



**STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY NEWS UPDATES FOR THE
MONTH OF AUGUST 2024**

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<p>Bill on local council administrati on scales second reading in Lagos.</p> <p>30th August 2024</p>	<p>The Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Mudashiru Obasa, has mandate the House Committee on Local Council Administration and Community Affairs to look into the amendment of the Local Council Administration Law and report back to the House within a week.</p> <p>This decision was the culmination of the lawmakers’ debates during the second reading of a bill for a law to provide for “Local Council System, Establishment and</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Guardian https://guardian.ng/news/bill-on-local-council-administration-scales-second-reading-in-lagos/</p>



	<p>Administration as well as to Consolidate All Laws of Local Council Administration and for Connecting Purpose.”</p>	
<p>Rivers Assembly Factions Screen Appointees, Pass Bill.</p> <p>30th August 2024</p>	<p>There was a parallel sitting by the two factions of the Rivers State House of Assembly on Friday as the Victor Oko-Jumbo led Assembly screened and confirmed eight-man board members of the Board of Rivers State Bureau on Public Procurement (RSBoPP) to be chaired by Barrister Lawrence Oko-Jaja, SAN.</p> <p>And the Martin Amaewhule-led Assembly on the same Friday passed the the Rivers State Electricity Market Bill during its</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The Whistler https://thewhistler.ng/rivers-assembly-factions-screen-appointees-pass-bill/</p>



	Plenary.	
<p>Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy Bill scales second reading at Lagos State House of Assembly.</p> <p>29th August 2024.</p>	<p>A bill seeking for a law to establish the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy has scaled a second reading on the floor of the Lagos State House of Assembly.</p> <p>At a sitting on Thursday, Speaker of the House, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, committed the bill to one of the committees on education for further processes.</p> <p>Lawmakers at the sitting had unanimously supported the bill with some saying it would further broaden the educational focus of the state.</p> <p>“This will create educational models that buttresses the experience in legislative and</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Lagos House of Assembly Website https://lagoshouseofassembly.gov.ng/home/lateef-jakande-leadership-academy-bill-scales-second-reading-at-lagos-assembly/</p>



	<p>executive prowess in the state,” Deputy Majority Leader Adedamola Kasunmu said.</p> <p>He expressed optimism that the academy will boost the education-drive of the state and help to nurture future generations.</p>	
<p>Issues in minimum wage (Amendment) Act 2024.</p> <p>28th August 2024</p>	<p>In Nigeria, national minimum wage came into force in 1981, when it was fixed at N1,500 per month. This was increased to N3,000 monthly in 1991. The next increment took place in 2000 when the minimum monthly salary for workers was adjusted to N5,500. Thereafter, a new wage of N18,000 was implemented by the administration of President Goodluck</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Nigerian Tribune https://tribuneonline.com/issues-in-minimum-wage-amendment-act-2024/</p>



	<p>Jonathan in 2011. The minimum wage was further increased to N30,000 in 2019. Likewise, the current administration of President Bola Tinubu raised the minimum wage to N70,000 on July 29.</p>	
<p>Plateau assembly reduces LG officials' tenure to 2 years.</p> <p>28th August 2024</p>	<p>The Plateau House of Assembly has reduced the tenure of elected local government officials from three to two years.</p> <p>The House Committee Chairman on Information, Mr Matthew Kwarpo, told newsmen on Wednesday in Jos that the reduction was in line with the amended Plateau State Independent Electoral Commission (PLASIEC) Law 2024.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>PMNews Nigeria https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2024/08/28/plateau-assembly-reduces-lg-officials-tenure-to-2-years/</p>



	<p>Kwarpo stated that it was also because of the financial autonomy that was recently granted to local governments in the country.</p> <p>He added that the lawmakers took the decision after they considered a bill sponsored by Assemblyman, Joseph Gokum (APC/Kanke Constituency) on the amendment of the 2017 Local Government Councils Law.</p>	
<p>Kano Assembly approves N99 billion supplementary budget.</p> <p>28th August 2024</p>	<p>On Tuesday, the Kano State House of Assembly approved a supplementary budget request of N99 billion from the state governor, Abba Yusuf.</p> <p>The request was the first since the assembly passed the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Premium Times Nigeria https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/728853-kano-assembly-approves-n99-billion-supplementary-budget.html</p>



	<p>N350 billion 2024 appropriation for the state last December.</p> <p>The request was formally presented during a plenary session on Tuesday, presided over by Speaker Ismail Falgore.</p> <p>The governor, in the request, said the supplementary budget is essential for the swift implementation of priority projects meant to enhance the welfare of Kano State's citizens.</p>	
<p>Ogun Power Sector Bill Scales Second Reading.</p>	<p>bill seeking to improve electricity generation, transmission, and distribution, establish an electricity market and key power sector bodies, as well as enforce consumer rights and</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Radio Nigeria (Ibadan Zonal Station) https://radionigeriaibadan.gov.ng/2024/08/28/ogun-power-sector-bill-scales-second-reading/</p>



<p>28th August 2024</p>	<p>obligations within Ogun State has been read for the second time by the State House of Assembly.</p> <p>During a plenary presided over by the Speaker, Mr Oludaisi Elemide, the State lawmakers took turns to debate the desirability of the bill, titled “Ogun State Power Sector Law “,</p> <p>Opening debate on the second reading of the bill, one of the lawmakers, Dr Babatunde Tella said when passed by the Assembly and assented to by Governor Dapo Abiodun, the bill would assist in improving electricity generation, transmission, and distribution for the benefit of the people, while also</p>	
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	<p>making the rural areas to enjoy more amenities.</p> <p>Corroborating the Sponsor, other lawmakers thanked the Federal and the State governments as well as the National Assembly for moving the issue of electricity from the exclusive to the concurrent legislative list to allow the states to generate transmit and distribute electricity within their jurisdiction.</p>	
<p>Ekiti Government allocates 4.15 billion naira for infrastructure project, agricultural support.</p>	<p>The Ekiti State Executive Council has approved ₦4.15bn for various projects, including road rehabilitation, renovation of the House of Assembly complex, agricultural</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Channels TV https://www.channelstv.com/2024/08/27/ekiti-govt-allocates-%E2%82%A64-15bn-for-infrastructure-projects-agricultural-support/</p>



<p>27th August 2024</p>	<p>initiatives, and the construction of hostels.</p> <p>It also approved 701 million naira for the comprehensive renovation and remodelling of the State House of Assembly Complex and the House of Assembly Service Commission building.</p>	
<p>Nasarawa Assembly appoints six pioneer deputy clerks.</p> <p>27th August 2024</p>	<p>Nasarawa State House of Assembly has appointed six pioneer Deputy Clerks, also designated as Permanent Secretaries.</p> <p>Speaker of the House, Mr. Danladi Jatau, urged the new appointees to prioritize discipline among staff and deliver selfless service, ensuring effective productivity and service delivery across</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Daily Post https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/27/nasarawa-assembly-appoints-six-pioneer-deputy-clerks/</p>



	<p>the state's legislative institution.</p> <p>During a thank-you visit by the newly appointed Deputy Clerks, Jatau assured them of improved welfare conditions to foster optimal productivity.</p>	
<p>Ex-lawmaker plans summit to split Kwara LG into three.</p> <p>27th August 2024</p>	<p>A Second Republic Majority Leader in the Kwara State House of Assembly, Hon. Wole Oke has called for the creation of three distinct local government areas from the present Moro Local Government Area of Kwara State.</p> <p>Speaking at a press conference in Ilorin on functioning as an independent local government.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>PUNCH https://punchng.com/ex-lawmaker-plans-summit-to-split-kwara-lg-into-three/</p>



	<p>Arewa PUNCH reports that the press conference was held to announce the first summit of the Moro Descendants Development Union which will hold at Bode-Saadu, headquarters of the council on August 31, 2024.</p> <p>The event attracted prominent figures from the Moro Local Government Area who included academics, politicians, and business/industry captains.</p>	
<p>Alimosho Crisis: Lagos Assembly to Resend Resolutions to Council Chairman, Others.</p> <p>26th August 2024</p>	<p>What would have resulted in the removal of Alimosho Local Government chairman, Jelili Sulaimon, was on Monday prevented by the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>INDEPENDENT https://independent.ng/alimosho-crisis-lagos-assembly-to-resend-resolutions-to-council-chairman-others/</p>



	<p>Hon. Mudashiru Obasa.</p> <p>Lawmakers had suggested on the floor of the House that the council chairman be removed or suspended for ‘stubbornly disrespecting’ the House and refusing to obey its resolutions concerning toll collections in the Iyana-Ipaja area of Alimosho.</p>	
<p>Omala Lawmaker Bags Award of Excellence, Calls for Rotational Governorship in Kogi</p> <p>26th August 2024</p>	<p>The lawmaker representing Omala state constituency in the Kogi State House of Assembly, Hon. Umar Yahaya, has called for rotational governorship among the three senatorial districts in the state.</p> <p>Yahaya made the call after he was conferred with an award of excellence in Lokoja on</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Kogi Reports https://kogireports.com/omala-lawmaker-bags-award-of-excellence-calls-for-rotational-governorship-in-kogi/</p>



	<p>Monday by The Nigeria Post Newspaper for his outstanding representation in the Assembly.</p> <p>According to him, “It is very important for us to remain united. The 2023 election showed that all the three senatorial districts need each other to govern the state. Rotational governorship is very critical and important. That is why there should be zoning arrangements amongst the three Senatorial districts.</p>	
<p>Kaduna Reps Member Empowers Women, Youths with N50,000 Business Grants.</p>	<p>Gabriel Saleh Zock, the House of Representatives Member representing Kachia/Kagaro Federal Constituency in Kaduna State, has disbursed N100 million in</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The Whistler https://thewhistler.ng/kaduna-reps-member-empowers-women-youths-with-n50000-business-grants/</p>



<p>24th August 2024</p>	<p>business grants to 1,000 women and youths in his constituency.</p> <p>The empowerment programme, conducted in collaboration with the National Productivity Centre, saw 900 beneficiaries receive N50,000 each, while 100 others with outstanding business proposals received between N300,000 and N7 million.</p>	
<p>12 Governors hire 4,835 aides amid rising debts.</p> <p>24th August 2024</p>	<p>Despite consistent calls to reduce the cost of governance and curb excessive borrowing to pay salaries, about 12 state governors have appointed no fewer than 4,385 aides since assuming office in 2023, Saturday PUNCH can</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>PUNCH https://punchng.com/12-govs-hire-4835-aides-amid-rising-debts/</p>



	<p>confirm.</p> <p>Section 196(1) of the 1999 Constitution as amended empowers state governors to appoint aides in the form of Special Assistants, Special Advisers, Senior Special Assistants, Technical Assistants, Media, and Personal Assistants to assist them in the performance of their functions.</p> <p>While some of the new governors hired fewer than 50 aides, others, especially the governors of Taraba, Ekiti, Niger, Enugu, Adamawa, Kano, Plateau, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Borno, Yobe, and Kogi states, have so far appointed a combined 4,385 aides since coming</p>	
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	<p>into power last year.</p> <p>In May 2023, Kogi State Governor, Usman Ododo, appointed 43 SAs and 131 SSAs, totalling 170, according to a statement signed by the Secretary to the State Government, Mrs Folashade Ayoade.</p>	
<p>Sokoto lawmaker denies compromise allegation in district head's abduction, killing.</p> <p>23rd August 2024</p>	<p>A lawmaker from Sokoto State House of Assembly representing Sabon Birni North constituency, Aminu Boza has denied allegations of compromise in the recent abduction and killings of the late district head of Gatawa, Isa Muhammad Bawa.</p> <p>Boza denied any involvement in criminal</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Nigerian Tribune https://tribuneonlineng.com/sokoto-lawmaker-denies-compromise-allegation-in-district-heads-abduction-killing/</p>



	<p>activities or association with the bandits.</p> <p>Instead, he vowed to continue fighting against banditry.</p>	
<p>Insecurity: Ondo assembly urges state govt to strengthen “Amotekun”.</p> <p>23rd August 2024</p>	<p>The Ondo House of Assembly has asked the state government to strengthen the state Security Network codenamed: “Amotekun” Corp in curtailing criminal activities across the state.</p> <p>The Speaker, Chief Olamide Oladiji, made the call after deliberation on a matter of public interest by the assembly on Thursday.</p> <p>He asked the government to provide accurate needed logistics and sufficient funds for the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Newsdiary Online https://newsdiaryonline.com/insecurity-ondo-assembly-urges-state-govt-to-strengthen-amotekun/</p>



	<p>activities of the corps in ensuring that lives and property were secured in the state.</p> <p>The speaker, who read the resolution after the deliberation harped on killing of two farmers in the Akoko Area of the state, said that it was disheartening that innocent farmers were killed by suspected herdsmen.</p>	
<p>Kebbi State Assembly passes bills amending local government law.</p> <p>23rd August 2024</p>	<p>The Kebbi State House of Assembly has passed two significant bills aimed at amending the Local Government Law of 2024 and establishing the Local Government Service Commission.</p> <p>The bills were approved during the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Daily Post https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/23/kebbi-state-assembly-passes-bills-amending-local-government-law/</p>



	<p>assembly's plenary on Thursday, following the presentation of a report by the House Committee on Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs.</p> <p>The committee chairman, Alhaji Salihu Dangoje (APC, Sakaba), presented the report, pointing out that the executive bill had undergone its first and second readings on August 20 before being referred to the committee for further examination.</p> <p>Recognising the bill's importance to the people of Kebbi State, the committee conducted a public hearing on August 21, inviting relevant stakeholders to provide their</p>	
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<p>Bauchi Assembly declares support for menstrual hygiene promotion.</p> <p>22nd August 2024</p>	<p>The Bauchi State House of Assembly has pledged its support for any initiative aimed at improving practices related to menstrual hygiene and addressing issues associated with women’s health in the society. The goal of the initiative is to ensure that girls have access to sanitary pads during their menstrual periods without missing school.</p> <p>This commitment was highlighted during an advocacy visit by the Coalition of Women’s Rights Organizations (WROs), under the ‘UNTAX MY MENSTRUAL PAD’ Movement, led by Attah Sisters Helping Hands</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Nigerian Tribune https://tribuneonlineng.com/bauchi-assembly-declares-support-for-menstrual-hygiene-promotion/</p>



	<p>(ASHH) and CIG Foundations.</p> <p>The delegation visited the Assembly (BAHA) to seek legislative support.</p>	
<p>Kebbi incoming LG chairmen to enjoy tenure elongation.</p> <p>22nd August 2024.</p>	<p>Incoming local government chairmen and councillors in Kebbi state are to enjoy three-year tenure instead of two as the state House of Assembly is set to pass the LG Amendment Bill, 2024 into law.</p> <p>This came to light Wednesday at the opening of a public forum to collate suggestions from individuals and groups on the amendment law convened by the House Committee on Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, in</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Blueprint https://blueprint.ng/kebbi-incoming-lg-chairmen-to-enjoy-tenure-elongation/</p>



	<p>Birnin Kebbi.</p> <p>Chairman of the committee, Hon. Salihu Muhammad Dangoje, stated that the amended law will receive quick passage for assent by the state chief executive, making it effective on chairmen and councillors to be elected at local government polls scheduled for 31st August 2024.</p> <p>“In his penchant for good governance and service delivery, Governor Nasir Idris decided to seek for an elongation for local government chairmen and councillors to enable them deliver the desired dividends of democracy at the grassroots,” Hon. Dangoje</p>	
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	<p>said.</p> <p>Speaker of the assembly, Rt. Hon. Muhammad Usman Zuru, described local government as the closest tier to the people, which made it incumbent to ensure the laws guiding their operations reflect current realities.</p>	
<p>Abia LG polls underway as Assembly confirms ABSIEC members.</p> <p>22nd August 2024</p>	<p>Abia State House of Assembly has screened and confirmed the chairman and some member nominees of the Abia State Independent Electoral Commission, ABSIEC, sent to it by the Governor Alex Otti.</p> <p>The development was announced on the floor of the House by the Deputy Speaker, Mr Augustine Okezie who</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Daily Post https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/22/abia-lg-polls-underway-as-assembly-confirms-absiec-members/</p>



	<p>presided over the day's plenary.</p> <p>While Professor George Chima was confirmed as the Chairman-designate, Dr. Kelechi Okere, Joseph Uzoma Akara, Nkemdirim Kalu and Bertha Ehumadu were confirmed as members of the Abia state electoral body.</p>	
<p>4 executive bills scale 2nd reading in Kebbi assembly.</p> <p>21st August 2024</p>	<p>Four bills sent by the Executive Arm of Government, to the Kebbi state House of Assembly for approval have passed second reading.</p> <p>They are: The Kebbi State Local Government (Amendment) Bill, 2024, the Kebbi State Local Government Service Commission (Establishment)</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Blueprint https://blueprint.ng/4-executive-bills-scale-2nd-reading-in-kebbi-assembly/</p>



	<p>Bill, 2024, Kebbi State Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and the Kebbi State Electricity Bill, 2024.</p> <p>At the sitting of the assembly Tuesday, the members unanimously adopted a motion to refer the bills to appropriate committees for further legislative action.</p>	
<p>Plateau assembly urges Governor Mutfwang to establish boundary outpost.</p> <p>21st August 2024</p>	<p>The Plateau state House of Assembly Tuesday called on the state government to direct its security outfit, Operations Rainbow, to establish security our posts across its boundaries with other states.</p> <p>The call was made pursuant to a motion moved by the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Blueprint https://blueprint.ng/plateau-assembly-urges-governor-mutfwang-to-establish-boundary-outpost/</p>



	<p>member representing Rukuba /Irigwe State Constituency, Hon. Eli Bako.</p> <p>He said the provision of Sections 14 (1) and (2b) as well as 17(2b & c) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Amended) states clearly that one of the fundamental objectives of government is to provide security and welfare to its people, maintain the sanctity and dignity of the human person.</p> <p>“With the current reality of insecurity in Plateau state which could be partly traced to illegal activities along our boundaries, including but not limited to smuggling, human</p>	
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	<p>trafficking, kidnapping, banditry etc, makes it to make legislation that will enhance the protection of Plateau citizens,” he said.</p>	
<p>Abia Assembly Passes 2024 Appropriation Virement Bill into Law.</p> <p>20th August 2024.</p>	<p>The Abia State House of Assembly, in an emergency setting on Tuesday passed HAB 21, the Abia State 2024 Appropriation Virement Bill into Law.</p> <p>The Bill, which was sponsored by the Majority Leader, Okoro Uchenna Kalu, member representing Arochuku state constituency sought to vire the sum of One Hundred and Seventy One Billion, Seventy Four Million, Six Hundred and Sixty Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Five Naira</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The Whistler https://thewhistler.ng/abia-assembly-passes-2024-appropriation-virement-bill-into-law/</p>



	<p>only, in the 2024 Abia State Appropriation Law for the services of the Government of Abia State of Nigeria for the year ending 31st Day of December, 2024 and for other related purposes.</p>	
<p>Edo deputy speaker calls for more women participation in politics.</p> <p>20th August 2024.</p>	<p>The Deputy Speaker of Edo State House of Assembly (EDHA), Hon Maria Edeko, has called for the involvement of more women professionals in active politics.</p> <p>Edeko made the call in Benin during a panel discussion at the University of Benin Inaugural Women's Leadership Conference.</p> <p>The deputy speaker, who was one of the panelists in a topic 'Women Leading the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Nigerian Tribune https://tribuneonlineng.com/edo-deputy-speaker-calls-for-more-women-participation-in-politics/</p>



	<p>Way: Stories of Resilience and Success’, said the call was imperative towards addressing women underrepresentation in leadership.</p> <p>According to the deputy Speaker, the bulk of women in politics are illiterate, making it difficult to aspire for leadership positions.</p> <p>Edeko, who shared her journey from a classroom teacher to a parliamentarian in Nigeria, bemoaned women’s lack of interest in politics.</p> <p>She encouraged women to come out and take their rightful place in leadership and making a difference.</p>	



<p>PASAN, NLC differ on payment of new national minimum wage.</p> <p>15th August 2024</p>	<p>The Parliamentary Staff Association of Nigeria, PASAN, Nasarawa State Chapter, and the Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, in the state have differed on the payment of N70,000 the new national minimum wage by the state government to workers in the state.</p> <p>Suleiman Oshafu, the Chairman of the association made the union's position known after its emergency meeting in Lafia on Thursday.</p> <p>He said that the union preferred the payment of the new national minimum wage to its members before the payment of the promotion arrears to civil servants in the state.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Daily Nigerian https://dailynigerian.com/pasan-nlc-differ-payment/</p>
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	<p>The chairman said that the minimum wage would affect and benefit all workers in the state, while the payment of promotion arrears will only benefit the affected workers.</p>	
<p>Anambra State Assembly amends state electoral law</p> <p>15th August 2024</p>	<p>To realize the promises regarding the local government council elections slated for September 2024, the Anambra State House of Assembly amended the Anambra State Independent Electoral Commission (ANSIEC) Law.</p> <p>The bill for the amendments was sponsored by the majority leader of the House, Ikenna Ofodeme (APGA), and Chukwunonso Igwe (PDP) representing Ekwusigo and</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Guardian https://guardian.ng/news/anambra-assembly-amends-state-electoral-law/</p>



	Ogbaru 1 state constituencies.	
<p>Speaker Abbas makes U-turn, withdraws counter subversion bill.</p> <p>14th August 2024.</p>	<p>In response to the voices and concerns of the people, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tajudeen Abbas on Wednesday resolved to withdraw the counter subversion bill and other related draft legislation.</p> <p>This came on the heels of public outcry on the proposed bill which seeks to “criminalise subversive activities by associations, organisations, militias, cults, bandits and other proscribed groups in Nigeria.”</p> <p>The proposed private member bill sponsored by Speaker Abbas proposed stiffer</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Nigerian Tribune https://tribuneonlineng.com/speaker-abbas-makes-u-turn-withdraws-counter-subversion-bill/</p>



	<p>punishment for anyone found guilty of various offences stipulated in the bill, ranging from 2 to 25 years imprisonment as well as fines ranging from N2 million to N15 million.</p>	
<p>Ondo government, Assembly vows zero tolerance for out-of-school children</p> <p>14th August 2024</p>	<p>With 5.9 % of out-of-school children in Ondo State, the state government and the State House of Assembly have vowed to ensure that the menace is exterminated.</p> <p>Speaking at a 2-day stakeholders' meeting organized by UNICEF in collaboration with the Oyo State Government to tackle the issues of out-of-school children in the Southwest states, the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Guardian https://guardian.ng/news/ondo-govt-assembly-vows-zero-tolerance-for-out-of-school-children/</p>



	<p>Ondo state Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Laolu Akindolire, disclosed that the Ministry will partner with the House of Assembly in order to achieve legislation that would give zero tolerance to the issue. He also added: Although the percentage of out-of-school children in Ondo State is not that high, we can still do a lot to reduce it to the barest minimum, zero if possible.</p>	
<p>Bauchi assembly speaker backs Bala's criticism of Tinubu's policies.</p>	<p>The speaker of the Bauchi state House of Assembly, Abubakar Suleiman, Tuesday, declared support for Governor Bala Mohammed's recent critique of President Bola Tinubu's economic</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Blueprint https://blueprint.ng/bauchi-assembly-speaker-backs-balas-criticism-of-tinubus-policies/</p>



<p>14th August 2024</p>	<p>policies and programmes.</p> <p>Recall that during the flag-off of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) campaign for local government elections in the state last week, Governor Bala expressed concerns about the direction of the national economy.</p> <p>He accused the federal government of enacting policies that led to increased poverty, hunger, and economic hardship across the country.</p> <p>However, in a statement, Speaker Suleiman aligned himself with the Bauchi state governor's observations, stating that the adverse effects of the federal</p>	
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	<p>government's policies were evident in the daily lives of the citizens of the state and beyond.</p> <p>He noted that the current economic difficulties were not confined to any region of the country, but were being felt nationwide, from the north to the south.</p> <p>“The governor’s critique reflects the reality on the ground. The people of Bauchi state, like many Nigerians, are grappling with the consequences of these policies. As leaders, it is our duty to voice these concerns and advocate for policies that prioritise the welfare of our citizens.”</p> <p>Speaker Suleiman highlighted that</p>	
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	<p>the concerns raised by Governor Bala were not politically motivated but rooted in the genuine suffering of the people.</p>	
<p>Land grabbing: Ogun Assembly recommends suspension of traditional ruler.</p> <p>13th August 2024</p>	<p>The Ogun State House of Assembly has recommended the suspension of the Olu of Obafemi, Oba Taofeek Owolabi, in Obafemi Owode Local Government Area of the State, over alleged grabbing.</p> <p>The recommendation was based on the petition brought before the House by the Agboro Olatunde Community Development Association against the traditional ruler.</p> <p>On Tuesday, the Vice</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Tribune https://tribuneonline.com/land-grabbing-ogun-assembly-recommends-suspension-of-traditional-ruler/</p>



	<p>Chairman, House Committee on Justice, Ethics and Public Petitions, Hon. Babatunde Tella, during the plenary at the Hallowed Chamber of the Assembly.</p>	
<p>Osun Assembly Passes Bills to Strengthen LG Autonomy.</p> <p>12th August 2024</p>	<p>The Osun State House of Assembly has passed the Osun State Local Government Areas (Creation and Administration) (Amendment 7) Bill, 2024, to enhance local government autonomy and grant them more financial and administrative independence from the state government.</p> <p>The Assembly also passed the Osun State Independent Electoral Commission (Amendment 1) Bill, 2024, into law to align the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>LEADERSHIP https://leadership.ng/osun-assembly-passes-bills-to-strengthen-lg-autonomy/</p>



	<p>state's legislation with the recent Supreme Court judgment upholding the independence of local governments.</p> <p>A statement by the chief press secretary to the speaker of the Osun State House of Assembly, Olamide Tiamiyu, stated that the Osun State Independent Electoral Commission Bill seeks to regulate the state's electoral body to conduct elections in the 30 recognised local government areas of the state.</p> <p>According to him, it also empowers the elected local government chairmen to appoint chief administrators to the local council</p>	
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	<p>development areas (LCDAs) and the six area councils within their respective jurisdictions.</p>	
<p>Electoral reform: Why NASS should appoint INEC chairman – Onuakalusi, Reps member.</p> <p>12th August 2024</p>	<p>In the run up to the 2027 general elections, there are several bills before the House of Representatives seeking the alterations of the Electoral Act. One of such bills is a proposal to remove the power to appoint the chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) from the President and vest same on the National Assembly.</p> <p>In this interview, the sponsor of the bill, Honourable Jesse Onuakalusi said that the proposed</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The SUN https://thesun.ng/electoral-reform-why-nass-should-appoint-inec-chairman-onuakalusi-reps-member/</p>



	<p>legislation, if passed into law will help to guarantee the independence of the electoral umpire.</p> <p>Onuakalusi, a member of the Labour Party (LP), representing Oshodi/ Isolo Federal Constituency II, also bared his mind on other national issues.</p>	
<p>Nasarawa Assembly Expresses Concern Over High Rate of Kidnapping.</p> <p>12th August 2024</p>	<p>Nasarawa State House of Assembly has expressed concern over the rise in kidnapping incidents across the state.</p> <p>The House at the plenary on Monday described the situation as unfortunate even as it said the development is unacceptable.</p> <p>Speaking on a motion of public importance</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Leadership https://leadership.ng/nasarawa-assembly-expresses-concern-over-high-rate-of-kidnapping/</p>



	<p>presented by the deputy speaker, Mr Mohammed Adamu Onyaki (PDP, Doma North), the speaker, Mr Danladi Jatau, frowned at the audacity of armed men who raid residences even at city centres, abduct occupants and sometimes disappeared without a trace.</p> <p>He said that despite the existence of kidnapping law, which prescribed stiff penalties for offenders, abduction of persons is still on the rise.</p> <p>LEADERSHIP reports that the State's Kidnapping Act Prohibition Law, 2020 stipulated the death penalty on conviction and forfeiture of any property used by kidnapers</p>	
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	<p>while the owner of such a property would be liable to 20 years in jail.</p> <p>The speaker called for enforcement of the kidnapping law to serve as a deterrent to offenders, adding that its strict application will also contain the rising incidences of abduction across the state.</p>	
<p>Abia awaits House of Assembly for LG polls – Otti.</p> <p>11th August 2024</p>	<p>Abia State Government has said it is waiting on the state House of Assembly to put in place some legislative matters before it will conduct local government election.</p> <p>Governor Alex Otti, who disclosed this in Umuahia, said the timetable for local government</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>SUN https://thesun.ng/abia-awaits-house-of-assembly-for-lg-polls-otti/</p>



	<p>elections would be out as soon as some legislative matters are put in place by the House of Assembly.</p> <p>He said his administration was working closely with the leadership of Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) to work out modalities for the payment of the new national minimum wage of N70,000.</p> <p>Otti announced that while the state government team works with the NLC on the modalities, it still awaits further clarifications from the Federal Government on the way forward.</p>	
<p>Nasarawa State Government</p>	<p>In a significant move to boost sports</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: SPORTS 247</p>



<p>Unveils Plans for Mini Sports Stadium in Toto LGA to Boost Grassroots Sports.</p> <p>10th August 2024</p>	<p>development and provide world-class facilities for athletes, the Nasarawa State Government has announced plans to construct a mini sports stadium in Toto Local Government Area.</p> <p>The proposed stadium will feature a 500-seating capacity, multi-purpose playing fields, basketball and volleyball courts, and modern amenities such as locker rooms, showers, a medical centre, administrative offices, and floodlights for evening events.</p>	<p>https://www.sports247.ng/nasarawa-state-government-unveils-plans-for-mini-sports-stadium-in-toto-lga-to-boost-grassroots-sports/</p>
<p>Ondo Government Budgets N245million To Buy Two SUVs For Assembly Speaker,</p>	<p>A review of the budget performance documents has shown that the Ondo State government budgeted the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Sahara Reporters https://saharareporters.com/2024/08/10/exclusive-ondo-government-budgets-n245million-buy-two-suvs-assembly-speaker-deputy</p>



<p>Deputy, N107million For Primary Healthcare.</p> <p>10th August 2024</p>	<p>sum of N245million to buy two Lexus jeeps for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly.</p> <p>This development on budgeting over a hundred and twenty million each on jeep for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker is despite calls for states in Nigeria to reduce cost of governance. The state also only budgeted N107 million for its primary healthcare management board capital expenditure for the whole of 2024 and plans to spend more than twice the money on buying Lexus Jeeps for the speaker and deputy speaker.</p>	
<p>Abia Assembly refuses to screen 3</p>	<p>There was a mild drama at the plenary of the Abia State</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Daily Post https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/08/abia-assembly-</p>



<p>commissioner nominees with incomplete credentials.</p> <p>8th August 2024</p>	<p>House of Assembly yesterday, as three out of six commissioner nominees sent for confirmation by Abia Governor Alex Otti appeared without some required credentials.</p> <p>This followed an observation presented to the House by the member representing Obingwa-West state constituency, Erundu Uchenna Erundu Jr., who frowned at why commissioner nominees would appear for screening without their complete credentials.</p> <p>In his words: “Going through their documents here with us, there is no single paper, including First School Leaving</p>	<p>refuses-to-screen-3-commissioner-nominees-with-incomplete-credentials/</p>
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	<p>Certificate (FSLC), West African Secondary School Certificate (WASSC), tax clearance certificate, birth certificate or age declaration, among others, to back up their claims in their Curriculum Vitae.”</p>	
<p>Zamfara House of Assembly begins review of 14 LGs’ accounts for 2023.</p> <p>8th August 2024</p>	<p>The Zamfara State Auditor General has presented the 2023 Report on the 14 Local Government Councils’ accounts to the State House of Assembly for review.</p> <p>DAILY POST reports that the Report was deliberated upon during Wednesday’s plenary session.</p> <p>The motion to debate the Report was presented by the House</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Daily Post https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/08/zamfara-house-of-assembly-begins-review-of-14-lgs-accounts-for-2023/</p>



	<p>Majority Leader, Hon. Bello Muhammad Mazawaje Tsafe, and seconded by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Adamu Aliyu Gummi.</p>	
<p>GOVERNOR ABIODUN PROPOSES A BILL FOR A LAW TO IMPROVE ELECTRICITY</p> <p>7th August 2024</p>	<p>Governor Dapo Abiodun has proposed a bill for a law to improve electricity generation, transmission, and distribution within the state.</p> <p>The speaker Ogun state house of Assembly Rt hon Oludaisi Elemide read the governor 's letter during the plenary on Tuesday.</p> <p>The bill also seeks to establish an electricity marker and key power sector bodies and as well enforce consumer</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Ogun State Broadcasting Corporation https://ogunradio.ng/2024/08/07/governor-abiodun-proposes-a-bill-for-a-law-to-improve-electricity/</p>



	<p>rights and obligations and for other connected purposes.</p> <p>The governor’s message noted that the bill which was approved at the executive council meeting earlier this month, is necessitated by the passage of the electricity act 2023 which empower states to provide a comprehensive legal and institutional framework for the power sector.</p>	
<p>OGHA APPROVES OGSIEC REQUEST FOR REVISED ELECTORAL GUIDELINES.</p> <p>7th August 2024</p>	<p>Ogun State House of Assembly has approved the Ogun State Independent Electoral Commission’s (OGSIEC) request for revised election guidelines in line with the provisions of Section 3(i)(i) and 5 of the State</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Ogun State Broadcasting Corporation https://ogunradio.ng/2024/08/07/ogha-approves-ogsiec-request-for-revised-electoral-guidelines/</p>



	<p>Regulations Approval Law, 2020</p> <p>The approval followed the presentation of the report of the Committee of the Whole House by the Deputy Speaker, assemblywoman Bolanle Ajayi, in respect of the request of the Commission, at a Plenary presided over by the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Oludaisi Elemide at the Assembly Complex, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta.</p> <p>The Deputy Whip, assemblyman Tella Babatunde thereafter moved the motion for its adoption, seconded by assembly man Damilare Bello, and was unanimously supported by all the other</p>	
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	lawmaker through a voice vote.	
<p>Imo State Allocates N8.5Billion For Lawmakers' Vehicles, Assembly Complex Landscaping Amid Soaring Debt, Unemployment.</p> <p>7th August 2024</p>	<p>A review of Imo state's budget performance document reveals that the state allocated N3 billion for the purchase of vehicles for its 27 House of Assembly members.</p> <p>This translates to a staggering N111 million per member, with each legislator set to receive a vehicle worth over one hundred million naira.</p> <p>This revelation comes at a time when there are growing demands for more responsible management of public funds, amidst concerns about scarce resources and increasing financial pressures.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Sahara Reporters https://saharareporters.com/2024/08/07/imo-state-allocates-n85billion-lawmakers-vehicles-assembly-complex-landscaping-amid</p>



<p>Otti Forwards Lists of Commissioner Nominees to Abia Assembly for Confirmation.</p> <p>6th August 2024</p>	<p>Governor Dr. Alex Otti has forwarded a list of new commissioner nominees to the Abia State House of Assembly for screening.</p> <p>In a letter read at the floor of the House by the speaker Rt. Hon Emmanuel Emeruwa, the Governor requested for the screening and confirmation of commissioner nominees.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The Whistler https://thewhistler.ng/otti-forwards-lists-of-commissioner-nominees-to-abia-assembly-for-confirmation/</p>
<p>Ogun plans law on electricity generation, distribution.</p> <p>6th August 2024</p>	<p>Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun, has sent a bill to the State House of Assembly seeking to establish a legal framework for the electricity market in the state.</p> <p>The bill, which follows the Electricity Act 2023, will allow</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>PUNCH https://punchng.com/ogun-plans-law-on-electricity-generation-distribution/</p>



	<p>the state to have its independent electricity regulatory commission after the approval of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission.</p> <p>It will also allow the state to generate, transmit and distribute electricity while granting licences to investors within the state.</p>	
<p>Ogun Assembly approves revised LG election guidelines.</p> <p>6th August 2024</p>	<p>The Ogun State House of Assembly has approved the request of the Ogun State Independent Electoral Commission, OGSIEC, for revised election guidelines in line with the provisions of sections 3(i)(i) and 5 of the Ogun State Regulations Approval Law 2020.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Daily Post https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/06/ogun-assembly-approves-revised-lg-election-guidelines/</p>



	<p>The approval followed the presentation of the report by Deputy Speaker Bolanle Ajayi, in respect of the request of the commission, at a plenary presided over by the Speaker, Oludaisi Elemide, at the Assembly Complex, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta, on Tuesday.</p> <p>Deputy Whip Tella Babatunde moved the motion for its adoption, seconded by Damilare Bello, and unanimously supported by all the other lawmakers through a voice vote.</p>	
<p>Abia moves to recover Aba community from gully erosion.</p>	<p>Governor Alex Otti of Abia State has promised to take immediate action to arrest the gully erosion menace</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Business Day https://businessday.ng/news/article/abia-moves-to-recover-aba-community-from-gully-erosion/</p>



<p>6th August 2024</p>	<p>along Ovom Street, in Aba North Local Government Area of the State.</p> <p>The gully, which has cut the road into two, has created long valley and collapsed many buildings and destroyed landed properties within the area.</p> <p>Governor Oti, who inspected the erosion site recently, directed Uche Ukeje, general manager, Greater Aba Development Authority (GADA) to see him for immediate mobilisation of experienced engineers and contractors to find a lasting solution to the problem.</p>	
<p>Law on rural, semi-urban development</p>	<p>Ogun State House of Assembly has passed a bill</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Tribune https://tribuneonlineng.com/law-on-rural-semi-</p>



<p>passed by Ogun Assembly.</p> <p>6th August 2024</p>	<p>meant to ensure rural integration, promote even development in rural and semi-urban areas of the state.</p> <p>The passage of the bill followed the presentation of the Committee report on rural development presented by Honourable Babatunde Tella, who thereafter moved for its adoption as amended, seconded by Honourable Wahab Haruna, and supported by other lawmakers through a voice vote during the plenary presided over by the Speaker, Honourable Oludaisi Elemide at the Assembly's complex, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta.</p> <p>The bill was later read and adopted clause-</p>	<p>urban-development-passed-by-ogun-assembly/</p>
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	<p>by-clause before the Committee of the whole house, after which the motion for the third reading of the bill was moved by the Majority Leader, Yusuf Sheriff, seconded by the Minority Leader, Lukman Adeleye and supported by the whole house through a unanimous voice vote.</p>	
<p>NGO tasks Kogi Assembly to incorporate OGP in its oversight functions.</p> <p>2nd August 2024</p>	<p>The Initiative for Grassroot Advancement in Nigeria, (INGRA) in collaboration with Nigeria Civil Society situation room has charged lawmakers in the current eight Assembly in Kogi State to incorporate Open Government Partnership (OGP) into their oversight functions.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Fresh Angle https://freshangleng.com/34836/ngo-tasks-kogi-assembly-to-incorporate-ogp-in-its-oversight-functions</p>



<p>NILDS seeks reintroduction of gender opportunities bill in NASS.</p> <p>1st August 2024</p>	<p>The National Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS) has appealed to the National Assembly to consider reintroducing the Gender and Equitable Opportunities Bill (GEOB) to enhance gender inclusion and sustainable development.</p> <p>The Director General of NILDS, Professor Sulaiman Abubakar explained that legislation when passed would guarantee opportunities for women and girls in the political system and as well remove all barriers impeding their participation in leadership positions.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Tribune https://tribuneonline.ng.com/nilds-seeks-reintroduction-of-gender-opportunities-bill-in-nass/</p>



	<p>The DG spoke during a two-day workshop organized for all Federal and State Female Lawmakers in Nigeria by NILDS in collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) on “Gender Responsive Legislations and Budgeting.</p>	
<p>Anambra assembly screens, confirms ANSIEC board nominees. 1st August 2024</p>	<p>The Anambra House of Assembly has confirmed the six-man nominees of the State Independent Electoral Commission (ANSIEC). The lawmakers on July 30 received Governor Chukwuma Soludo’s nomination for ANSIEC membership upon its resumption.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Business Day https://businessday.ng/news/article/anambra-assembly-screens-confirms-ansiec-board-nominees/</p>



	<p>The governor’s request was immediately referred to the House Screening Committee for screening and further action. Consequently, the nominees were screened on Wednesday morning and confirmed during the plenary.</p> <p>The six nominees are Magistrate Chinelo Genevieve Osakwa (Chairperson), Mrs Bernadine Obande, Barr. Osita Igbokwe, Sir. Chinedu Nnalue, Mrs Helen Umeh and Mr John Okeke.</p>	
<p>Makinde signs bill to rename First Technical University after Ajimobi.</p>	<p>To restate administration’s commitment to education sector, the Oyo State Governor, Seyi Makinde, has signed into law the bill to rename the state – owned</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Guardian https://guardian.ng/politics/makinde-signs-bill-to-rename-first-technical-university-after-ajimobi/</p>



<p>1st August 2024</p>	<p>First Technical University after Senator Abiola Ajimobi, his immediate predecessor.</p> <p>Makinde, while signing the bill titled: “Bill for the Establishment, Incorporation, Constitution, and Function of Abiola Ajimobi Technical University, Ibadan and Other Related Matters”, into law, reiterated his administration’s commitment to improving the education sector, noting that the government had been investing in the required human and material resources needed in the sector.</p>	
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