

# The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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## Electoral Malpractices: Senate Okays Sacking of Suspended Abia, Adamawa, Sokoto, RECs

The Senate approved the termination of the appointments of three resident electoral commissioners (RECs) previously suspended by the federal government during its plenary session on Tuesday. The decision came after a motion by Senate Leader Opeyemi Bamidele, following a request from President Bola Tinubu, who sought the removal of the suspended RECs in a letter read on the floor of the upper chamber.

Read more: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2025/02/06/electoral-malpractices-senate-okays-sacking-of-suspended-abia-adamawa-sokoto-recs/>

## Edo election tribunal: INEC to start calling witnesses Thursday

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is set to begin presenting its witnesses before the Edo State Election Petition Tribunal in Abuja on Thursday, following the closure of the petitioners' case on Monday. The petitioners, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and its governorship candidate, Asue Ighodalo, are challenging INEC's declaration of Monday Okpebholo of the All Progressives Congress (APC) as the winner of the September 21, 2024 governorship election, seeking the nullification of the result on the grounds that INEC declared the wrong winner.



Read more: <https://punchng.com/edo-election-tribunal-inec-to-start-calling-witnesses-thursday/>

## INEC seeks CSOs support to curb delegate buying in elections

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has urged Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to assist security agencies in preventing delegate bribery during party primaries for the upcoming Anambra Governorship Election and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Area Council Election. INEC Chairman, Professor Mahmood Yakubu, made the call during a meeting with CSOs in Abuja, stressing that advocacy and monitoring of party primaries are crucial in combating corruption and strengthening the electoral process. He also announced that party primaries for the Anambra Governorship Election would begin next month, followed by the FCT Area Council Election.

Read more: <https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2025/02/04/inec-see-csos-support-to-curb-delegate-buying-in-elections/>





## Imo youths urged to embrace political reforms, participation

Nonso Orakwe, Executive Director of Catch Them Young Initiative, emphasized the importance of youth engagement in political reforms, particularly the new Electoral Act, during a One-Day Community Action Stimulation Plan in Owerri on Monday. Speaking to a gathering of youth leaders from across the state, Orakwe urged young people to participate in action-based knowledge activities that can positively impact schools, communities, and families.

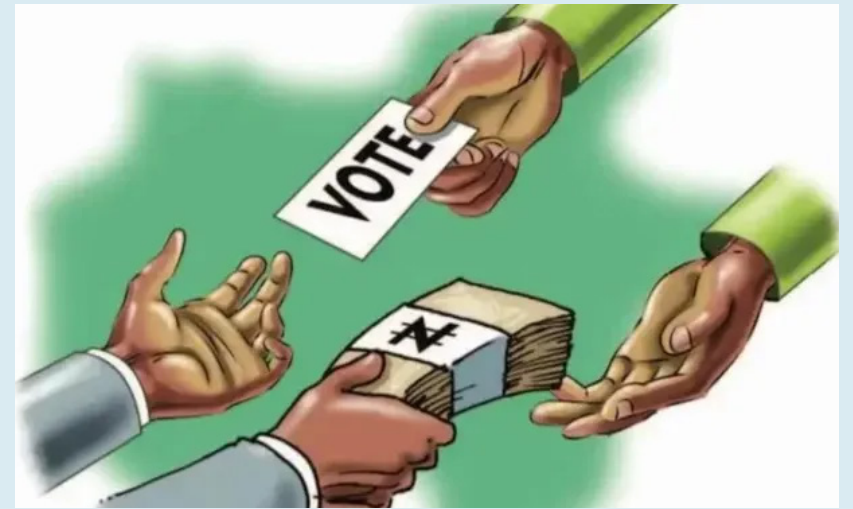
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## Anambra: PDP Inaugurates Standing Committee ahead of Governorship Election

Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/anambra-pdp-inaugurates-standing-committee-ahead-of-governorship-election/>

## Osun 2026: Shun vote buying, violence during elections, REC charges stakeholders

Osun State Resident Electoral Commissioner, Mutiu Agboke, on Tuesday called on political stakeholders to reject vote buying and violence, warning that such practices threaten the country's emerging democracy. Speaking at a two-day political stakeholders' workshop organized by the Inter-Party Advisory Council in Osogbo, Agboke cautioned against these issues ahead of the 2026 elections in the state.



Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/osun-2026-shun-vote-buying-violence-during-elections-rec-charges-stakeholders/>



## Nigerian professor jailed for election fraud appeals for state pardon

A Nigerian professor sentenced on Wednesday for falsifying election results shared his ordeal with the judge, reflecting on his trial that began in 2020. Ignatius Uduk, a professor of Human Kinetics at the University of Uyo, was prosecuted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on charges of announcing false election results, publishing false results, and perjury during the 2019 general elections in the Essien Udim State Constituency, where he served as the returning officer. Judge Bassey Nkanang acquitted Uduk of announcing false results but convicted him on charges of publishing false results and perjury.

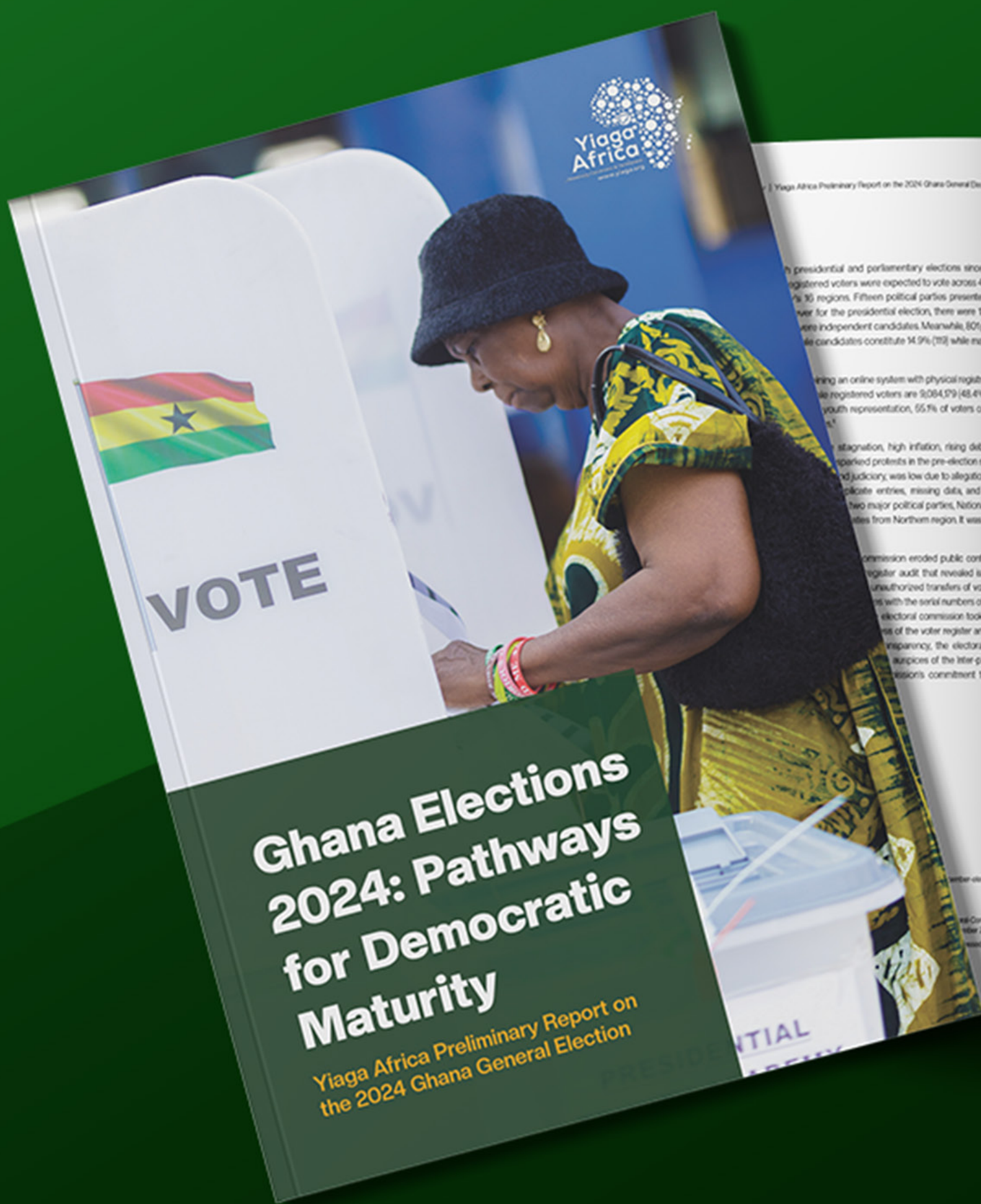
Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/south-south-regional/772128-nigerian-professor-jailed-for-election-fraud-appeals-for-state-pardon.html>

The Anambra State chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has inaugurated several standing committees in a bid to strengthen its electoral strategy ahead of the 2025 governorship election. Speaking at the ceremony in Awka, the state capital, PDP Chairman Chidi Chidebe described the initiative as a crucial step toward unifying the party and enhancing its operational effectiveness. He emphasized the importance of unity, discipline, and grassroots engagement, noting that committee members were selected based on their experience, dedication, and loyalty to the party.



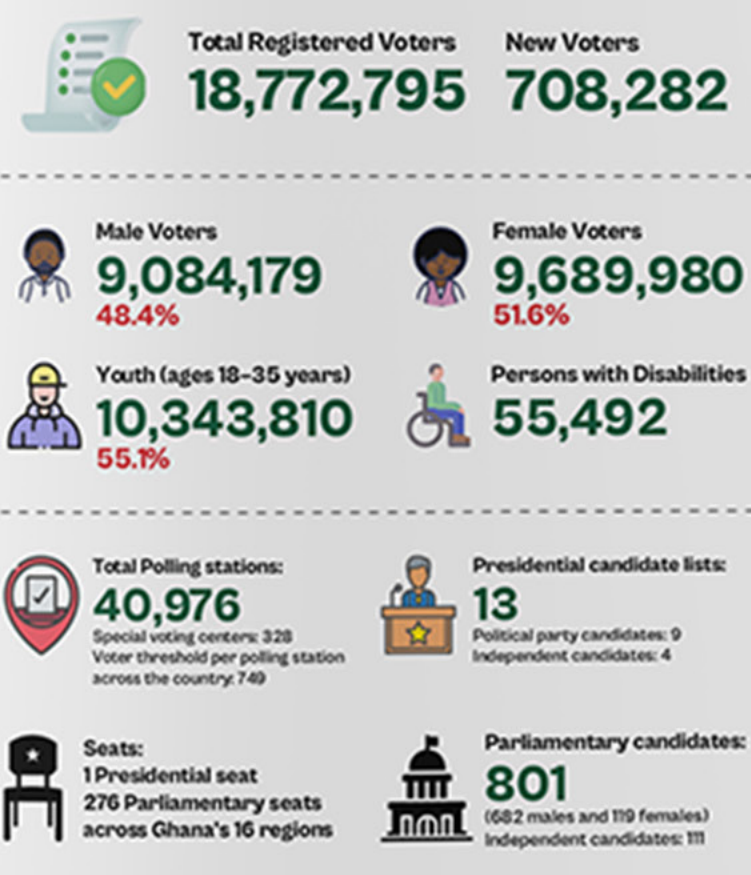


**“Ghana Elections 2024: Pathways for Democratic Maturity”** offers a comprehensive analysis of key aspects of the 2024 Ghana Presidential and Parliamentary elections, including election administration, voting rights, and the role of electoral technology.



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### of the Local Election Index Tool

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. It is designed to be user-friendly and accessible to a wide range of stakeholders, including civil society organizations, government officials, and the general public. The tool is available in both English and Yoruba, making it accessible to a larger audience in Nigeria.

### Electoral Integrity Index

The index is a quantitative and qualitative method. The index is a quantitative method that uses a scoring system to provide insights into the quality of local government elections. The index is based on a set of 100 questions that cover various aspects of the electoral process, including voter registration, campaigning, polling, and the administration of elections. The index is designed to be user-friendly and accessible to a wide range of stakeholders, including civil society organizations, government officials, and the general public. The index is available in both English and Yoruba, making it accessible to a larger audience in Nigeria.

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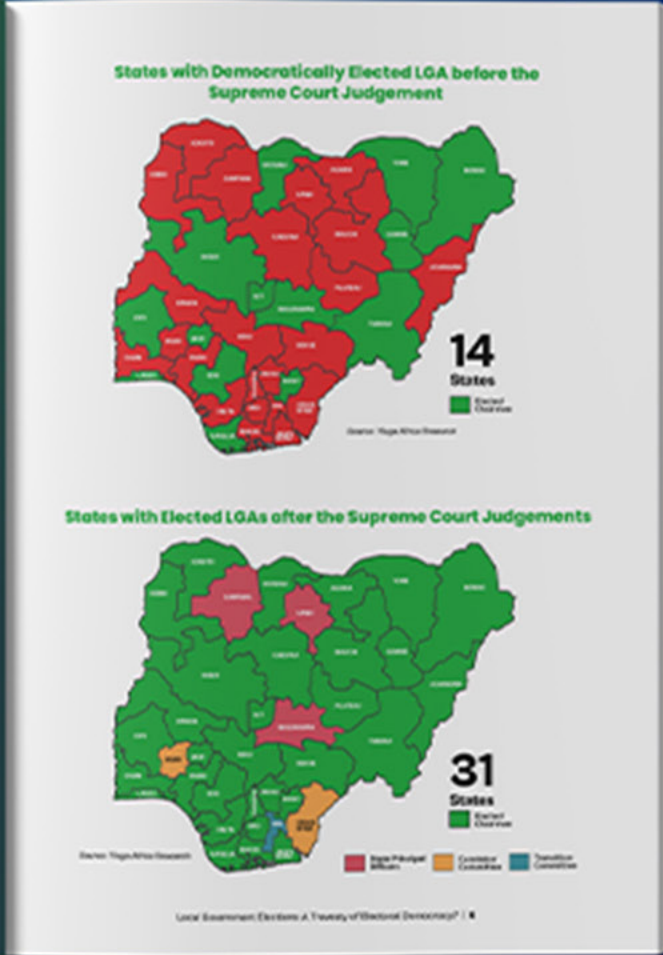
### Local Government Election Assessment Index (LGEAI)

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 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.	
		2. Electoral Procedures	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.			
Post-election	2. Electoral Procedures	4. Election laws did not restrict the rights of i.e., disenfranchised citizens.	
		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.	
		9. Election results were announced promptly and transparently.	
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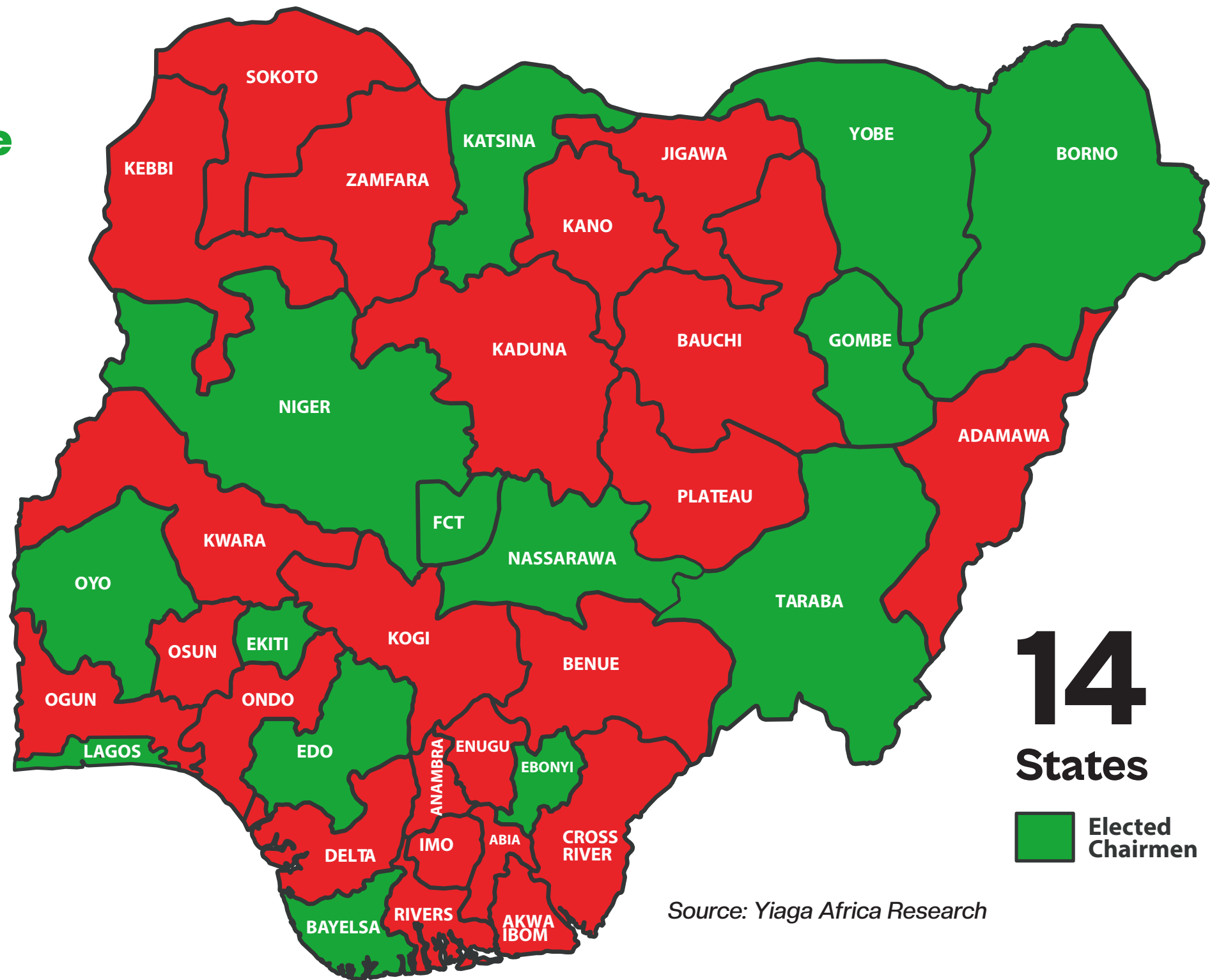


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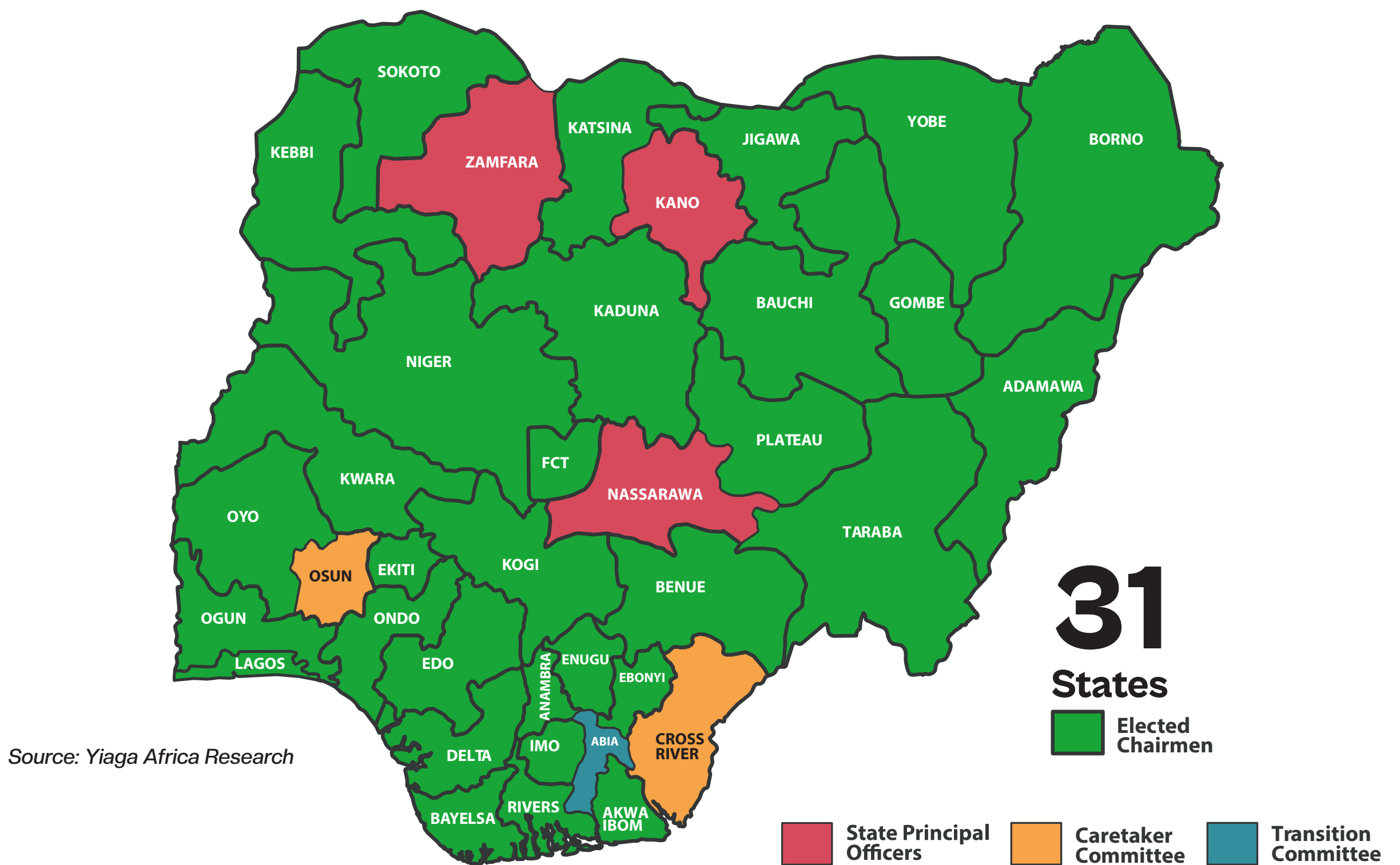


**“Local Government Elections: A Travesty of Electoral Democracy?”** is designed to explain the current debacle over local government elections in Nigeria and highlight major issues in the public and policy discourse around the problems. The aim is to provide ingredients for discourse on local government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

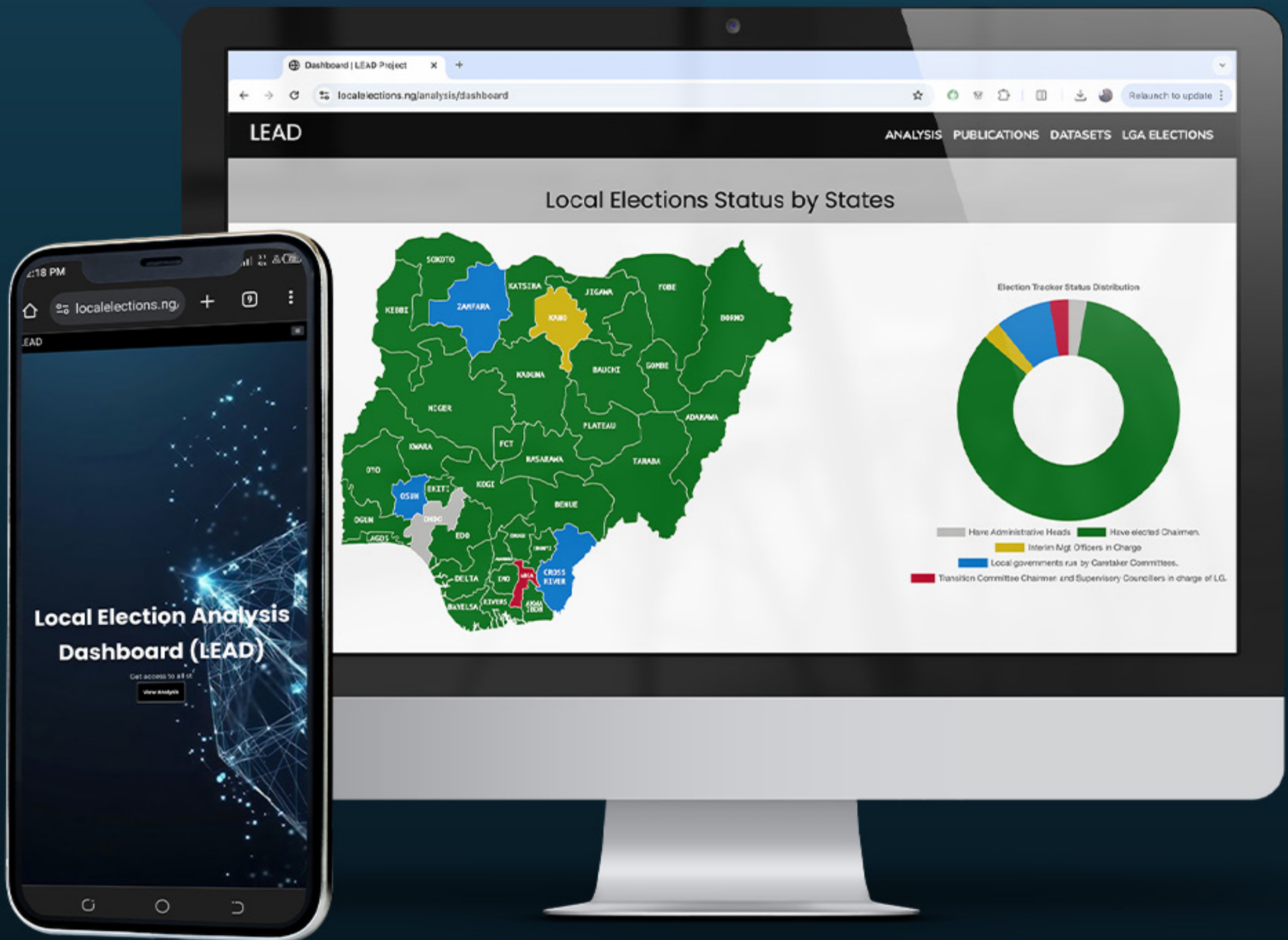
## States with Democratically Elected LGA before the Supreme Court Judgement



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# Upcoming Local Government Elections

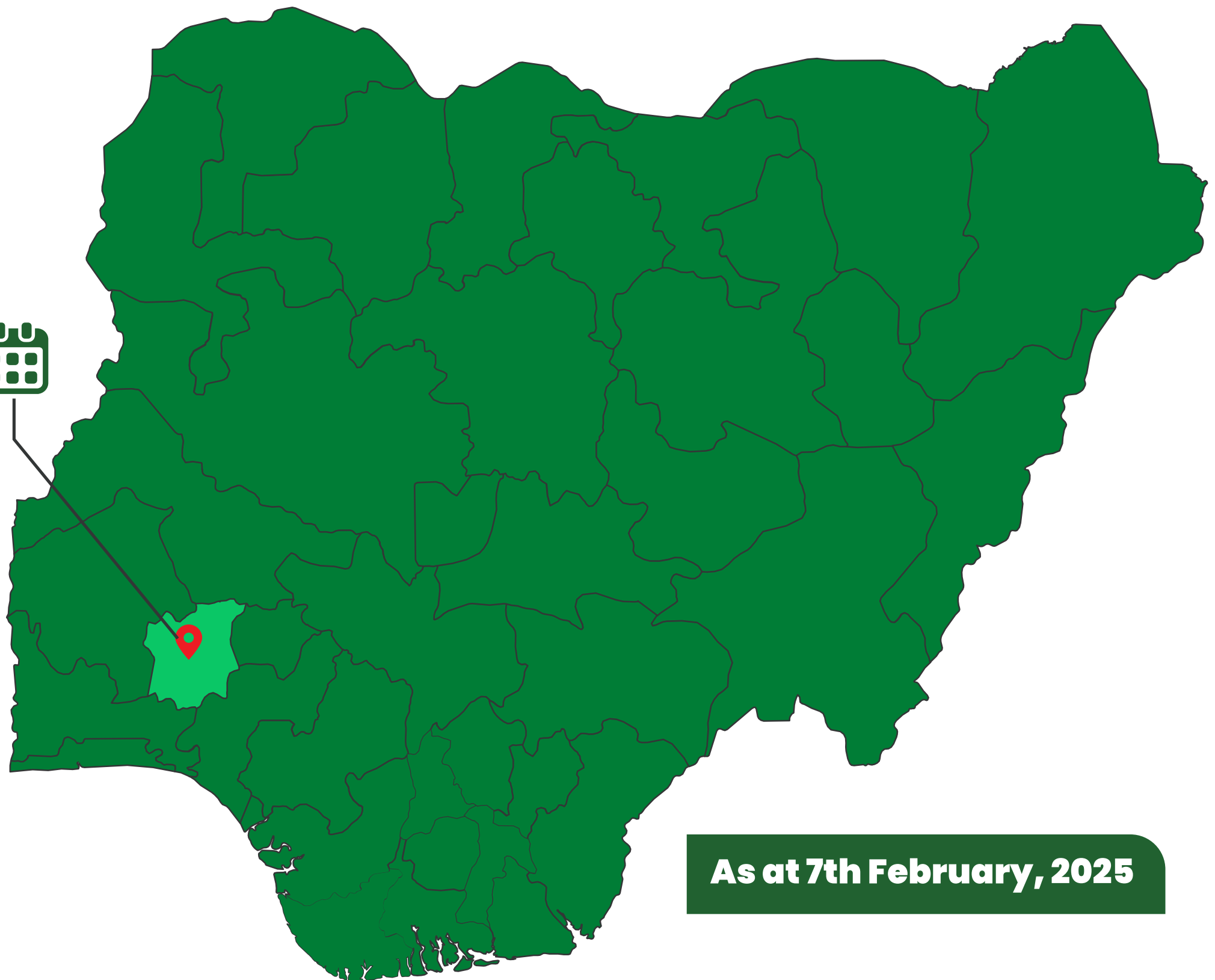


 TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **1**

 TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **30**

 TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | **1,954,800**

**Osun**  
February 22,  
2025  
**30** | TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs 



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