

# The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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## Tinubu submits three REC nominees to Senate for confirmation

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has nominated three individuals for key positions in the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), submitting their names to the Senate for confirmation on Tuesday, November 19. Tukur Abdulrazak Yusuf and Professor Sunday Nwambam Aja have been proposed as National Commissioners representing the North West and South East, respectively, while Saseyi Feyejimi Ibiyemi has been nominated as the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) for Ondo State.

Read more: <https://thenationonline.ng.net/tinubu-submits-three-rec-nominees-to-senate-for-confirmation/amp/>

## Reps reject bill seeking six-year single term for president, govts

The House of Representatives has voted down a proposed bill seeking to amend the 1999 Constitution to introduce a single six-year term for the President, State Governors, and Local Government Chairmen. Sponsored by Rep. Ikenga Ugochinyere (PDP-Imo) and 33 other lawmakers, the bill also aimed to enshrine zonal rotation of presidential and governorship seats and consolidate all elections to be held on the same day.

Read more: <https://tribuneonline.ng.com/breaking-reps-reject-bill-seeking-six-year-single-term-for-president-govts/amp/>





## Bill for diaspora voting passes second reading in House of Reps

The House of Representatives on Wednesday passed a bill seeking to amend the constitution and allow Nigerians in the diaspora to vote, marking a significant step toward expanding electoral participation. Co-sponsored by Speaker Abbas Tajudeen and Sodeeq Abdullahi, the bill aims to modify the 2022 Electoral Act to include diaspora voting. Following its second reading, the proposed legislation has been referred to the Constitution Amendment Committee for further deliberation.

Read more:

[https://businessday.ng/news/article/bill-for-diaspora-voting-passes-second-reading-in-house-of-reps/#google\\_vignette](https://businessday.ng/news/article/bill-for-diaspora-voting-passes-second-reading-in-house-of-reps/#google_vignette)

## Ondo: Yiaga Africa Reports Election Irregularities

Yiaga Africa's post-election report on the Ondo governorship election has highlighted several irregularities that compromised the integrity of the process. While the election started peacefully, with 71% of polling units opening on time and voting beginning in 91% of observed locations by 9:30 a.m., issues such as inadequate provisions for people with disabilities were noted. Despite essential materials being properly deployed, Yiaga Africa raised concerns about vote-buying, reporting that party agents were offering cash inducements ranging from ₦5,000 to ₦20,000 in various polling units across Ileoluji, Ifedore, and other areas.

Read more: <https://yiaga.org/process-results-statement-on-the-2024-ondo-state-governorship-election/>

## Ondo: INEC insists it delivered transparent governorship election, issues certificates of return to Aiyedatiwa, deputy



The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on Thursday issued certificates of return to the Ondo State governor-elect and deputy governor-elect, affirming their victory in last Saturday's governorship election. Speaking at the ceremony in Abuja, INEC declared the poll as transparent, free, and credible, with Chairman Mahmood Yakubu aiming to position the commission among the world's top election management bodies. National Commissioner Kunle Ajayi, who presented the certificates, applauded the efforts of voters, security agencies, the media, and election observers in ensuring the success of the process.

Read more: <https://thesun.ng/ondo-inec-insists-it-delivered-transparent-governorship-election-issues-certificates-of-return-to-aiyedatiwa-deputy/?amp>



## Ondo Election: Ajayi rejects results, heads to court

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) candidate in the 2024 Ondo State Governorship election, Chief Agboola Ajayi, has rejected the results announced by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and vowed to challenge them in court. In a statement issued by his Special Adviser, Ayo Fadaka, Ajayi alleged widespread irregularities and accused both INEC and the All Progressives Congress (APC) of compromising the electoral process.

Read more:

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/11/ondo-guber-ajayi-rejects-results-heads-to-court/>



## Ondo: Civil society coalition commends INEC, security agencies, residents for peaceful gubernatorial election

A coalition of civil society organizations under the Democracy and Good Governance Watch Initiative has praised the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), security agencies, political parties, and the people of Ondo State for the peaceful and credible conduct of the November 16 gubernatorial election. In a statement signed by its leaders, including Comrades Nelson Ekujumi, Gbenga Soloki, and Rasak Olokoba, the coalition described the election as free, fair, and reflective of the people's will.

Read more: <https://www.westernpost.ng/ondo-civil-society-coalition-commends-inec-security-agencies-residents-for-peaceful-gubernatorial-election/>



## Abiodun swears in new LG chairmen, urges focus on grassroots development



Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun, has charged newly elected local government chairmen to prioritize delivering the dividends of democracy to grassroots communities. Speaking during their swearing-in ceremony at the June 12 Cultural Centre in Abeokuta on Monday, Abiodun emphasized the importance of formulating policies and implementing programs that directly improve the lives of residents in their respective areas.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/abiodun-swears-in-new-lg-chairmen-urges-focus-on-grassroots-development/?amp>



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### Local Government Election Assessment Index (LGEAI)

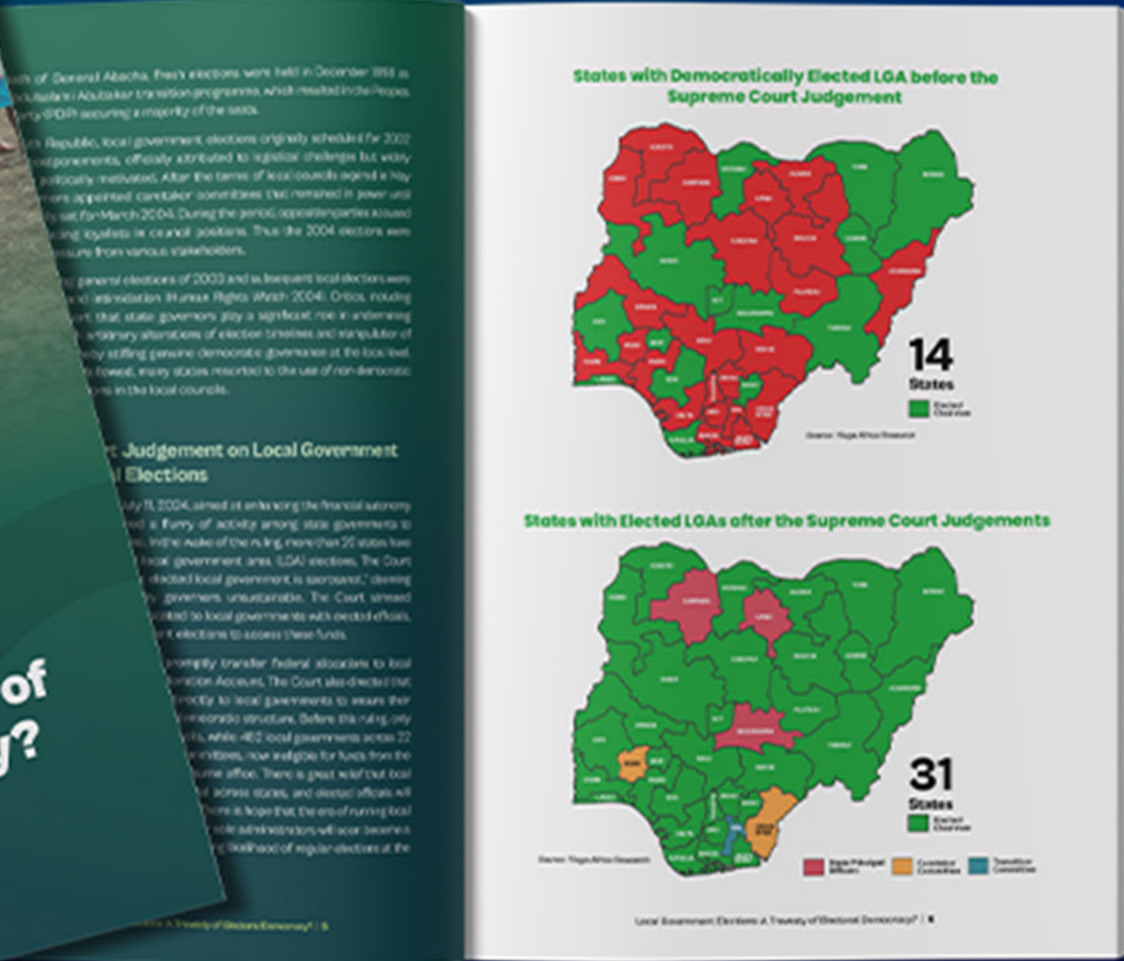
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Period	Sections	Questions
Pre-election	A. Electoral Context	1. The previous election that brought in the incumbent administration was credible and transparent.
		2. Incumbent administration performed well in governance.
		3. Citizens experienced freedom 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.

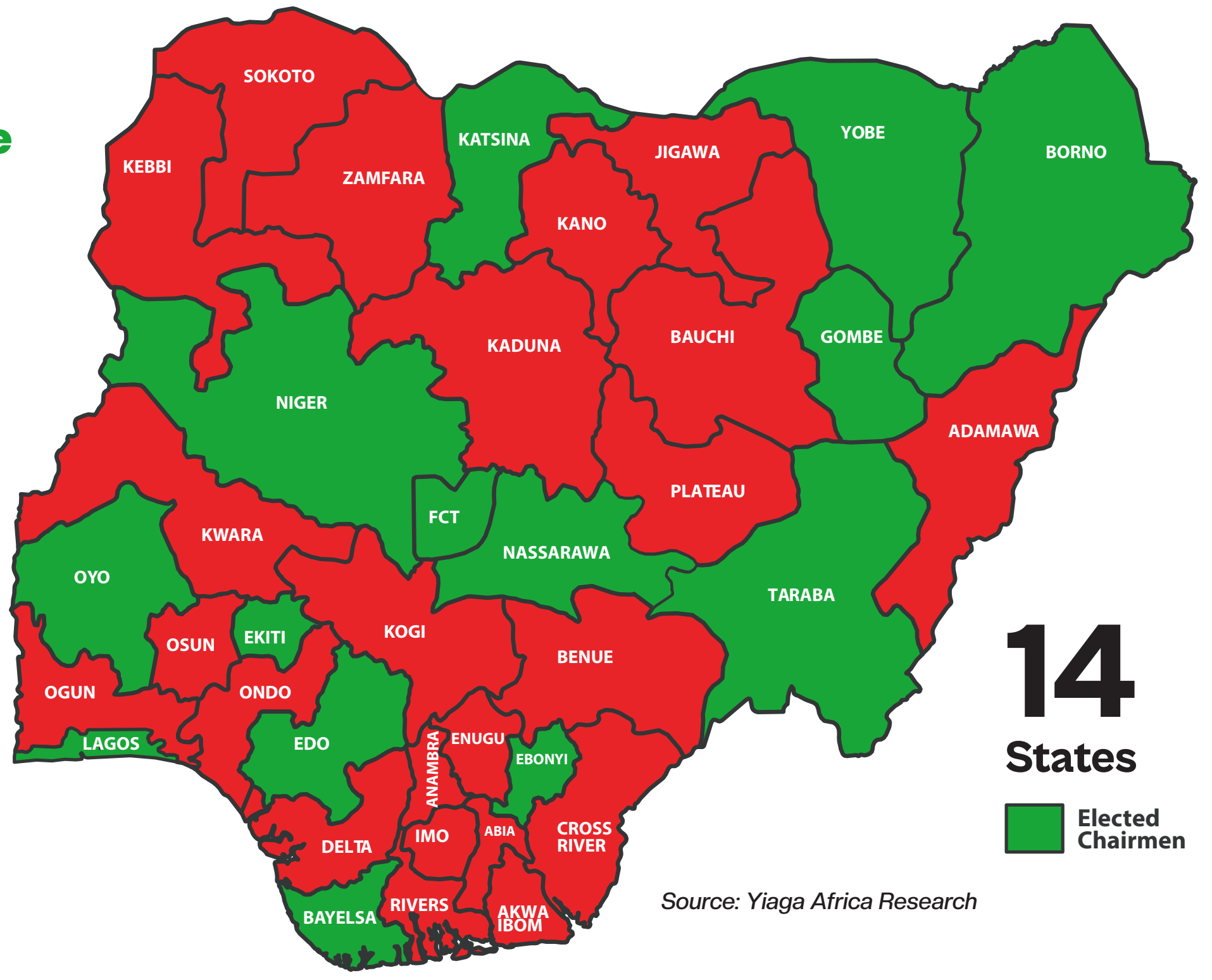


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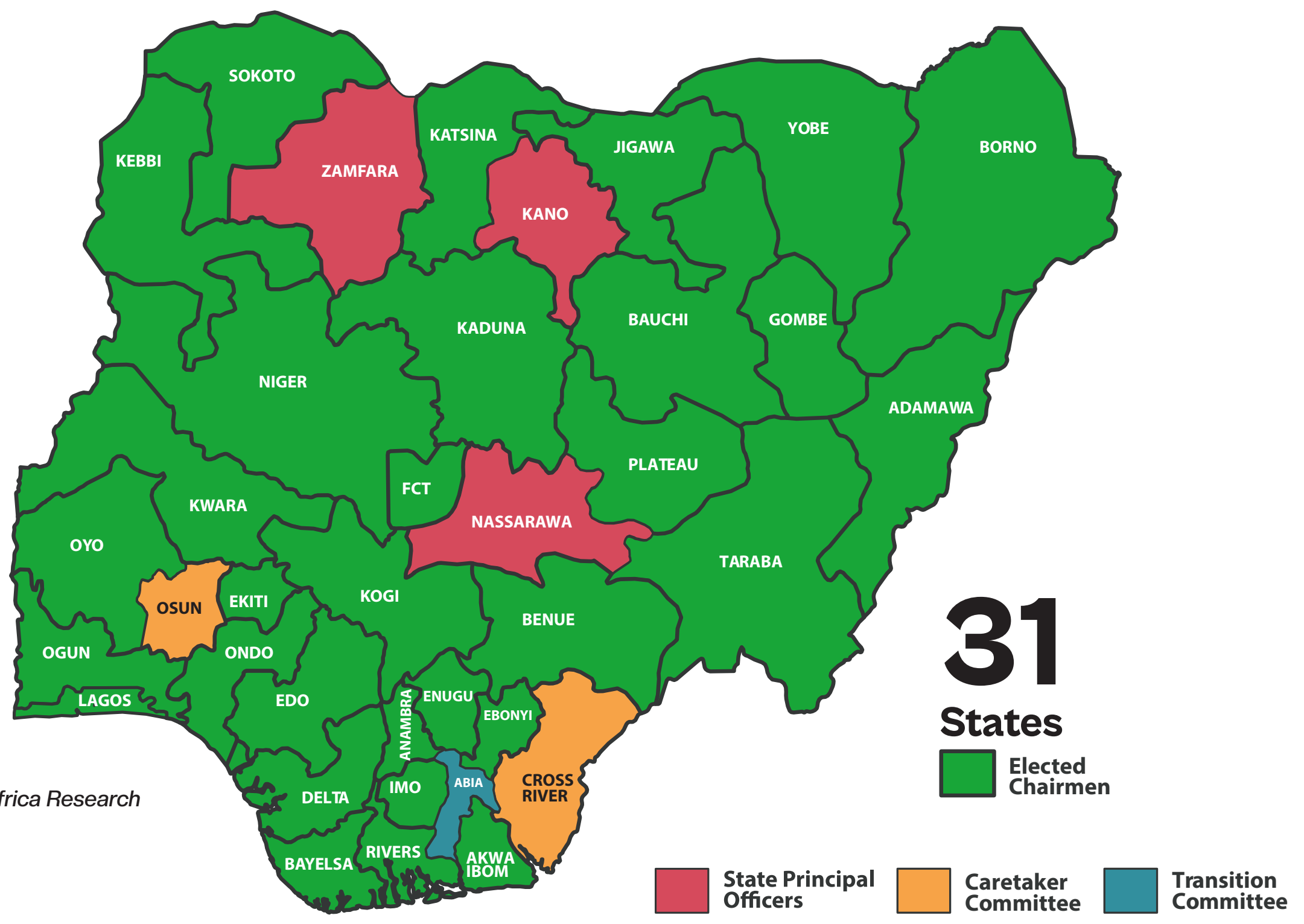


“Local Government Elections: A Travesty of Electoral Democracy?” is designed to explain the current debacle over local government elections in Nigeria and highlight major issues in the public and policy discourse around the problems. The aim is to provide ingredients for discourse on local government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

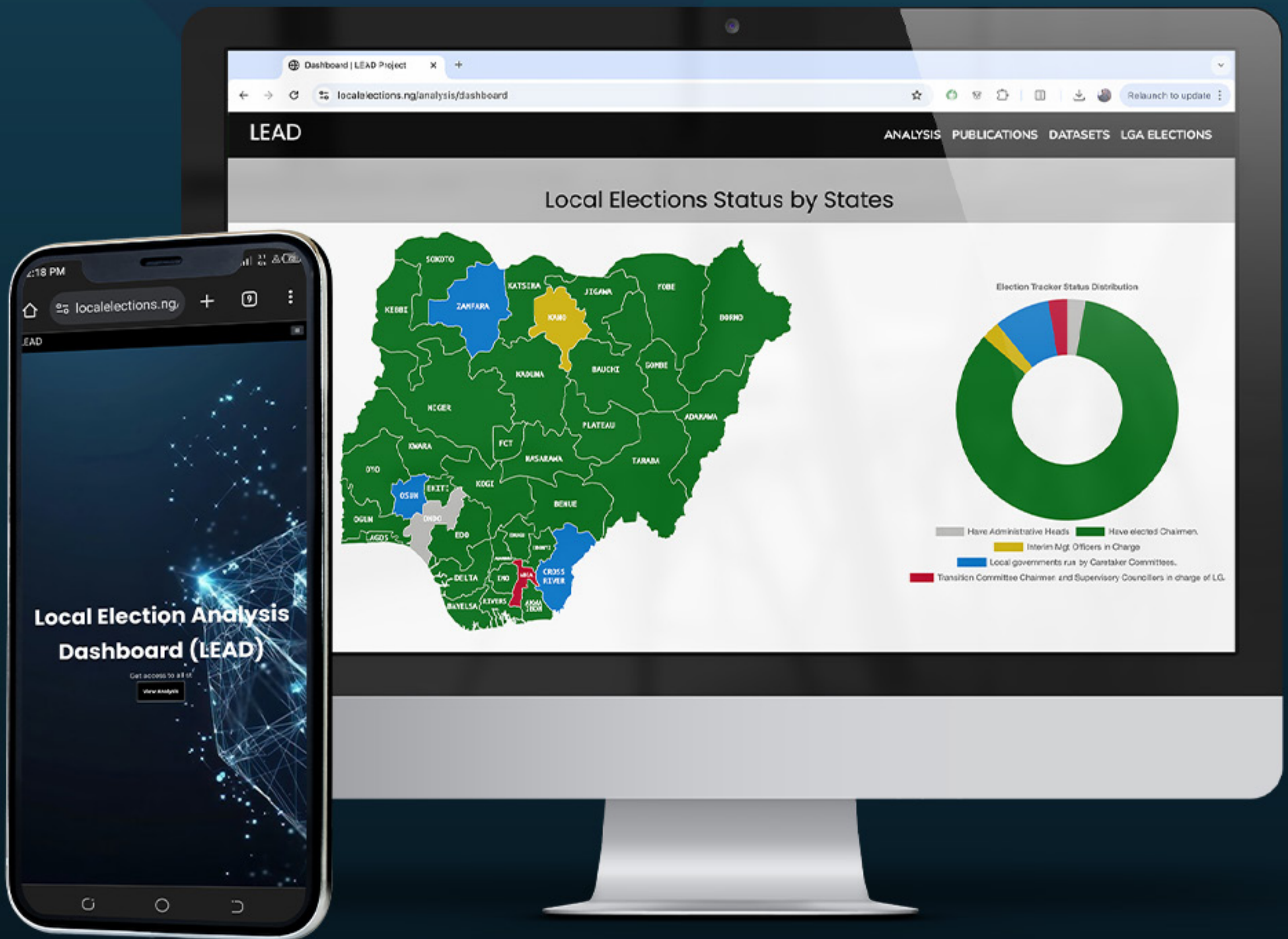
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## States with Elected LGAs after the Supreme Court Judgements



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COMING SOON

# Upcoming Local Government Elections



TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES

2



TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs

48



TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS

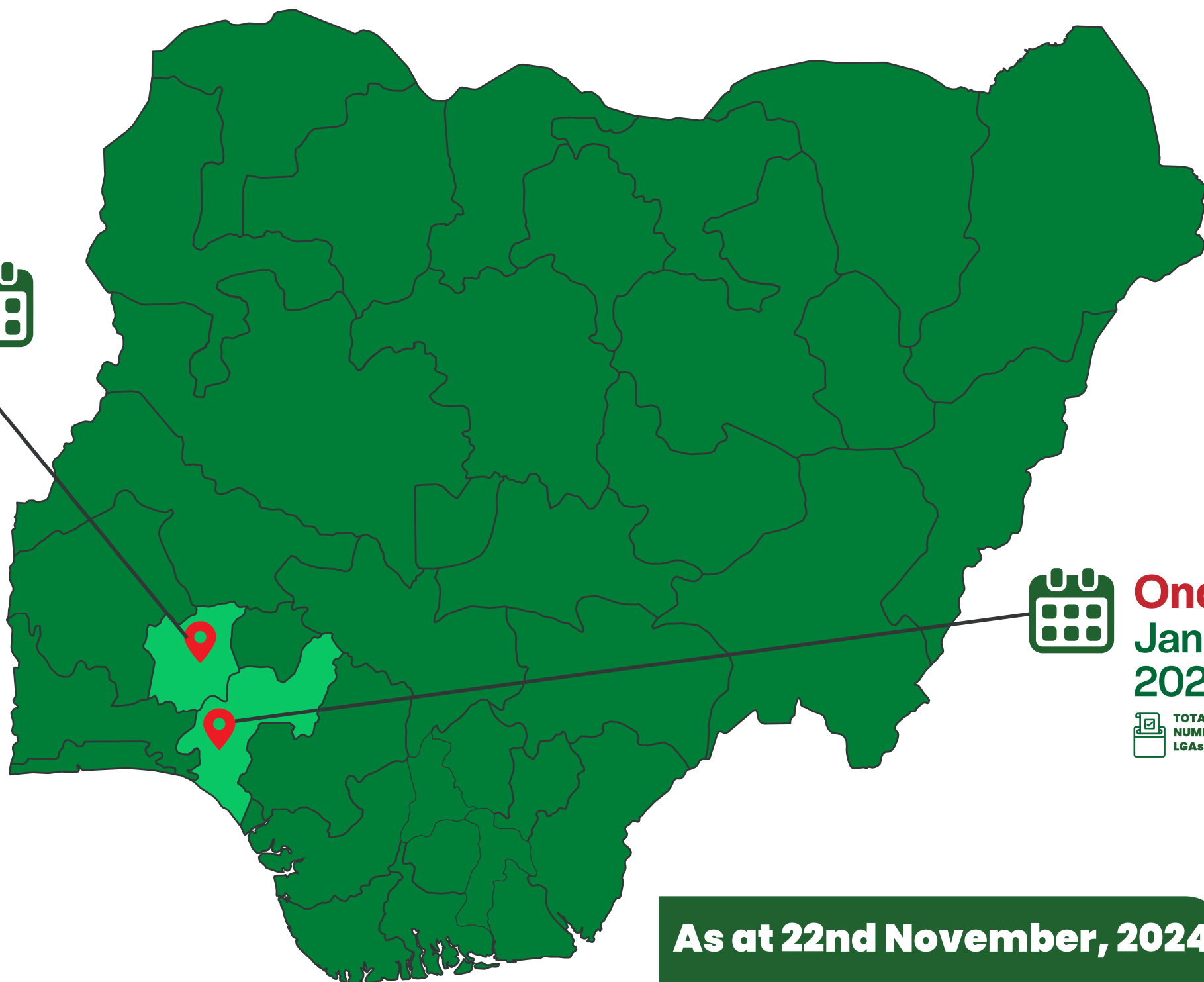
3,946,144

**Osun**  
February 22,  
2025



30

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs



**Ondo**  
January 18,  
2025

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs

18

As at 22nd November, 2024

