

The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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Ondo Guber: INEC identifies flash points, parties sign Peace Accord Nov. 8

Ahead of the November 16 governorship election in Ondo State, political parties are set to sign a Peace Accord on Friday, November 8, in a move led by the National Peace Committee and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to promote a peaceful election. INEC has also identified potential flashpoints in the state and alerted security agencies to conduct thorough conflict mapping and address any emerging threats to peace.

Read more: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/11/ondo-guber-inec-identifies-flash-points-parties-sign-peace-accord-nov-8/amp/>

Ondo Poll: Yiaga Africa to deploy PRVT, 324 observers

Yiaga Africa has announced plans to deploy 324 trained election observers across Ondo State's 18 Local Government Areas to monitor the upcoming governorship election. Using an advanced election-day observation methodology called Process and Results Verification for Transparency (PRVT), Yiaga aims to enhance election transparency. Paul James, Programme Manager of Yiaga Africa, revealed this during a workshop for media practitioners and civil society organisations organized ahead of the election.

Read more:

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/750192-ondo-poll-yiaga-to-deploy-prvt-324-observers.html>





REC meets CSOs, promises fair election

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has reaffirmed its commitment to delivering a free, fair, and credible election in Ondo State on November 16. Speaking at a Civil Society Situation Room Dialogue in Abuja on Tuesday, the Resident Electoral Commissioner, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Babalola, emphasized that INEC is well-prepared and has implemented proactive measures to ensure the integrity of the upcoming election.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/rec-meets-csos-promises-fair-election/?amp>

We aren't avoiding prosecution of electoral offenders, INEC replies SERAP

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has defended the delay in prosecuting alleged electoral offenders, following accusations by the civil society organization Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) of neglect in addressing electoral malpractice from the 2023 General Election. In a statement, INEC National Commissioner and Chairman of the Information and Voter Education Committee, Sam Olumekun, highlighted ongoing collaboration with the Nigerian Bar Association and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), emphasizing that the prosecution of electoral offenders is not restricted by a specific timeline.

Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/we-arent-avoiding-prosecution-of-electoral-offenders-inec-replies-serap/amp/>



LG poll: Court voids administrative charges imposed by OGSIEC

An Ogun State High Court in Abeokuta has ruled against the administrative fees imposed by the Ogun State Independent Electoral Commission (OGSIEC) on candidates in the upcoming November 16 local government election. The charges, which included a N250,000 fee for chairmanship candidates, N150,000 for male councillorship candidates, and N100,000 for female councillorship candidates, were challenged in court by 16 political parties, including the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Labour Party, and African Democratic Party (ADP).

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/10/31/lg-poll-court-voids-administrative-charges-imposed-by-ogsiec/>

Group storms INEC, demands removal of Ondo REC

The Ondo Youth League and Action for Credible and Transparent Elections rallied at the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) headquarters on Tuesday, calling for the immediate redeployment of Ondo State Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) Mrs. Oluwatoyin Babalola. In a petition read by Comrade Ayo Adeyemi, the groups alleged that Babalola's ties with the ruling All Progressives Congress could undermine the credibility of the upcoming elections. Addressed to INEC Chairman Professor Mahmood Yakubu, the petition urged swift action to ensure a fair election process in Ondo State.

Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/group-storms-inec-demands-removal-of-ondo-rec/amp/>





Yiaga Africa worried over 'allocation of votes' in LG elections

Yiaga Africa has raised concerns over the increasing trend of vote allocation, predictable outcomes, and the dominance of ruling parties in local government elections. Speaking at a roundtable discussion in Abuja on Nigeria's local government elections, Executive Director Samson Itodo urged strict adherence to Section 150 of the Constitution, which outlines the Federal Capital Territory's election procedures and serves as a benchmark for other local government polls.

Read more: <https://guardian.ng/politics/yiaga-africa-worried-over-allocation-of-votes-in-lg-elections/>

Abia LG Polls: ZLP Tours Aba South, Unveils Councillorship Candidates

Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/abia-lg-polls-zlp-tours-aba-south-unveils-councillorship-candidates/>

Cross River LG polls: CROSIEC begins distribution of sensitive materials

The Cross River State Independent Electoral Commission (CROSIEC) has begun distributing sensitive materials across all 18 local government areas in preparation for the local government council elections set for Saturday, November 2, 2024. Announcing the distribution on Thursday, CROSIEC Chairman Dr. Edet Boco assured stakeholders in Calabar that the commission is committed to delivering free, fair, and credible elections.

Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/cross-river-lg-polls-crosiec-begins-distribution-of-sensitive-materials/amp/>



Kano Gov, Yusuf, Swears in 44 Council Chairmen, Civil Groups Present Poll Reports

In a ceremony held at the Government House in Kano, Governor Abba Yusuf swore in the 44 newly elected local government chairmen, marking a significant step toward strengthening grassroots governance in the state. The state Attorney-General, Haruna Dederi, administered the oath of office at the Africa House before an audience of party supporters. Concurrently, a coalition of 89 civil society groups presented their election report to the Kano State Independent Electoral Commission (KANSIEC), rating the electoral exercise as satisfactory and highlighting the progress in democratic governance.

Read more: https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/10/28/kano-gov-yusuf-swears-in-44-council-chairmen-civil-groups-present-poll-reports/#google_vignette

The Zenith Labour Party (ZLP) has launched its campaign tour across Aba South Local Government Area (LGA) in Abia State, aiming to rally support for its candidates ahead of the November 2 Local Government Elections. The party's Chairmanship Candidate for the LGA, Mr. Obialo Anyanwu, led the team through the town's 12 wards, distributing campaign materials and introducing the Councillorship Candidate for Mosque Ward 10, Mr. Chiemezie Kanu. Anyanwu urged residents to support ZLP candidates to drive change in their communities.



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A comprehensive tool designed to evaluate the quality of local government elections, assesses key electoral aspects, provides insights into key areas for improvement, and offers targeted measures to address these issues. The tool covers various aspects of the electoral process, including voter registration, campaigning, polling, and the administration of elections, aiming to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections.

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**Local Government Election
Assessment Index (LGEAI)**

Period	Sections	Questions
Pre-election	A. Electoral Context	1. The previous election that brought in the incumbent administration was credible and transparent.
		2. Incumbent administration performed well in governance.
Election Day	1. Electoral Laws	3. Citizens experienced freedom under the incumbent administration.
		4. The tenure of the incumbent was characterised by relative peace and security.
		5. The opposition party was not suppressed by the incumbent administration.
		6. The Opposition party did not boycott the last LGA elections in the state.
		7. There were few allegations during the last LGA elections.
		8. There was a high voter turnout in the last election.
		9. Citizens expressed satisfaction with the last election.
		10. Election guidelines complied with the provisions of the Electoral Act.
Election Day	2. Electoral Procedures	1. Electoral laws were fair to smaller parties and candidates.
		2. Electoral laws did not only favour the governing party or parties.
		3. Election laws did not restrict the rights of, i.e., disenfranchised citizens.
		4. Election procedures are consistent with the state electoral law.
		5. Electoral rules and procedures are clearly spelt out.
		6. Election regulations were accessible to all stakeholders.
		7. Election regulations and voting procedures were widely publicised.
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Local Government Elections: A Travesty of Electoral Democracy?

A comprehensive report on recent local government elections in Nigeria, highlighting major issues in the public and policy discourse around the problems. The aim is to provide ingredients for discourse on local government elections in Nigeria.

**Local Government
Elections: A travesty of
Electoral Democracy?**

Preliminary Report on recent Local Government Elections

October 2024



States with Democratically Elected LGA before the Supreme Court Judgement



States with Elected LGAs after the Supreme Court Judgements

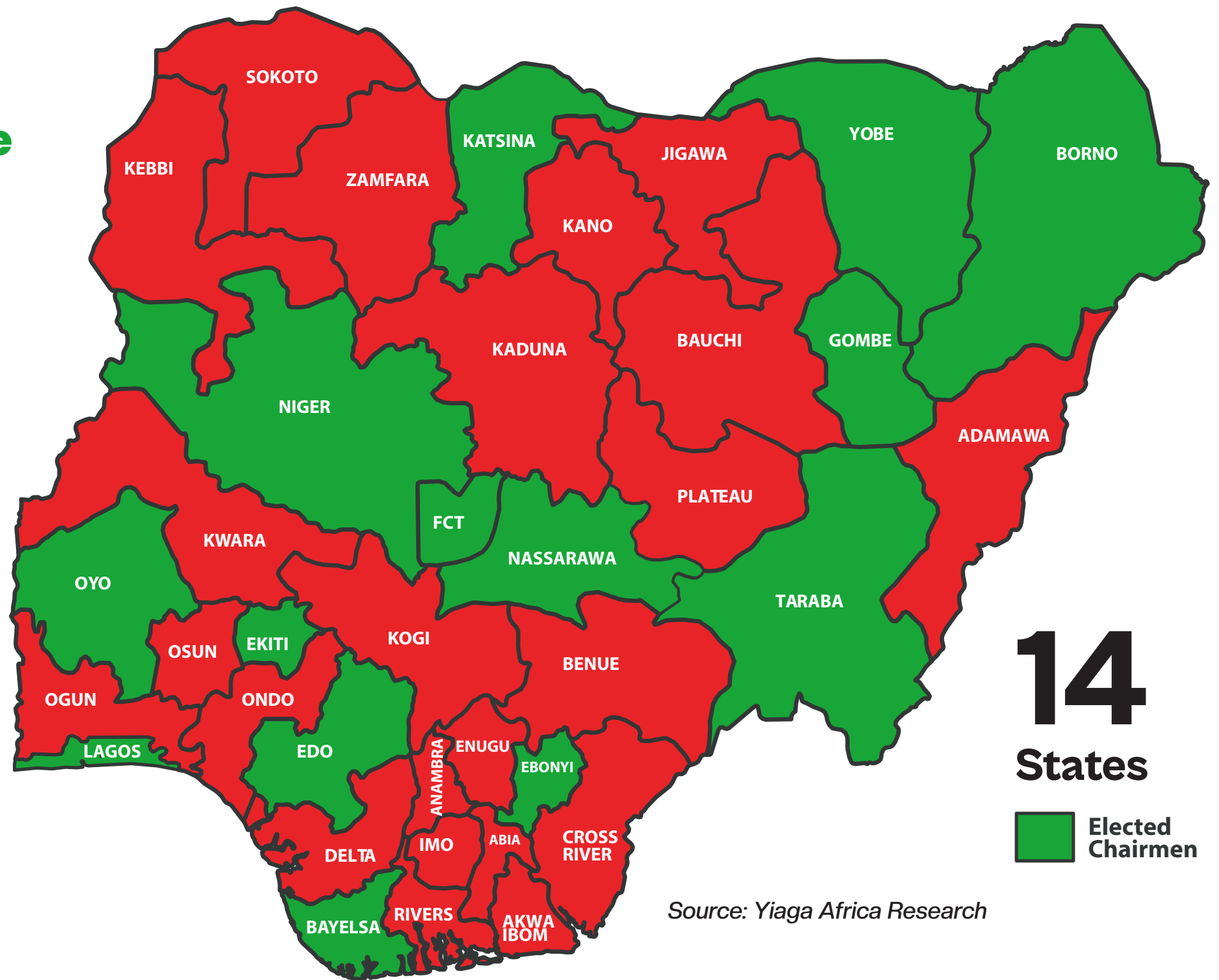


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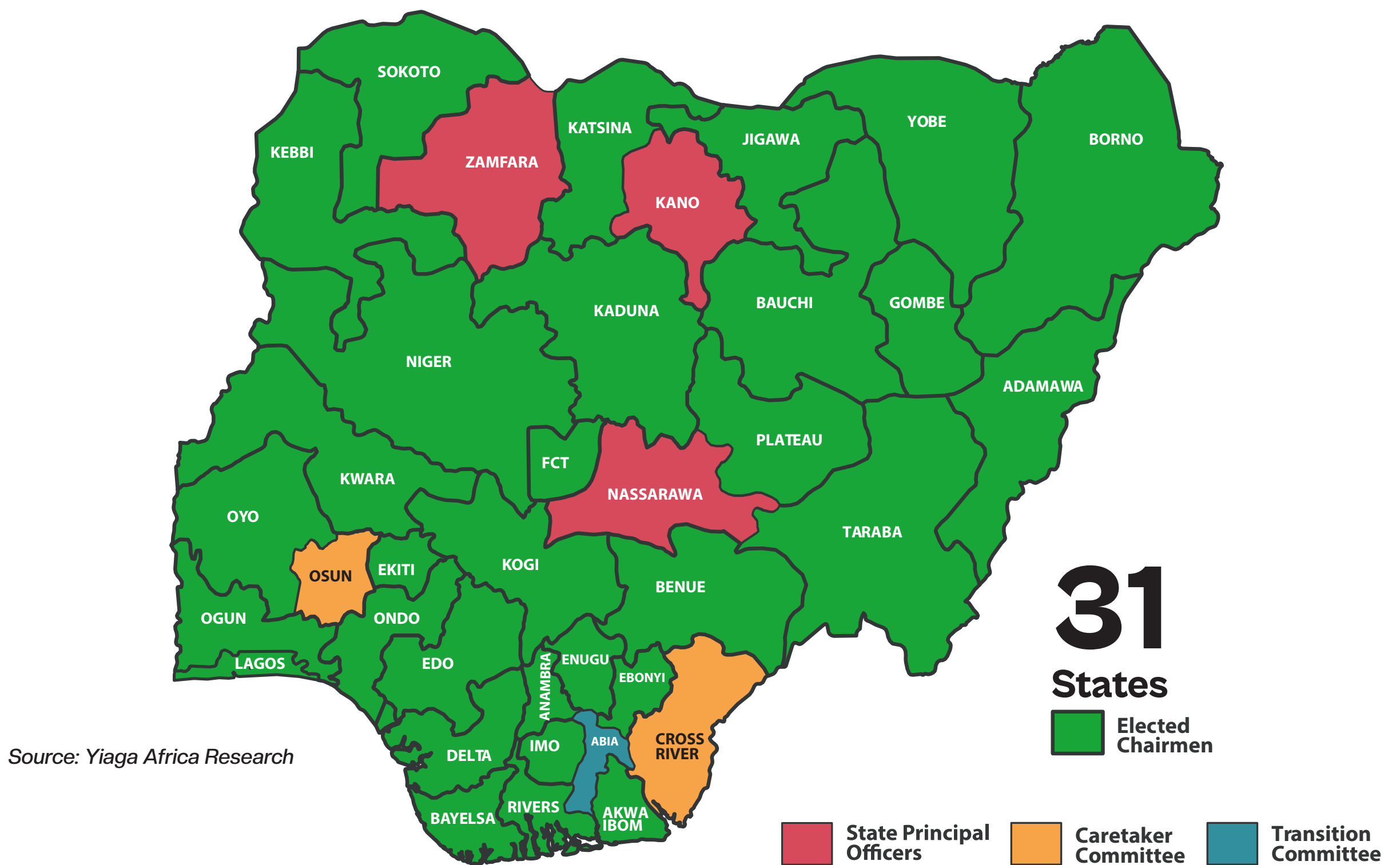


“Local Government Elections: A Travesty of Electoral Democracy?” is designed to explain the current debacle over local government elections in Nigeria and highlight major issues in the public and policy discourse around the problems. The aim is to provide ingredients for discourse on local government elections in Nigeria.

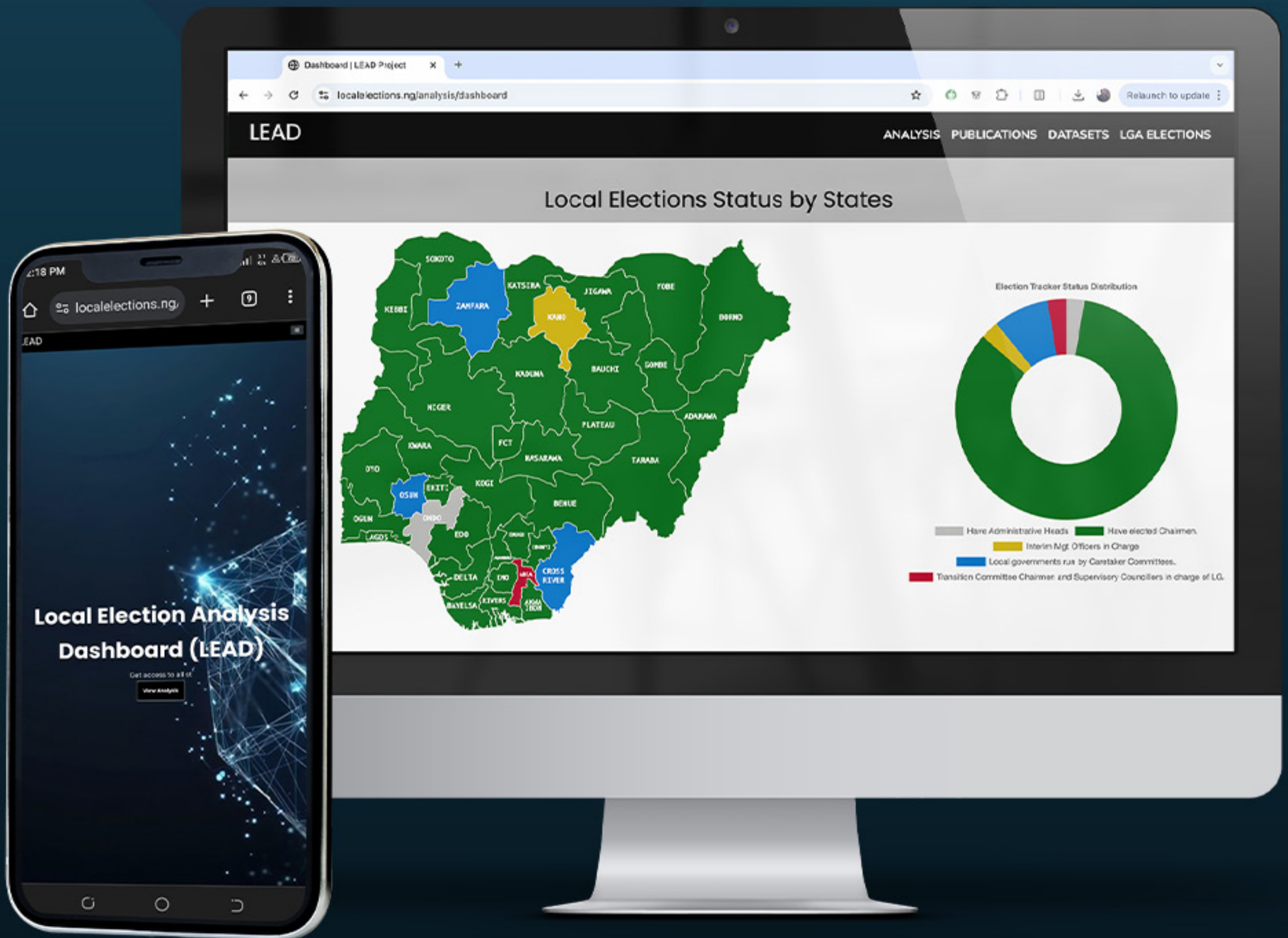
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TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES

6



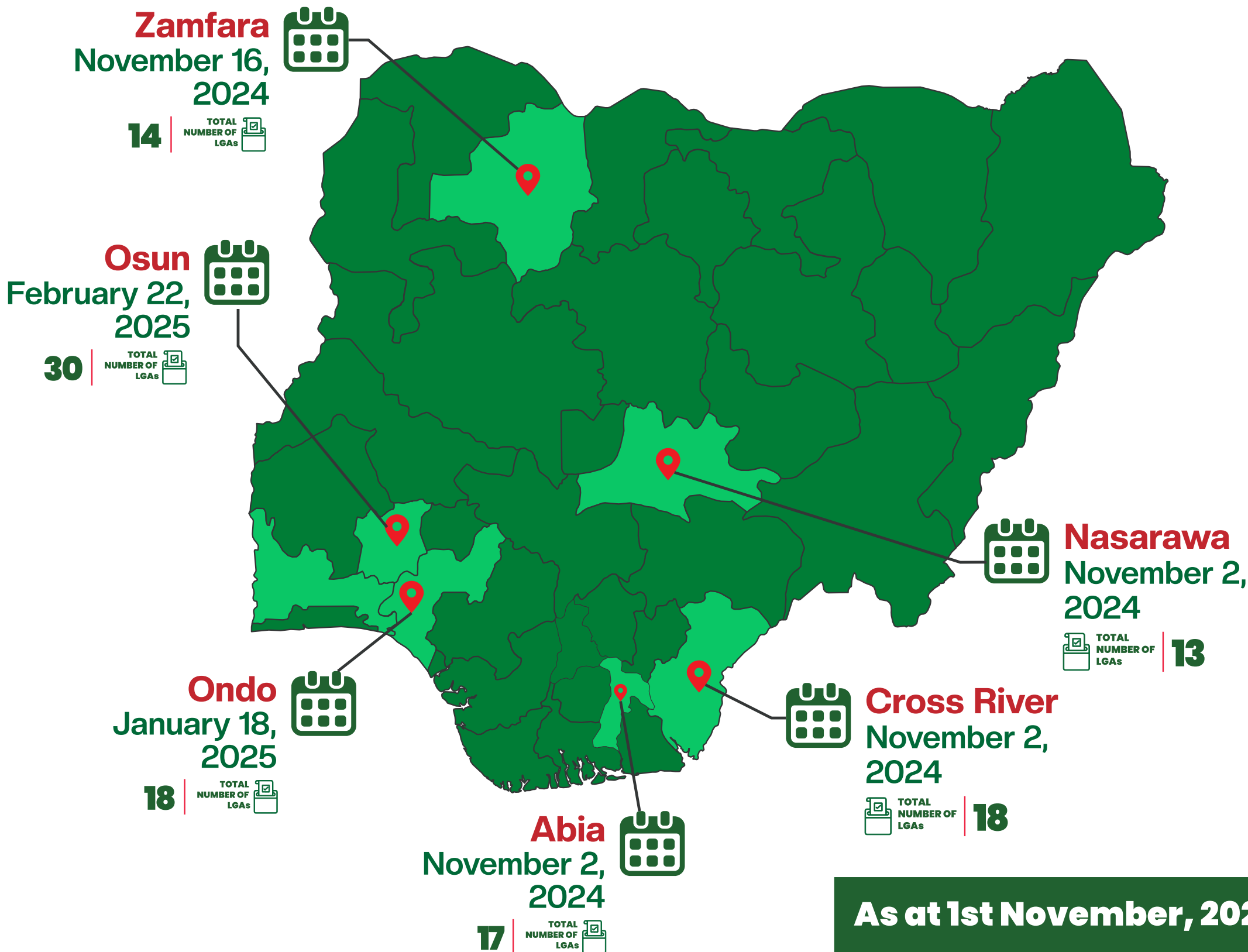
TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs

110



TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS

11,659,532



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

15 DAYS TO Ondo State Elections 16th November, 2024