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National Electoral Commission Insists on Electronic Voter Accreditation, Lagos State Parliament Considers Anti Open Grazing Bill,

The Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Mahmood Yakubu has disclosed that “the new mantra” would be no electronic accreditation, no voting. Yakubu was in a consultative meeting with civil society groups in Abuja on Tuesday 7, he added that the new voter accreditation machine called Bimodal Voters Accreditation System would replace the previous smart card readers used in previous elections. [Channels News \(September 8th\)](#) reports.

The Lagos State House of Assembly has moved to ensure what it describes as a harmonious relationship between herders and farmers in its state. The assembly says the bill to prohibit open cattle grazing which had passed first reading would protect the environment of the state and entire south-west zone. [Premium Times News \(September 7th\)](#) reports.

Rivers State Governor Orders Collection of Value Added Tax, Lagos State Governor Signs VAT Bill into Law, Data Reveals the State With Most Out-of-School Children

In new reports, the Governor of Rivers state, Nyelsom Wike, has ordered the Rivers State Internal Revenue Service to begin the collection of Value Added Tax (VAT) following the Federal High Court dismissal of a suit filed by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) to stop Rivers State from collecting VAT. Wike had described the move by the FIRS as an “attempt to frustrate the state law on VAT” he said the enforcement of VAT was an exercise of the legal right of states to impose and collect VAT. Denis Waku, [Punch News \(September 7th\)](#) reports.

Similarly, the Commissioner of Information and Strategy in Lagos State, Gbenga Omotoso, on Friday 10, disclosed in a statement the signing into law the Act to empower the state government to collect VAT by Governor of Lagos State, Sanwo Olu. [Channels News \(September 10th\)](#) reports.

The Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) has published data that revealed ten states in the country was home to the country's 40.8 million out of school children. Kano state topped the chart with 989,234 out-of-school and Kaduna and Katsina state followed closely. The data explained that poor households in the country struggle with

basic life needs, hence, education, even when free is likely to be a luxury for such households. Yusuf Akinpelu, [Premium Times \(September 8th\)](#) reports.

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The Nigerian Army spokesperson, Onyeama Nwachukwu, on Thursday 9, issued a statement that revealed the arrest of a top commander of the Boko Haram sect, Yawi Modu. Onyeama said troops raided an Improvised Explosive Device hub in Borno and Yobe states. He added that a total of 282 bags of the Urea fertilizer banned by the federal government for being a major component in manufacturing explosives by terrorists. Nair Ayitogo, [Premium Times News \(September 9th\)](#) reports.

In new reports, four states in the northern and central parts of the country in an attempt to stop mass kidnappings and other forms of crimes have imposed series of restrictions to activities in their states. In Niger state, cattle markets have been suspended, in Kaduna state authorities banned the cutting of trees due to fears that loggers collaborate with bandits. In Zamfara state, the latest kidnappings have been met with strong directives from the commissioner of police in the state to citizens to fully comply with security agencies in their quest to end insecurity in the state. [Aljazeera News \(September 1st\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, the Judicial Panel of Inquiry and Restitution set up to hear the details of the shooting that took place at the mass ENDSARS protest has received testimony from Sentinel Forensic Limited. Joseph Kayode Funsho who represented the company said the live ammunitions discovered, were registered to the Nigerian Army. Funsho however added that the blank bullets did not match the records from the inventory of the Army. Arogbonio Isreal, [Vanguard News \(September 10th\)](#) reports.

Vice President, Yemi Osinbajo has said the insecurity in the country is promoted through ethnic and regional sentiments, activities and utterances. He stressed that the elites had been irresponsible in addressing the scourge of insecurity. Osinbajo

added saying “some of the elites can’t come to a consensus when it comes to insecurity” noting that most elites depend on dubious activities in promoting regional and ethnic cards. Friday Olorokor, [Punch News \(September 9th\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, former President Goodluck Jonathan has made a call to citizens, to commit to “peace in

words, actions and other necessary means.” Jonathan made a presentation on terrorism and banditry in Abuja on Friday 10, where he said to build a peaceful nation required first the building of lives. He added that terrorism, banditry and other crimes threaten the human essence and values of democracy. [Channels News \(September 10th\)](#) reports.

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