

# The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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## INEC commits to flawless election in Ondo

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has committed to delivering a seamless election for the upcoming off-cycle governorship poll in Ondo State on November 16. During a recent briefing, the state's Resident Electoral Commissioner, Oluwatoyin Babalola, assured residents of the commission's dedication to conducting a flawless electoral process, highlighting that potential challenges have already been identified. Babalola confirmed that non-sensitive materials have been distributed to all 18 local councils and that Registration Area Technical Support Staff (RATECH) will be assigned to each Registration Area to provide immediate technical assistance for the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) across the 3,933 polling units.

Read more:

<https://guardian.ng/politics/inec-commits-to-flawless-election-in-ondo/>

## Edo poll: INEC debunks BVAS smuggling allegations

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has dismissed allegations of smuggling BVAS machines in Edo State, calling the claims baseless and without merit. In a statement issued on Friday in Benin, the state's Resident Electoral Commissioner, Dr. Anugbum Onuoha, confirmed that the commission had completed its investigation and found no evidence to support the accusations.

Read more: <https://x.com/inecnigeria/status/1844674675818803430?s=46&t=jtZs89xvpBLYpRcObFpJw>







## CSOs, Media Meet, Review Edo Election, Yiaga Insists Poll Failed Integrity Test

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and media practitioners convened in Benin City on Monday to review the recently concluded Edo State governorship election. Organized by Yiaga Africa, a prominent election monitoring group, the meeting aimed to assess the election's outcome and provide a platform for CSO observers and media professionals to share their on-the-ground observations from the election process.

Read more:

<https://infodailyng.com/csos-media-meet-review-edo-election-yiaga-insists-poll-failed-integrity-test/>



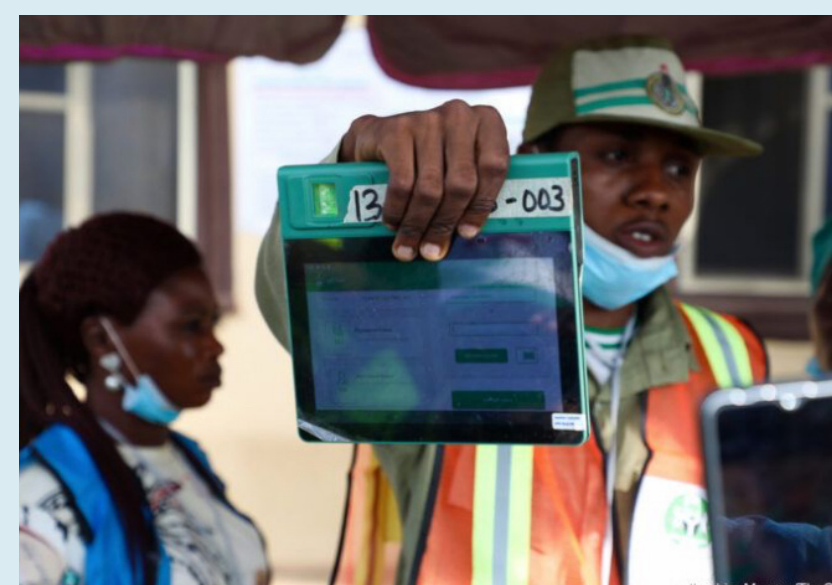
## Senate declares LG elections sham

The Senate on Thursday in Abuja denounced the recent local government elections held in several states, labeling them a "sham" and a "rape of democracy." The Senate pledged to take necessary actions, including pushing for constitutional amendments, to safeguard the future of democracy in Nigeria.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/10/10/senate-declares-lg-elections-sham/>

## Edo REC denies BVAS allegation, invites PDP for inspection

The Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) of Edo State, Anubgum Onuoha, has strongly refuted allegations made by the Peoples



Democratic Party (PDP), which accused him of blocking access to the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) ahead of the recent gubernatorial elections. In a statement issued on Wednesday, Onuoha described the claims as baseless, misleading, and completely devoid of truth.

Read more: <https://guardian.ng/politics/edo-rec-denies-bvas-allegation-invites-pdp-for-inspection/>



## Rivers Police launch full-scale investigation into post-election violence

The Rivers State Police Command has launched a full-scale investigation into a deadly outbreak of violence across multiple local government areas

in Rivers State on Monday, which claimed lives and caused significant property damage. Commissioner of Police Mustapha Mohammed confirmed the probe on Wednesday after visiting the affected areas, stating that an investigation team, led by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, State Criminal Investigation Department, has been deployed.

Read more: <https://www.ripplesnigeria.com/rivers-police-launch-full-scale-investigation-into-post-election-violence/>



## Again, Court refuses to stop Kano LG elections

The Federal High Court in Kano has dismissed an application seeking to halt the local government elections set for October 26. The ex parte motion, filed by Engineer Muhammed Babayo, a factional member of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP), sought an interim injunction to stop the electoral process. Babayo's legal team, led by Dalhatu Shehu Usman, had challenged the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the Kano State Independent Electoral Commission (KANSIEC), the Inspector General of Police, and the Director General of the Department of Security Service.

Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/again-court-refuses-to-stop-kano-lg-elections/>





## Suspended Lagos LG chair sues Speaker, Assembly, says action affront on Supreme Court

Jelili Sulaimon, the Chairman of Alimosho Local Government Council, Lagos, has denounced his suspension by the State House of Assembly as illegal and unconstitutional. In a statement released by his lawyer, Abdul Mahmud, on Tuesday, Sulaimon condemned the suspension, calling it a direct violation of the Supreme Court's recent ruling that affirmed the autonomy and independence of local governments under the 1999 Constitution. The statement also criticized the decision of the House and Speaker Mudashiru Obasa to install Sulaimon's deputy as interim head of the council.

Read more: [https://businessday.ng/politics/article/suspended-lagos-lg-chair-sues-speaker-assembly-says-action-affront-on-supreme-court/#google\\_vignette](https://businessday.ng/politics/article/suspended-lagos-lg-chair-sues-speaker-assembly-says-action-affront-on-supreme-court/#google_vignette)

## LG Polls: Observers commend Plateau's peaceful transparent elections

A coalition of election observers under the Nigeria Network for Peace and Good Governance has praised the Plateau State Independent Electoral Commission (PLASIEC) for successfully conducting the October 9, 2024, Local Government Elections. In a press statement signed by spokesperson James Shalom, the group commended PLASIEC for ensuring a peaceful and transparent electoral process across the state, despite initial delays in the arrival of materials at some polling units.

Read more: <https://authorityngr.com/2024/10/10/lg-polls-observers-commend-plateaus-peaceful-transparent-elections/>



## Plateau LG poll: PLASIEC extends voting time

The Plateau State Independent Electoral Commission (PLASIEC) has extended the voting period for the ongoing Local Government Election due to delays in the arrival of sensitive materials at several polling units. In a statement on Wednesday, PLASIEC's Head of Media, Koro Yakubu, cited unforeseen challenges as the reason for the extension, assuring the public that the Commission is taking steps to resolve the issues and ensure that all voters are able to cast their ballots.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/plateau-lg-poll-plasiec-extends-voting-time/>



## PDP kicks as Alia swears in Benue LG chairmen

Benue State Governor, Hyacinth Alia, on Monday inaugurated the newly elected local government chairmen, urging them to govern with integrity and fairness. This

follows the All Progressives Congress' sweeping victory in Saturday's local government elections, where the party secured all 23 chairmanship and 276 councillorship positions across the state. While the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has raised concerns over alleged irregularities, calling for the election's cancellation, Governor Alia maintained that the polls were free, fair, and a true reflection of the will of the people.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/pdp-kicks-as-alia-swears-in-benue-lg-chairmen/>



## PDP wins 15 of 17 chairmanship seats in Plateau LG polls

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has secured 15 out of 17 chairmanship positions in the Plateau State local government elections. Planji Cishak, Chairman of the

Plateau State Independent Electoral Commission (PLASIEC), announced the results on Thursday in Jos. While the elections were held on Saturday, Cishak noted that results from Pankshin and Langtang-North Local Government Areas are yet to be fully collated.

Read more: <https://www.thecable.ng/pdp-wins-15-of-17-chairmanship-seats-in-plateau-lg-polls/amp/>



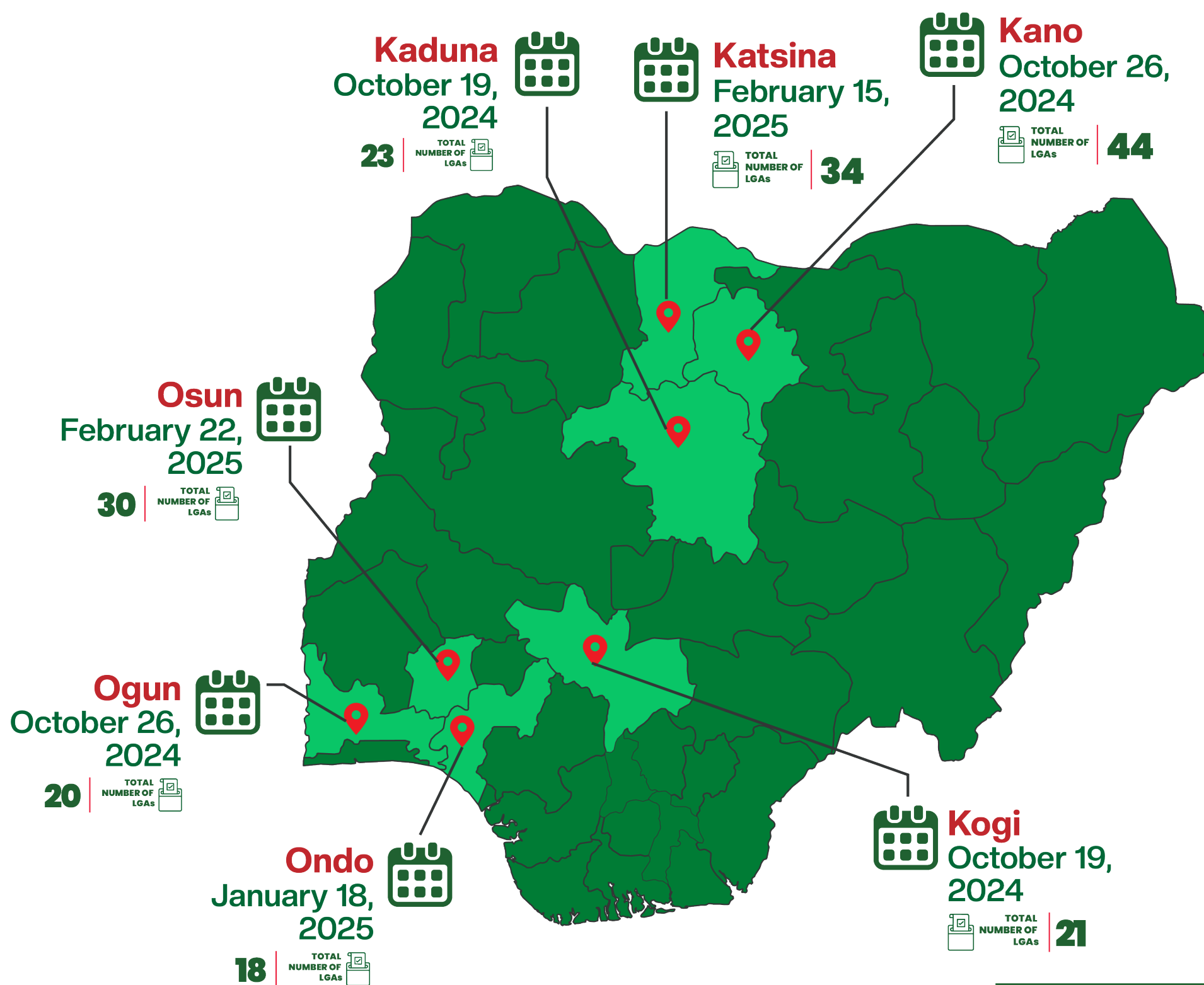
# Upcoming Local Government Elections



**TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES** | **7**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs** | **190**

**TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS** | **22,279,800**



**As at 11th October, 2024**



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

**36** DAYS TO Ondo State Elections 16th November, 2024