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FCT Area Council Chairmen's tenure ends 2026, says INEC

The Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, has announced that the tenure of elected Chairmen and Councilors in the six Area Councils in



the Federal Capital Territory will end in June 2026. He made this clarification during a meeting with the leadership of the Inter-Party Advisory Council in Abuja on Friday, following numerous inquiries from stakeholders regarding the tenure based on the Electoral Act 2010, which initially provided for a three-year term.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/fct-area-council-chairmens-tenure-ends-2026-says-inec/?amp>

Yiaga Africa Begins Preparations for the Edo State Governorship Election

Ahead of the Edo Governorship election, Yiaga Africa has deployed 24 #WatchingtheVote long-term observers (LTOs) across the 18 local government areas in Edo state. The LTOs who participated in a two-day intensive training, in Benin, Edo state were tasked to ensure accurate observation of pre-election activities which includes violence-monitoring in their respective LGAs. The pre-election observation will enable a data-driven assessment of the electoral process to promote electoral integrity. In addition, the team led by Cynthia Mbamalu, the Director of Programs, met with the Commissioner of Police and INEC to discuss the preparations for the election. The #WatchingTheVote deployment for the Edo governorship election is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



Read more: <https://yiaga.org/yiaga-africa-begins-preparations-for-the-edo-state-governorship-election/>

Court nullifies Edo PDP Governorship Primary

A Federal High Court in Abuja invalidated the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) primary election that had selected Asue Ighodalo as its candidate for the upcoming governorship election in Edo State.

Justice Inyang Ekwo ruled that the PDP's primary, held on February 22, did not comply with the Electoral Act 2022 and the party's constitution.

Read more:

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/709557-court-nullifies-edo-pdp-governorship-primary.html>

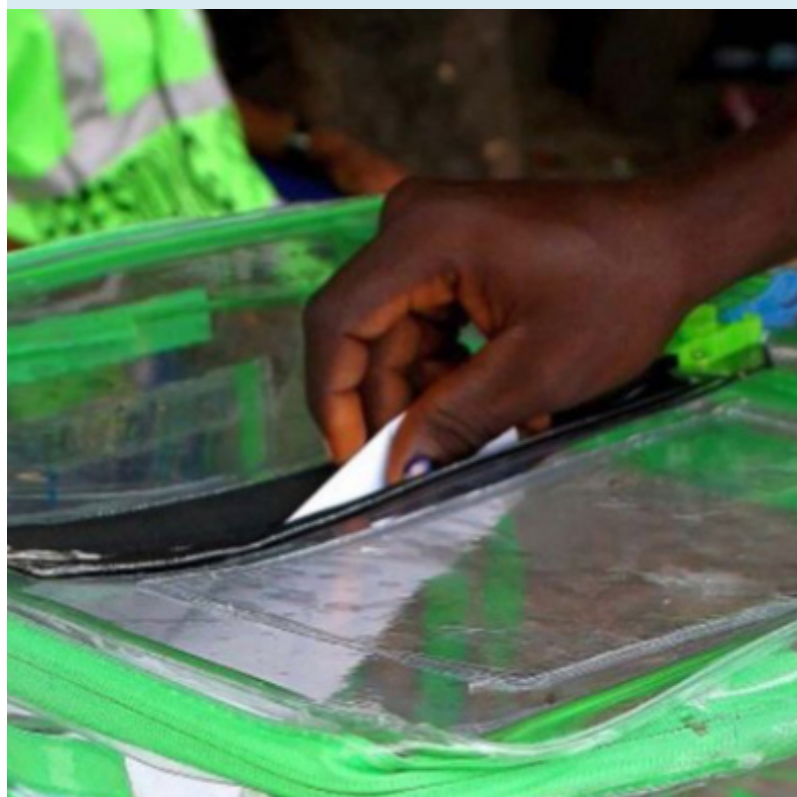


Rivers LG election: APP passes vote of confidence on RSIEC, hails Fubara

The Action People's Party (APP), a prominent opposition party, has expressed its support for the Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC) for scheduling the local government elections on October 5, 2024. The party also commended Governor Sim Fubara for authorizing the elections, emphasizing the importance of electing local government chairmen and councilors democratically, as opposed to the undemocratic practice of appointing caretaker officials.

Read more:

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/07/rivers-lg-election-app-passes-vote-of-confidence-on-rsiec-hails-fubara/>



A'ibom LG election: Yiaga Africa advises AKISIEC on partnership with CSOs

Yiaga Africa has urged the Akwa Ibom State Independent Electoral Commission (AKISIEC) to maintain its partnership with relevant stakeholders, particularly Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), to ensure a high voter turnout in the upcoming local government election. Samson Itodo, Executive Director of Yiaga Africa, made this call during a weekend visit to AKISIEC's leadership in Uyo, alongside other CSO representatives, ahead of the local government election scheduled for October 2024.

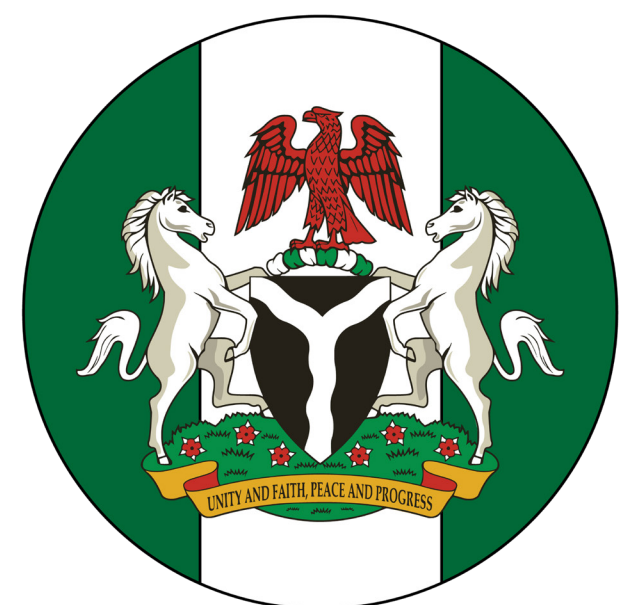
Read more: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/07/aibom-lg-election-yiaga-africa-advises-akisiec-on-partnership-with-csos-2/>

INEC proposes 142 recommendations to improve electoral process

At the opening of a two-day induction retreat for Resident Electoral Commissioners (RECs) in Lagos on Monday, INEC Chairman Professor Mahmood Yakubu announced that the commission has made 142 recommendations to enhance future electoral processes. He also noted that the report reviewing the 2023 elections has been published and is available on the INEC website.

Read more:

<https://tribuneonline.ng/inec-proposes-142-recommendations-to-improve-electoral-process/>



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Kukah Centre develops toolkit to manage political party system

The Kukah Centre, supported by the European Union, is developing a political party management toolkit to enhance the structures of existing and emerging political parties for the country's growth and development. Speaking at a validation workshop on Tuesday in Abuja, the Executive Director, Father Atta Barkindo, emphasized that building strong political parties with positive ideologies is essential to any country's democratic process.

Read more:

<https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2024/07/02/kukah-centre-develops-toolkit-to-manage-political-party-system/>



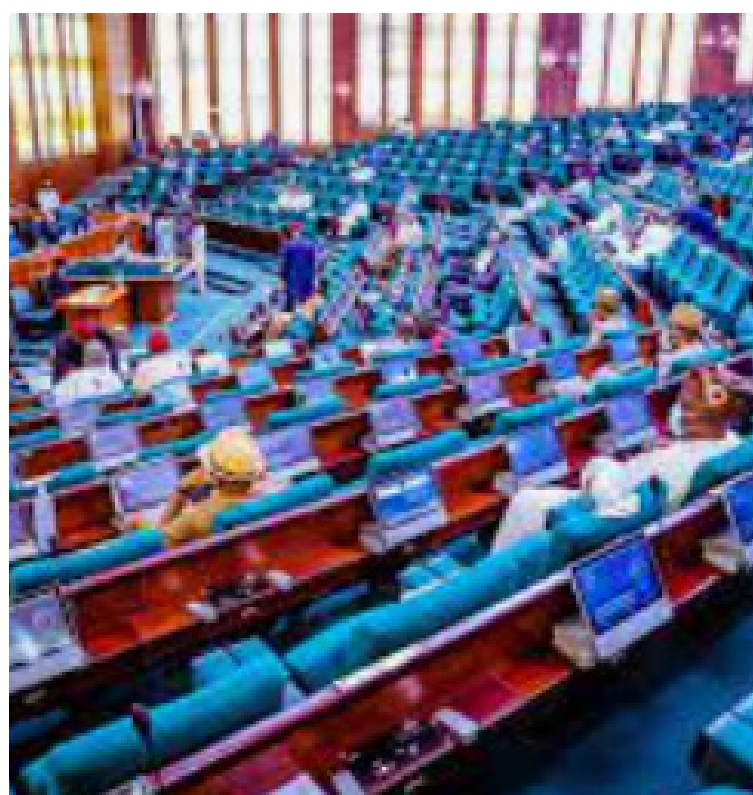
Electoral Reform: LP Sets Up 22-member Committee, Names Sam Amadi Chairman

The Labour Party (LP) has established a 22-member Electoral Reform Committee to develop its stance on reforming Nigeria's electoral system for better performance. According to a statement by the National Secretary, Umar Farouk, the committee will be chaired by Dr. Sam Amadi, with Comrade Ayo Olorunfemi, the current Deputy National Chairman, serving as the alternate chairman.

Read more:

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/07/03/electoral-reform-lp-sets-up-22-member-committee-names-sam-amadi-chairman/>

Reps want ex-NEC chairman Nwosu immortalized



Read more:

<https://punchng.com/reps-want-ex-nec-chairman-nwosu-immortalised/>

The House of Representatives has urged President Bola Tinubu to immortalize Prof. Humphrey Nwosu, the former Chairman of the National Electoral Commission (now INEC), who oversaw the June 12, 1993 presidential election. The lawmakers believe Nwosu deserves this honor for conducting what is widely regarded as the most credible election in Nigeria's post-independence history.



NNPP's NEC Extends Yusuf's Suspension By Six Months

The National Executive Council (NEC) of the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) has extended the suspension of Governor Abba Yusuf of Kano State to December 2024. A joint communique signed by Umar Jibrin and Johnson Omolara stated that Governor Yusuf, who is the only NNPP-elected governor, was initially suspended in February for alleged insubordination. Additionally, the NEC confirmed the expulsion of Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso, the party's Presidential Candidate in the 2023 general elections.

Read more: <https://independent.ng/nnpps-nec-extends-yusufs-suspension-by-six-months/>



Osun APM to sue Deputy Minority Senate Leader over vote-buying confession

The Allied Peoples Movement (APM) in Osun State plans to sue Deputy Minority Senate Leader Olalere Oyewumi after his confession of attempting vote-buying during the 2023 general election. In a viral video, Oyewumi, representing Osun West District, admitted sending his aide with money to buy votes, which were rejected. In response to the ensuing outrage, APM Chairman Wale Adebayo announced that the party would sue the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) over the incident.

Read more:

<https://thenationonlineng.net/osun-apm-to-sue-deputy-minority-senate-leader-over-vote-buying-confession/amp/>



I don't want to be Atiku's running mate 2027 – Diri



Bayelsa State Governor Douye Diri stated on Wednesday that he has no interest in being a running mate to former Vice President Atiku Abubakar for the 2027 presidential election. This clarification came from a statement by Diri's Chief Press Secretary, Daniel Alabrah, responding to a suggestion made by a group named "Diri Angels."

Read more:

<https://punchng.com/i-dont-want-to-be-atikus-running-mate-2027-diri/>



**Countdown
to Off-Cycle
Governorship
Elections
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**Edo State Elections
21st September, 2024**

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