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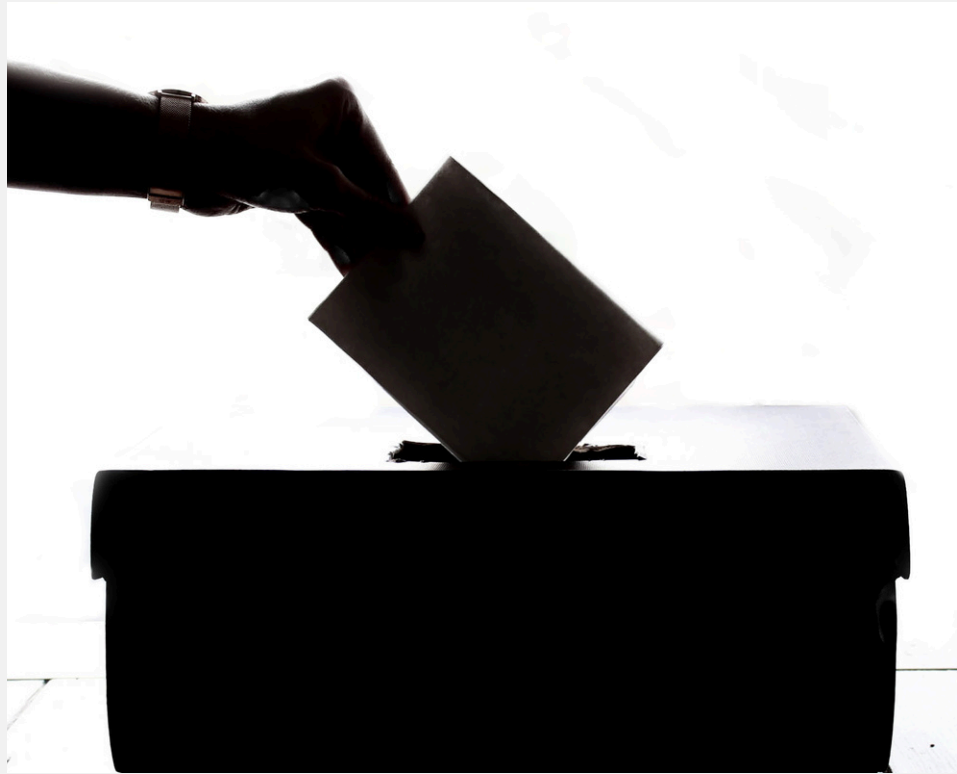


To support good governance, democracy and sustainable development in West Africa, The Abuja School of social and Political Thought takes a look at the activities in the region...

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

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SIERRA LEONE



Sierra Leone Election Report

There will probably be increased political unrest and security throughout Sierra Leone at least until June 24, the anniversary of the contentious general elections that took place

there in 2023. When the Tripartite Committee on Electoral Systems Review releases its final report on June 19, following its investigation into purported irregularities, electoral malpractice, and fraud during the 2023 polls, tensions are likely to spike significantly. For the period of June 19–24, the Sierra Leone Police have stepped up patrols and other security measures, especially in Freetown. In addition, officials are advising the general population to carry on with their regular activities. (Crisis 24)

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ECOWAS Leadership

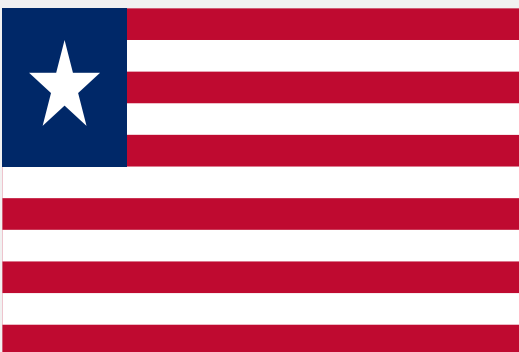
President Bola Tinubu was re-elected as the chairman of ECOWAS during the 65th Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government in Abuja. He emphasized the need for strong political will and substantial financial resources to combat terrorism and stabilize the region (Sahara Reporters) (Daily Post Nigeria).



The Gambia is grappling with economic difficulties, including inflation and unemployment. The government is seeking support from ECOWAS to stabilize its economy and improve living standards. (The Point)



ECOWAS has lifted some sanctions on Guinea, which is under military rule. However, targeted sanctions remain in place as the bloc continues to push for a return to democratic governance (Nation).



Liberia is preparing for its upcoming general elections. The country is also actively participating in ECOWAS meetings, focusing on regional stability and economic cooperation (CICS)



- Senegal is facing a political crisis after President Macky Sall postponed the presidential elections from February to December 2024, triggering protests and criticisms of a constitutional breach (Voice of America).
- The delay in elections has raised concerns within ECOWAS, with discussions ongoing about how to address the situation and ensure stability.



Lifting of Sanctions: ECOWAS has lifted certain sanctions imposed on Niger following the military coup in 2023. This includes the reopening of borders and unfreezing of assets, as part of efforts to encourage Niger to remain in the bloc (Nation)

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