated the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to hold Nigeria's state governors, their deputies, and others accountable for electoral violence, bribery, vote-buying, and conspiracy during the 2023 general elections. The court's decision requires INEC to appoint independent counsel to investigate these offenses.

Read more: <https://www.ripplesnigeria.com/court-orders-inec-to-investigate-prosecute-offenders-of-electoral-violence-during-2023-polls/>



We Will Not Take Part in LG Election - IMO LP CHairman

The Labour Party in Imo State has announced it will not participate in the upcoming local government election on September 21. During a stakeholders meeting in Owerri, the state capital, Chairman Calistus Ihejiagwa stated that the decision was made due to concerns over the fairness, credibility, and transparency of the election process organized by the All Progressive Congress' State Independent Electoral Commission.

Read more: <https://guardian.ng/we-will-not-take-part-in-lg-election-imo-lp-chairman/>



LGA Polls: Court bars INEC from releasing voters register to Rivers electoral commission

The Federal High Court in Abuja has issued a restraining order preventing the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) from releasing its voter register to the Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC) for the forthcoming local government area (LGA) elections. The ruling, handed down on Friday in response to a suit filed by the All Progressives Congress (APC), questions the validity of the upcoming Local Government elections organized by the Rivers State Government under the leadership of a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) governor.

Read more:

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/715589-lga-polls-court-bars-inec-from-releasing-voters-register-to-rivers-electoral-commission.html>



Ebonyi LG election records low turnout, late arrival of materials



The Local Government election in Ebonyi State, held across 171 wards in 13 councils on Saturday, saw a notably low voter turnout, with only a small number of residents casting their votes. Additionally, the election faced challenges including delayed arrival of materials and officials from the Ebonyi State Independent Electoral Commission at several polling units.

Read more:

<https://punchng.com/ebonyi-lg-election-records-low-turnout-late-arrival-of-materials/>



**Countdown
to Off-Cycle
Governorship
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2024**

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**Edo State Elections
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