

# The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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## Edo REC won't be removed, INEC tells PDP

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has dismissed calls from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to remove the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) for Edo State, Anugbum Onuoha, ahead of the September 21, 2024 governorship election. Governor Godwin Obaseki and the PDP leadership raised concerns over Onuoha's ties to the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, fearing potential bias in favor of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

Read more: <https://punchng.com/edo-rec-wont-be-removed-inec-tells-pdp/>



## Edo 2024: A Barometer for Measuring Commitment to Electoral Integrity

Yiaga Africa has described the upcoming Edo 2024 Governorship Election as a critical test of electoral integrity. This was emphasized at its press conference which presented a pre-election assessment, highlighting key challenges and opportunities for voters, INEC, and security agencies ahead of the September 21 polls.

Read more: <https://yiaga.org/edo-2024-a-barometer-for-measuring-commitment-to-electoral-integrity/>



## #EdoDecides: Nigerian Civil Defence Deploys Over 6000 Personnel For Governorship Election

The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has deployed 6,433 officers and personnel for the September 21 Edo State Governorship election. Commandant General Ahmed Abubakar Audi, who made the announcement, stressed the need for officers to remain neutral, act professionally, and uphold discipline throughout the electoral process.

Read more: <https://saharareporters.com/2024/09/18/edodecides-nigerian-civil-defence-deploys-over-6000-personnel-governorship-election>

## Senate to amend constitution to ensure LG autonomy – Akpabio

The Nigerian Senate will move to amend the constitution to guarantee full autonomy for local governments, Senate President Godswill Akpabio announced on Thursday. Speaking in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Akpabio emphasized the upper chamber's commitment to strengthening local governance nationwide. This was disclosed in a statement by his Special Assistant on Media, Jackson Udom.



Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/736351-senate-to-amend-constitution-to-ensure-lg-autonomy-akpabio.html>



## 44 LG caretaker committee chairmen in Kano dissolved

Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf of Kano State has dissolved the caretaker chairmen of all 44 local government areas with immediate effect. The decision, announced through a statement by the governor's spokesperson, Sanusi Bature, follows just one

week after the state House of Assembly granted a two-month extension to their tenure, which was originally set to expire on September 8.

Read more: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/09/44-lg-caretaker-committee-chairmen-in-kano-dissolved/amp/>

## IPAC Vows to Boycott Imo LG elections

The Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) announced on Tuesday that its member political parties will boycott the upcoming Local Government elections in Imo State, scheduled for Saturday. Speaking to journalists in Owerri, IPAC's state chairman, Ichie Levi Ekeh, expressed disappointment with the Imo State Independent Electoral Commission's (ISIEC) preparations for the polls, accusing the body of failing to adhere to the 2024 election guidelines.

Read more: <https://guardian.ng/politics/ipac-vows-to-boycott-imo-lg-elections/>





## ActionAid trains 120 election observers ahead of Enugu LGA polls

ActionAid Nigeria has trained 120 election observers in preparation for the September 21 local government elections in Enugu State. The training, supported by the South Saharan Social Development Organisation (SSDO), the Justice, Development, Peace, and Caritas Commission (JDPC), and the Enugu State government, aims to ensure transparent and credible elections.

Read more: <https://www.thecable.ng/actionaid-trains-120-election-observers-ahead-of-enugu-lga-polls/amp/>

## Court gives Kwara electoral commission go ahead to conduct LG poll

A Federal High Court in Abuja has lifted an ex-parte order that barred the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) from releasing the National Voter Register to the Kwara State Independent Electoral Commission (KWSIEC) for local government elections. Justice Peter Lifu vacated the order, initially issued on July 29, after ruling that it had expired under the law, having exceeded its 14-day limit. The decision came in response to a request by KWSIEC, with the court agreeing that the order should be set aside in accordance with legal provisions.



Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/09/17/court-gives-kwara-electoral-commission-go-ahead-to-conduct-lg-poll/>

## LG poll: PDP, APC, LP absent as political parties sign peace accord in Enugu

Several political parties in Enugu State signed a Peace Accord on Wednesday ahead of the September 21 Local Government Elections, during a "Stakeholders' Engagement on the Enugu State 2024 Local Government Elections" organized by ActionAid Nigeria. Notably, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Labour Party (LP), and All Progressives Congress (APC) were absent, while the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) and African Democratic Congress (ADC) declined to sign due to the ruling party's absence.



Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/09/19/lg-poll-pdp-apc-lp-absent-as-political-parties-sign-peace-accord-in-enugu/>

## NSCDC deploys 3,000 personnel for LG polls in Kwara

The Kwara State Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has deployed 3,000 personnel across the state's 16 Local Government Areas ahead of Saturday's local government elections. According to a statement by the State Commandant, Umar Mohammed, on Thursday in Ilorin, the officers, drawn from various command units, will be stationed at polling units and will work in collaboration with other security agencies to ensure the peaceful conduct of the elections.



Read more: [https://newsdiaryonline.com/nscdc-deploys-3000-personnel-for-lg-polls-in-kwara/#google\\_vignette](https://newsdiaryonline.com/nscdc-deploys-3000-personnel-for-lg-polls-in-kwara/#google_vignette)

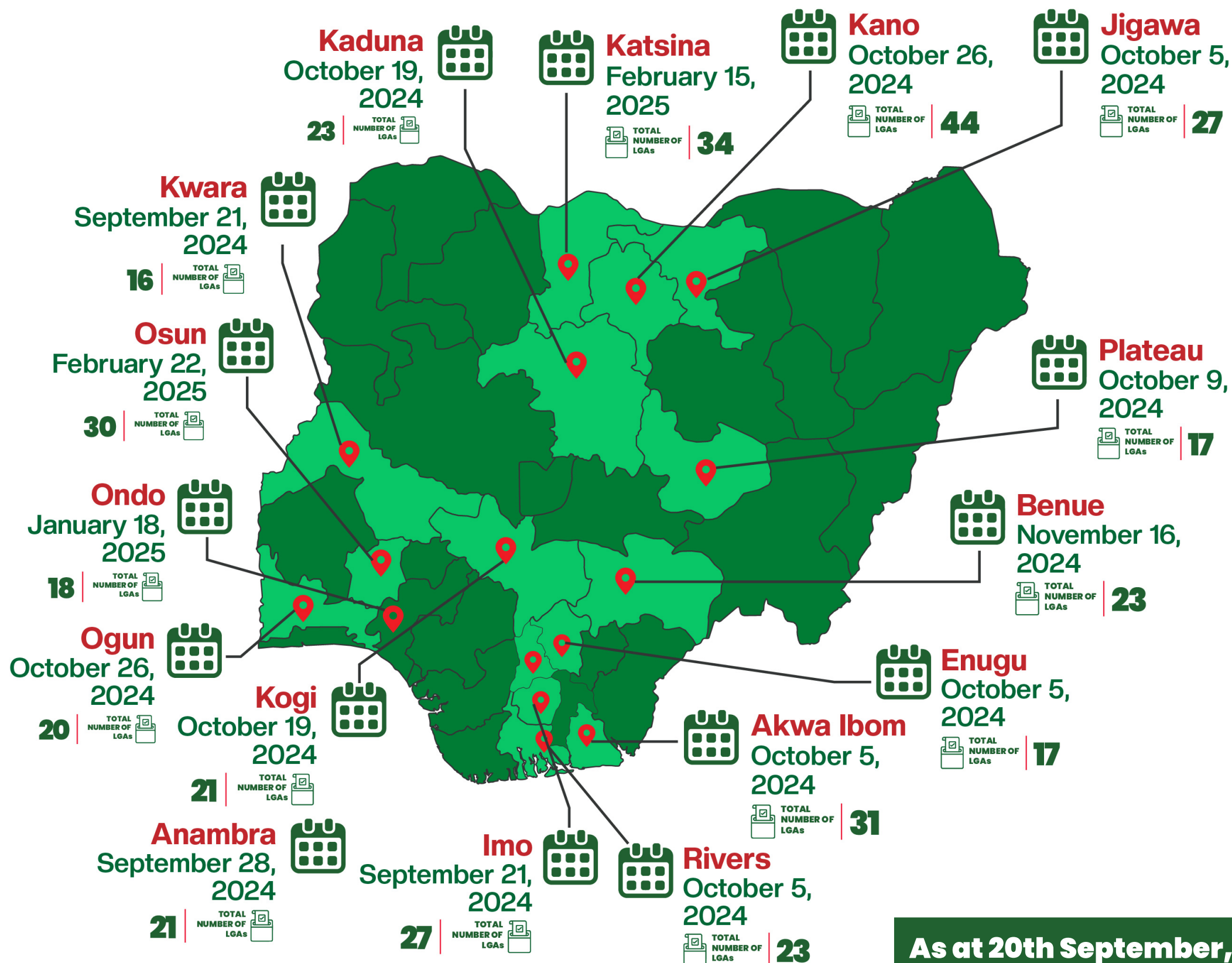
# Upcoming Local Government Elections



TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **16**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **397**

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | **44,978,040**



As at 20th September, 2024



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

**01**  
DAY TO

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

**57**  
DAYS TO

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