



Since the Independent National Electoral Commission announced the official campaign timetable for the 2027 General Election in line with the provision of the Electoral Act 2026 there has been flurry of political activities across the nation. The Presidential and National Assembly Election Campaign began on Tuesday 19 August 2026 and is expected to end on Friday 15 January 2027 exactly 24 hours before the Presidential Election scheduled for 16 January 2027. Governorship and State House of Assembly Elections campaign begins on Wednesday 9 September and will end on Friday the 5 February 2027 exactly 24 hours before the election scheduled for 6 February 2027. This is in line with the provision of the Electoral Act 2026 which stipulate that Political Campaigns may only commence 150 days before the date of an election. All campaigns must end 24 hours before polling day. Political parties, candidates and supporters are prohibited from commencing campaign before the official approved days and INEC has indicated that violations may attract appropriate sanctions.

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The Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) has urged President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to take immediate measures to cushion Nigerians from the latest surge in petrol pump prices, warning that the government cannot afford to remain passive while rising fuel costs deepen hardship across the country. The NLC said the price of petrol had risen to about N1,430 per litre in major urban centres where the product was readily available, with prices reportedly higher in less accessible areas.

In a statement, the NLC President, Comrade Joe Ajaero, said the development had inflicted "incalculable damage" on workers' wages and the general living conditions of Nigerians. "We are seriously concerned by the rising cost of the pump price of petrol across the country. In mega urban cities where petrol is readily available, the cost ranges from N1,430. In less accessible areas, the cost is much worse. "This has inflicted incalculable damage to not only wages but our state of being as a people and as a nation," Ajaero said. He warned that the increase in transportation costs would continue to drive up the prices of essential goods and services, further eroding household incomes. "It is an established fact that when transportation costs go up, everything else follows, including school fees, rents, tariffs, foodstuffs, etc. "These new costs continue to inflict or deepen poverty among the populace, stressing the quality of life to the limits," he said. According to the NLC, the latest increase had come at a time when government pressure on petroleum marketers to reduce pump prices in line with crude oil prices in the international spot market was beginning to yield results. The union, however, acknowledged that the latest pressure on domestic fuel prices was linked to the resurgence of conflict in the Gulf, but argued that Nigeria should be better positioned to protect its citizens from such external shocks.