

# The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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## Ondo Guber Poll: Yiaga Africa tasks INEC, security agencies on integrity,

Yiaga Africa has urged the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to uphold its credibility and pass the “integrity test” during the November 16 Ondo gubernatorial election. In a pre-election press statement, the organization also called on security agencies to perform their duties impartially. Ezenwa Nwagwu, Chair of Yiaga Africa’s 2024 Ondo Election Mission, stressed the need for INEC to ensure early delivery of election materials to polling units to meet public expectations.

Read more: <https://yiaga.org/pre-election-press-statement-on-the-2024-ondo-governorship-election/>

## Ondo Election: Security agencies will be impartial, CDS assures electorate

The Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), Gen. Christopher Musa, has assured that security agencies will remain non-partisan and impartial during the November 16 governorship election in Ondo State. Speaking in Akure on Thursday during a meeting with security agency heads, Musa stated that his visit, directed by President Bola Tinubu, was to ensure coordination and synergy among security forces for effective election coverage.

Read more: [https://guardian.ng/politics/ondo-decides/ondo-election-security-agencies-will-be-impartial-cds-assures-electorate/#google\\_vignette](https://guardian.ng/politics/ondo-decides/ondo-election-security-agencies-will-be-impartial-cds-assures-electorate/#google_vignette)





## Okpebholo, Idahosa sworn in as Edo governor, deputy

Senator Monday Okpebholo and his deputy, Dennis Idahosa, were sworn in as the Governor and Deputy Governor of Edo State on Tuesday at the Samuel Ogbemudia Stadium. The Chief Justice of the state, Daniel Okungbowa, administered the oath of office as supporters cheered, signaling the start of a new administration. Both leaders pledged to uphold the constitution and prioritize the well-being of Edo State residents.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/breaking-okpebholo-idahosa-sworn-in-as-edo-governor-deputy/?amp>

## NSCDC deploys 6,000 officers for Ondo election

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The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has deployed 6,000 officers to ensure security during the November 16 Ondo State governorship election. NSCDC Commandant General, Dr. Ahmed Audi, announced the deployment in a statement, reaffirming the Corps' commitment to delivering a secure, fair, and credible election. The officers will include reinforcements from Ondo and neighboring states such as Ekiti, Ogun, Oyo, Osun, Lagos, Edo, and Delta.



## Ondo Election: Parties inducing voters with N2000, N5000, materials, says Yiaga

Yiaga Africa's Long-Term Observers (LTOs) have reported widespread voter inducement by political parties during campaign activities ahead of the 2024 Ondo State governorship election. In a pre-election press statement, the organization revealed that cash gifts ranging from N2,000 to N5,000 were distributed to voters in 14 local government areas, including Odigbo, Idanre, and Akure South. Yiaga Africa warned that the use of cash and food items to secure voter support undermines the integrity of the electoral process and erodes public trust in democracy.

Read more: <https://guardian.ng/politics/ondo-decides/ondo-election-parties-inducing-voters-with-n2000-n5000-materials-says-yiaga/>



## Ondo Election: Egbetokun bars security aides from accompanying VIPs to polling booths, collation centres

The Inspector-General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun, has barred security aides and escorts from accompanying VIPs to polling booths and collation centres during the Ondo governorship election. In a statement issued on Thursday, Force Public Relations Officer Olumuyiwa Adejobi announced the implementation of "comprehensive security measures" to ensure a peaceful and credible election. Deputy Inspector-General of Police Sylvester Alabi has been deployed as the coordinating DIG to oversee security strategies and maintain law and order throughout the electoral process.

Read more: <https://www.westernpost.ng/ondo-election-egbetokun-bars-security-aides-from-accompanying-vips-to-polling-booths-collation-centres/>





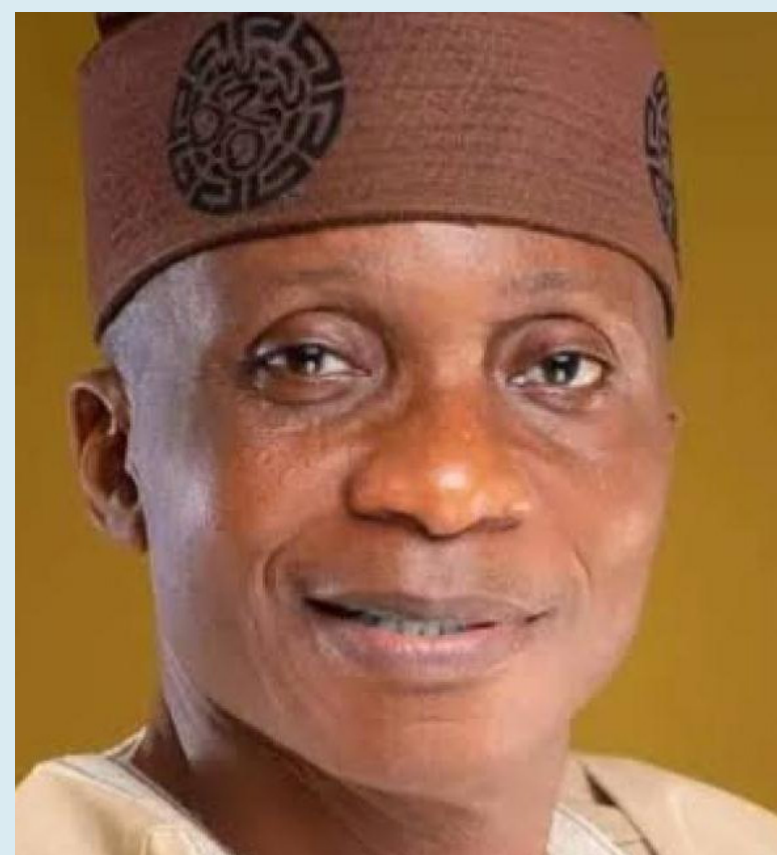
## Ondo Guber: NNPP Candidate Tells Court to Yank Off Aiyedatiwa from INEC's List

The governorship candidate of the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) in Ondo State, Olugbenga Edema, has filed a lawsuit seeking a court order to compel the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to withdraw the nomination and publication of Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and his deputy as candidates. Edema, who approached the Federal High Court, is requesting an interpretation of Section 15 of the Third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) regarding the APC candidates' nomination.

Read more: [https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/11/14/ondo-guber-nnpp-candidate-tells-court-to-yank-off-aiyedatiwa-from-inecs-list/#google\\_vignette](https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/11/14/ondo-guber-nnpp-candidate-tells-court-to-yank-off-aiyedatiwa-from-inecs-list/#google_vignette)

## A'Court sacks Ondo LP gov candidate, Ebiseni

The Court of Appeal in Abuja has disqualified Olusola Ebiseni as the Labour Party candidate for the Ondo State governorship election slated for Saturday, November 16, 2024. In a unanimous ruling delivered by Justice Adebukola Banjoko on behalf of Justice Hamma Barka, the three-member panel allowed the Labour Party's appeal against Ebiseni and two others. Justice Banjoko confirmed that the Certified True Copy of the judgment would be made available to all parties for review.



Read more: <https://punchng.com/acourt-sacks-ondo-lp-gov-candidate-ebiseni/?amp>



## Ondo guber: IPAC warns against vote-buying

The Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) has issued a strong warning against vote-buying ahead of Saturday's Ondo State governorship election. Speaking at a stakeholders' voter sensitization program in Akure,

the state capital, IPAC Chairman Yusuf Dantalle also called on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and security agencies to maintain neutrality and impartiality throughout the electoral process.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/11/13/ondo-guber-ipac-warns-against-vote-buying/>

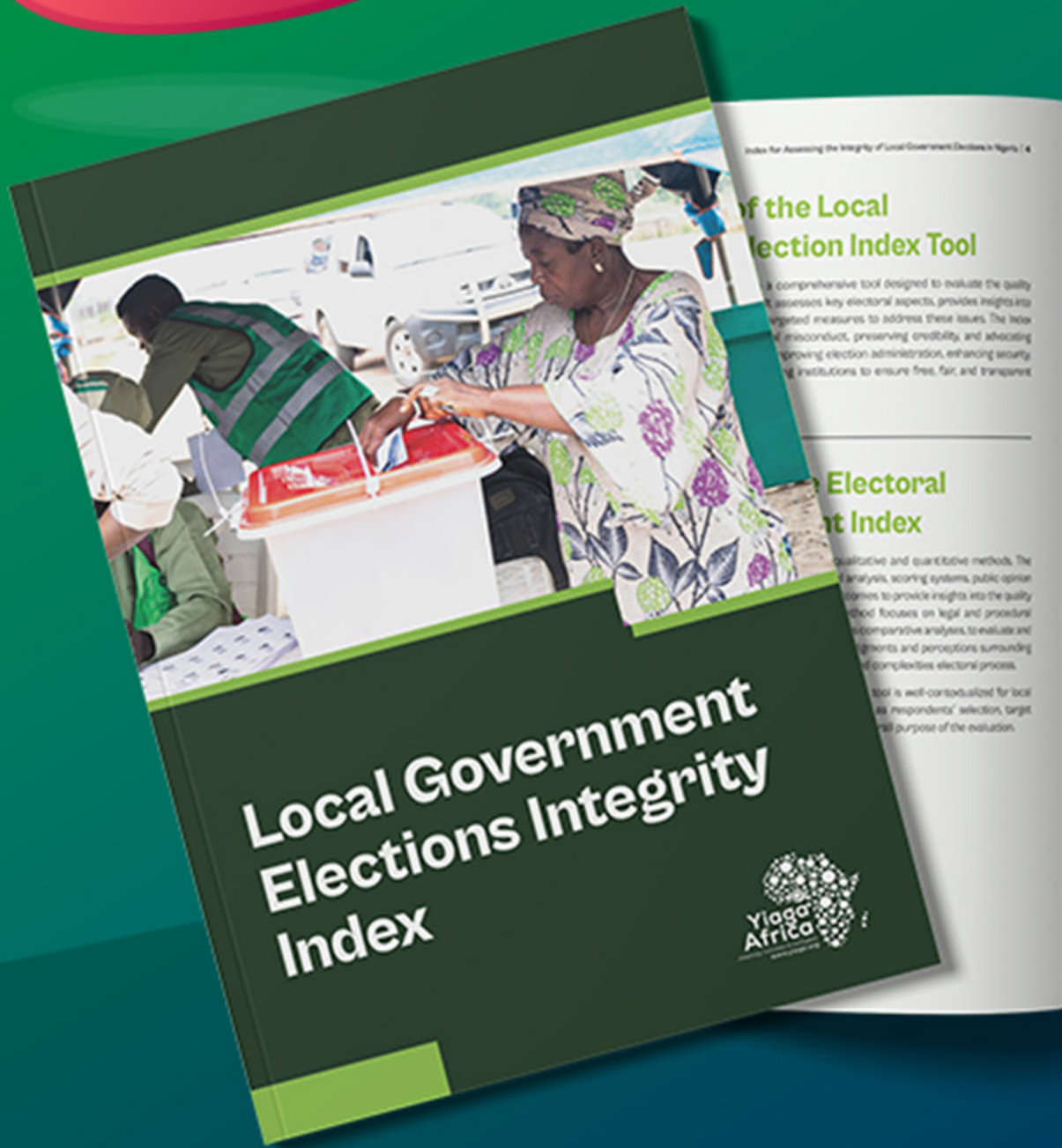
## Political Parties set for Ogun LG election, urge OGSIEC to ensure free, fair poll

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Political parties in Ogun State, including the APC, PDP, Labour Party, and NNPP, have declared their readiness for the November 16 local government elections. In separate interviews, the parties emphasized their commitment to the process while urging the Ogun State Independent Electoral Commission (OGSIEC) to ensure a free and fair exercise.



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### Index for Assessing the Integrity of Local Government Elections in Nigeria | 4

## of the Local Election Index Tool

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## Electoral Integrity Index

A comprehensive and qualitative method, the index provides a systematic approach to assess the quality of local government elections. It focuses on legal and procedural aspects, including voter registration, campaigning, and the conduct of the election process. The index is well-calibrated for local government elections, targeting the purpose of the evaluation.

# Local Government Elections Integrity Index



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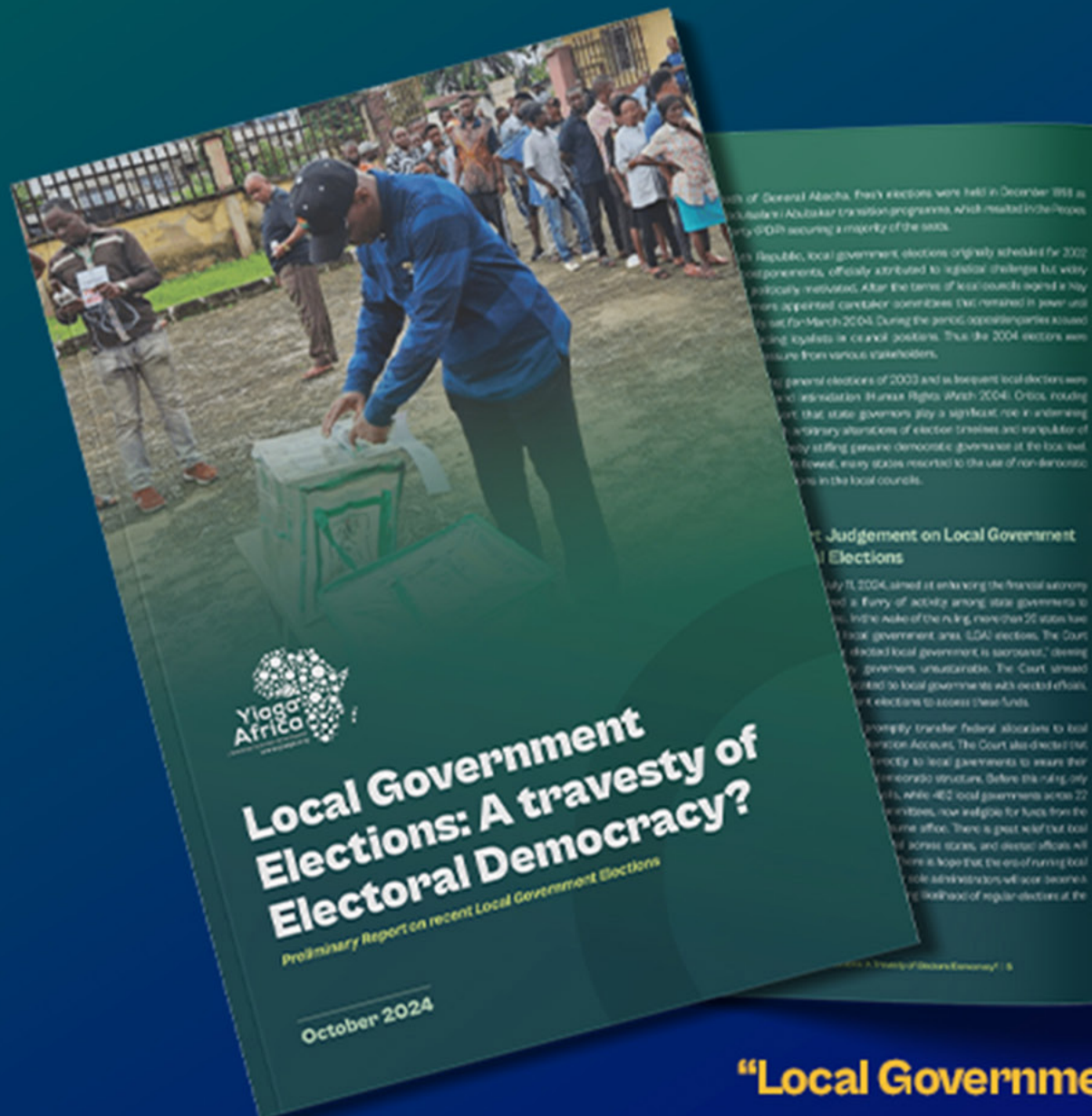
## Local Government Election Assessment Index (LGEAI)

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. 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 riggings during the last LGA elections. 8. There was a high voter turnout in the last election. 9. Citizens expressed satisfaction with the last election.
	1. Electoral Laws	1. Election guidelines complied with the provisions of the Electoral Act. 2. Electoral laws were fair to smaller parties and candidates. 3. Electoral laws did not only favour the governing party or parties. 4. Election laws did not restrict the rights of, i.e., disenfranchised citizens.
	2. Electoral Procedures	5. Election procedures are consistent with the state electoral law. 6. Electoral rules and procedures are clearly spelt out. 7. Election regulations were accessible to all stakeholders. 8. Election regulations and voting procedures were widely publicised.

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“The Local Government Elections Integrity Index” is developed as a tool to systematically assess key aspects of local government elections in Nigeria.

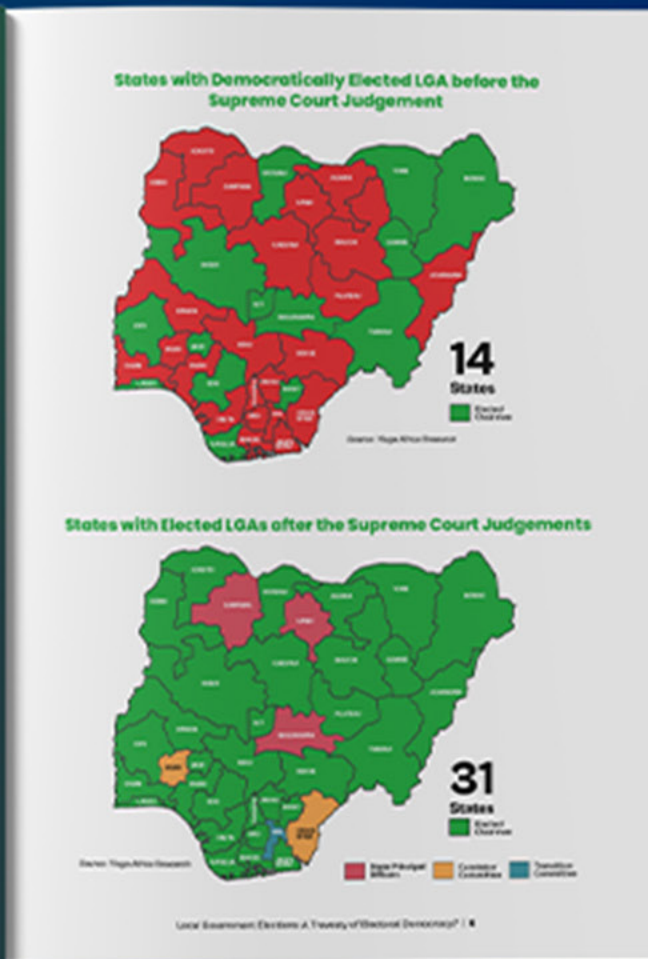


Under the leadership of General Abacha, fresh elections were held in December 1998 as part of the Abacha transition programme. After a period of military rule, the military handed power to a civilian government in June 2001. However, the military returned to power in October 2009, and the 2011 general elections were held under military supervision. The 2011 elections were held under military supervision, and the 2015 general elections were held under military supervision. The 2019 general elections were held under military supervision. The 2023 general elections were held under military supervision. The 2024 general elections were held under military supervision.

# Local Government Elections: A Tragedy of Electoral Democracy?

Preliminary Report on recent Local Government Elections

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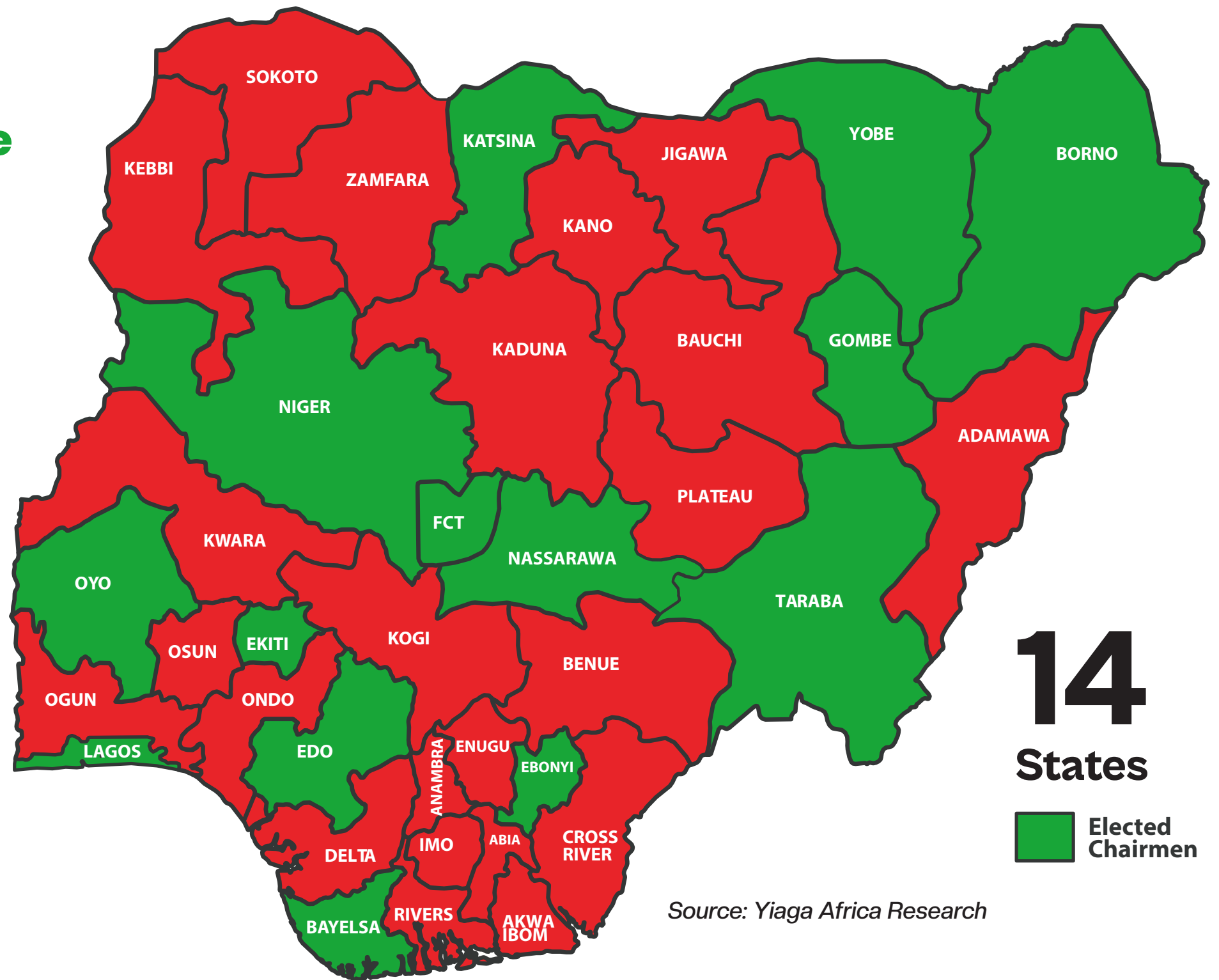


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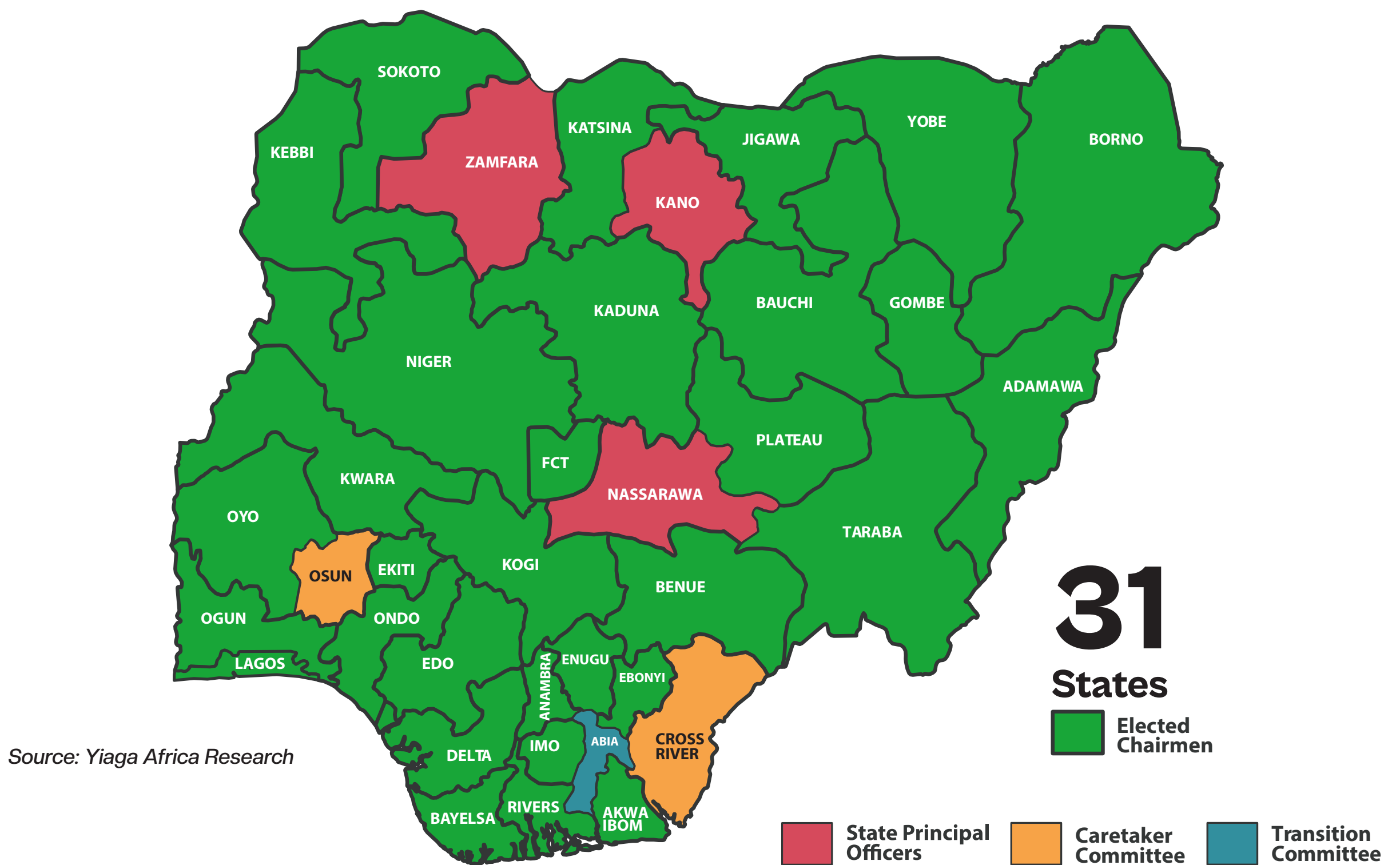


“Local Government Elections: A Tragedy of Electoral Democracy?” is designed to explain the current debacle over local government elections in Nigeria and highlight major issues in the public and policy discourse around the problems. The aim is to provide ingredients for discourse on local government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

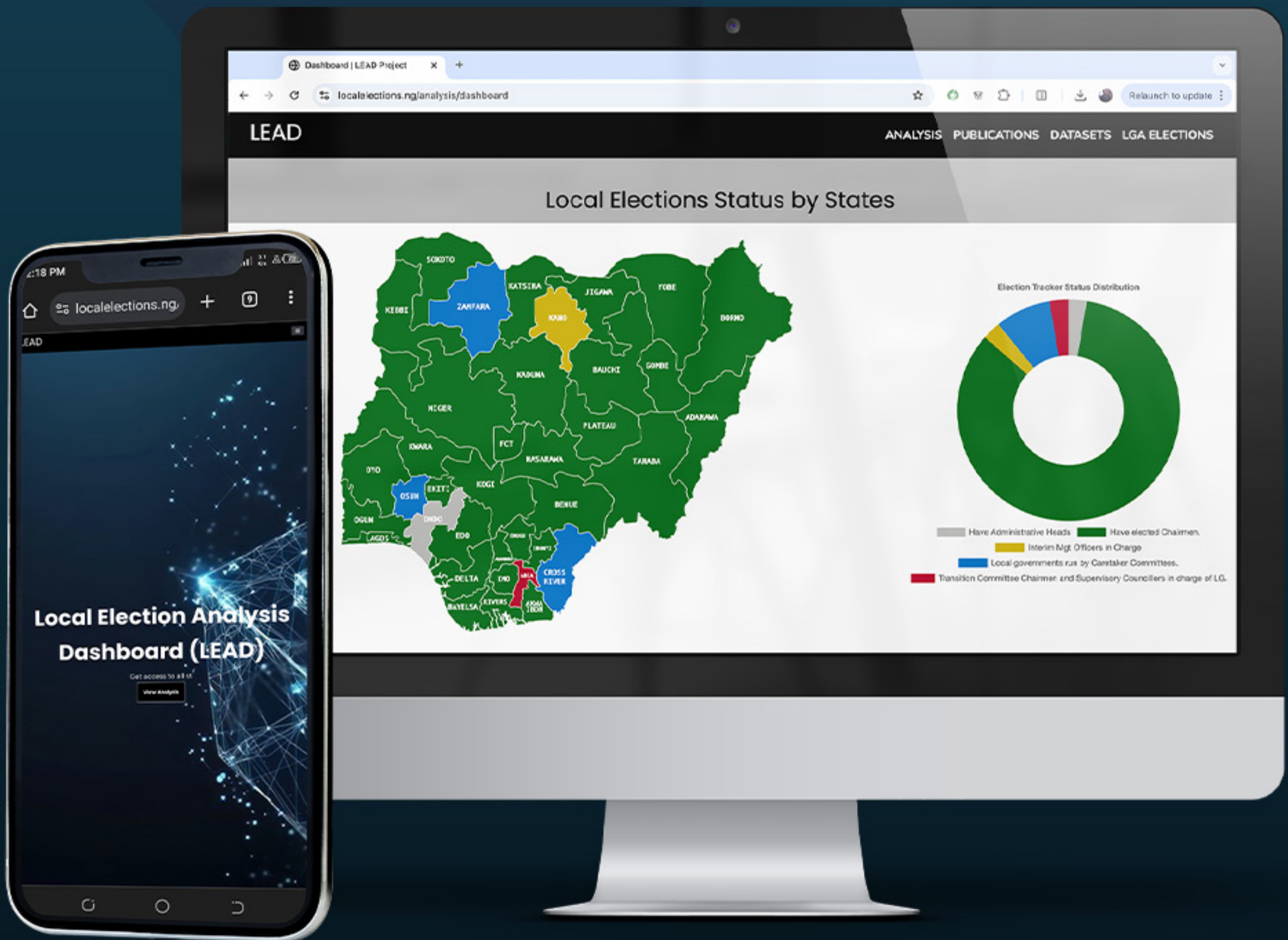
## States with Democratically Elected LGA before the Supreme Court Judgement



## States with Elected LGAs after the Supreme Court Judgements



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# Upcoming Local Government Elections



TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES

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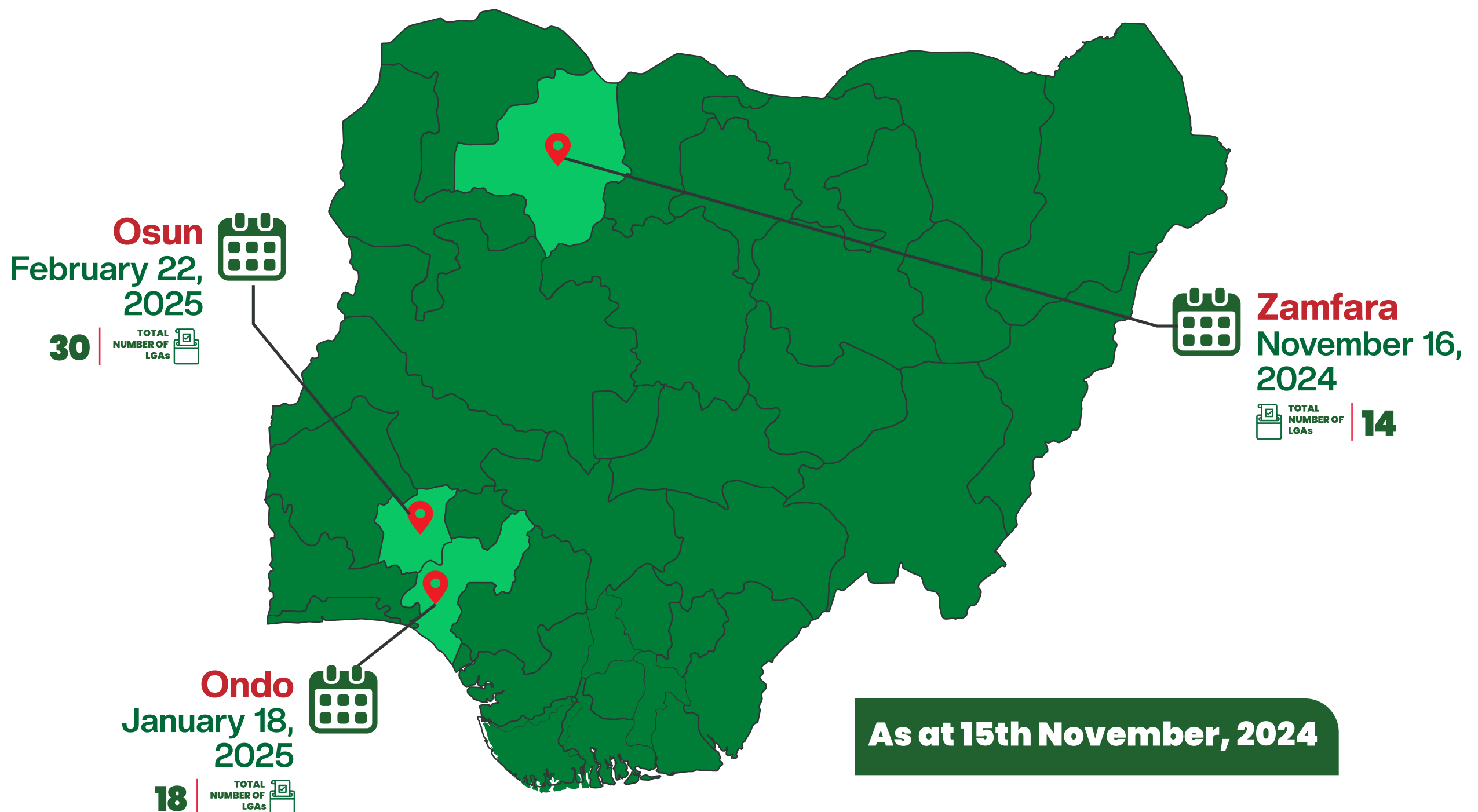
TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs

110



TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS

5,873,014



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

01 DAY TO Ondo State Elections 16th November, 2024

