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To support good governance, democracy and sustainable development in West Africa, The Abuja School of social and Political Thought takes a look at the activities in the region...

Here is a round up of your bi-weekly Democracy Digest, a quick summary of some important events from West African countries to note today

INTRO

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End Bad Governance protest

Nigeria is facing potential nationwide protests starting on August 1, 2024. The protests are organized under the hashtag #ENDBGIN, with citizens demanding better governance and addressing issues like fuel prices, taxation, and electoral reforms (The Star) (Punch Newspapers) (Vanguardngr)

IVORY COAST



Political Unrest

Ivory Coast is dealing with political tension as former President Laurent Gbagbo's party has announced plans to boycott the upcoming local elections, citing unfair electoral practices.



The Gambia is facing significant economic challenges, including high inflation and unemployment rates. The government is working on measures to stabilize the economy and improve living conditions (<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/05/23/gambia-economy-shows-resilience-amid-global-challenges.html>)



Liberia is preparing for its upcoming general elections scheduled for October 2024. There are significant discussions about the electoral process and the candidates involved (Wikipedia) (United States Institute of Peace) (FrontPage Africa Online).



Niger is dealing with security challenges due to ongoing conflicts with insurgent groups. The government is seeking international assistance to address these issues and ensure stability (<https://crisis24.garda.com/insights-intelligence/intelligence/country-reports/niger.html>)



Recent developments in Ghana include the Bank of Ghana's decision to raise its key lending rate to 30% to curb inflation, and a crisis involving unpaid teachers' salaries, which has led to a strike (Daily Post Nigeria)

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