

# The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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## Supreme Court grants LG financial autonomy

On Thursday, the Supreme Court ruled that it is unconstitutional for state governors to withhold funds allocated for local government administrations. In a judgment delivered by Justice Emmanuel Agim, the seven-man panel affirmed that the 774 Local Government Councils across the country should manage their own funds independently. The court emphasized that government powers are divided among the Federal, State, and Local levels, and State Governments lack the authority to appoint caretaker committees. It further stated that Local Government Councils must be recognized only if they are led by democratically elected officials.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/breaking-supreme-court-grants-lgs-financial-autonomy/>

## LG poll: Delta CP orders deployment of personnel, restricts movement

Delta State Commissioner of Police, Abaniwonda Olufemi, has ordered the deployment of personnel across the state to ensure a smooth and secure local government election on Saturday. This directive was announced in a statement issued by the Command's Spokesman, SP Bright Edafe, on Thursday in Asaba, the state capital.

Read more:

[https://punchng.com/lg-poll-delta-cp-orders-deployment-of-personnel-restricts-movement/#google\\_vignette](https://punchng.com/lg-poll-delta-cp-orders-deployment-of-personnel-restricts-movement/#google_vignette)

## Kaduna Assembly Amends Electoral Law, Discards Electronic Voting

The Kaduna State House of Assembly has passed a bill amending the State Electoral Law No. 2 of 2021, effectively eliminating the use of electronic voting machines. The Speaker, Yusuf Dahiru, approved the law following the adoption of a detailed report and recommendations presented by Emmanuel Kantiyok, Chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary.



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

## Reps pass Diaspora voting bill for second reading

The House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a bill for second reading that aims to enable Nigerians living abroad to vote in general elections. The bill, sponsored by the Speaker of the House, Tajudeen Abbas and Sadiq Abdullahi, the lawmaker representing Sabon Gari Federal Constituency in Kaduna State, seeks to expand voting rights to the diaspora.

Read more:

<https://punchng.com/rebs-pass-diaspora-voting-bill-for-second-reading/?amp>



## Reps move to create 74 extra seats for women as bill passes second reading

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives passed for a second reading a bill sponsored by Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu and 12 others, seeking to create 74 reserved seats for women in the National Assembly by amending Sections 48, 49, 71, and 117 of the 1999 Constitution to allocate one special seat for women in both the Senate and House of Representatives for each state and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

Read more: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/07/rebs-move-to-create-74-extra-seats-for-women-as-bill-passes-second-reading/amp/>

## Plateau holds LG election October 9

Plateau State has scheduled its Local Government elections for October 9, 2024. This was announced by the Chairman of the Plateau State Independent Electoral Commission (PLASIEC), Plangji Cishak, during a meeting with political party leaders at the commission's headquarters in Jos, the state capital.

Read more:

<https://punchng.com/plateau-holds-lg-election-october-9/?amp>



## BASIEC postpones Bauchi LG elections

The Bauchi State Independent Electoral Commission (BASIEC) has postponed the local government area elections to August 17, 2024. Executive Chairman Ahmed Makama announced this change on Friday, citing undisclosed reasons for the shift from the initial date of August 10.

Read more:

<https://dailypost.ng/2024/07/06/basiec-postpones-bauchi-lg-elections/>



## Rivers Electoral Commission Sets Timeframe For LG Party Primaries



Read more:

<https://thewhistler.ng/rivers-electoral-commission-sets-timeframe-for-lg-party-primaries/amp/>

The Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC) has directed political parties interested in the upcoming local government elections to conduct their primaries on Friday, July 19, and Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Professor Simon Emenike-Wali, the Commissioner in charge of Political Parties and Monitoring, conveyed this during a meeting with local party leaders, urging them to promptly submit the names of their successful candidates and disclose the revenues from their party primaries to the commission for assessment.

## Edo 2024: IPC trains journalists on accurate reporting, adherence to election codes

The International Press Centre (IPC) has called on journalists covering elections to adhere strictly to the codes and regulations governing election reporting, emphasizing the importance of documenting all electoral processes. During a two-day training workshop for journalists in Edo State, the Centre highlighted the need for media professionals to prioritize the public interest in their reports, ensuring neutrality and accuracy.

Read more:

<https://tribuneonlineng.com/edo-2024-ipc-trains-journalists-on-accurate-reporting-adherence-to-election-codes/>



## Edo guber: PDP suspends Orbih, south-south vice-chair, over 'anti-party activities'

The National Working Committee (NWC) of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has suspended Dan Orbih, the party's National Vice-Chairman for the South-South region. According to a statement on Wednesday by Debo Ologunagba, the PDP national publicity secretary, Orbih was suspended due to his comments against Asue Ighodalo, the party's candidate in the upcoming Edo governorship election.

Read more: <https://www.thecable.ng/edo-guber-pdp-suspends-orbih-south-south-vice-chair-over-anti-party-activities/amp/>



## Ondo LG poll postponed indefinitely-ODIEC

Dr. Joseph Aremo, Chairman of the Ondo State Independent Electoral Commission, has announced the indefinite postponement of the local government election in the state. This marks the second delay, following initial rescheduling from February to July.

Read more:

<https://punchng.com/ondo-lg-poll-postponed-indefinitely/?amp>

## Osun LG poll: OSSIEC issues eligibility regulations



Ahead of the February 15, 2025 local government election, the Osun State Independent Electoral Commission (OSSIEC) has issued eligibility regulations for participating political parties and announced its readiness to appoint electoral officers and other staff. This was disclosed by OSSIEC chairman Hashim Abioye on Wednesday in Osogbo, through a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Yemi Badru.

Read more:

<https://dailypost.ng/2024/07/10/osun-lg-poll-ossiec-issues-eligibility-regulations/>



**Countdown  
to Off-Cycle  
Governorship  
Elections  
2024**

**72**  
DAYS TO

**Edo State Elections  
21st September, 2024**

**122**  
DAYS TO

**Ondo State Elections  
16th November, 2024**