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Introduction

The All Progressives Congress (APC), the ruling party in Nigeria, announced January 25, 2021 as the date for its members' registration and revalidation ahead of the forthcoming 2023 general elections¹. The exercise was flagged off by President Muhammadu Buhari, who travelled down to his hometown to revalidate his membership².

The exercise is important and serves as a significant tool in strengthening democracy and good governance within the party and also to ensure reconciliation and unity within the party. Despite the peaceful conduct of the exercise in several states across the country, in some states, the process was truncated due to internal party crisis which resulted in the suspension of the exercise in such states³.

The Electoral Hub, in line with her activities in keeping track of the pre-election activities of relevant stakeholders ahead of the 2023 general elections, carried out media monitoring of the registration and revalidation exercise of the party. This is aimed at contributing to further research and generally promoting knowledge about the activities of stakeholders in the pre-election period.

¹ "APC announces date, plans for membership registration," available at <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/434394-apc-announces-date-plans-for-membership-registration.html>

² "President Buhari flags-off APC membership registration, revalidation exercise in Daura," February 1, 2021. Available at <http://www.newslines.org.ng/2021/02/01/president-buhari-flags-off-apc-membership-registration-revalidation-exercise-in-daura/>

³ "Membership Registration: APC Quakes As Leaders Fight Dirty, February 7, 2021. Available at <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/02/membership-registration-apc-quakes-as-leaders-fight-dirty/>

S/N	DATE	SOURCE	KEY POINTS
1	January 2, 2021	Premium Times https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/434394-apc-announces-date-plans-for-membership-registration.html	<p>APC announces date, plans for membership registration</p> <p>The registration of new members and update of register of the All Progressives Congress (APC) will commence on Jan. 25, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.</p> <p>The party said this in its New Year message to Nigerians, issued by John Akpanudoedehe, Secretary of its Caretaker and Extra-ordinary Convention Planning Committee (CECPC), on Friday in Abuja.</p> <p>“We have recognized the need for continued conflict resolution and have decided to vigorously pursue reconciliation on all fronts in order to emerge as a stronger party, ahead of the congresses and the 2023 general elections.</p> <p>“Having got the approval for the party membership registration, CECPC is now set to undertake the exercise efficiently and effectively in a record time, beginning from Jan. 25”.</p>
2	January 14, 2021	This Day https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/01/14/kwara-apc-youths-threaten-to-distrupt-membership-registration-exercise-over-chairmans-removal/	<p>Kwara APC Youths Threaten to Disrupt Membership Registration Exercise over Chairman’s Removal</p> <p>A group, Concerned All Progressives Congress Youth Stakeholders, in Kwara State Thursday threatened to disrupt the forthcoming party membership registration exercise if what it called</p>

			<p>the illegal removal of Hon. Bashir Omolaja Bolarinwa as chairman of the caretaker committee of the party was not reversed with immediate effect.</p> <p>The APC youths, who described the purported removal as illegal and undemocratic, called on the national caretaker committee of the party, led by Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State, to rescind the decision in the interest of the party in the state.</p>
3	January 24, 2021	<p>Premium Times https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/438307-apc-denies-postponing-membership-registration.html</p>	<p>APC denies postponing membership registration</p> <p>The All Progressives Congress (APC) has denied postponing its membership registration and revalidation slated to start later this month.</p> <p>The secretary of the party’s caretaker committee, John Akpanudoedehe, on Saturday, said a notice of postponement that is being circulated is ‘fake and highly malicious.’</p> <p>He said the APC’s arrangement for the exercise will proceed as planned by the body.</p> <p>“The APC membership registration, revalidation and update exercise remains on course and commences as scheduled in the attached timetable”.</p>
4	January 30, 2021	<p>Newsline http://www.newsline.org.ng/2021/02/01/president-buhari-flags-off-apc-membership-registration-revalidation-exercise-in-daura/</p>	<p>President Buhari flags-off APC membership registration, revalidation exercise in Daura</p> <p>President Muhammadu Buhari has flagged-off the Nationwide Registration and Revalidation exercise</p>

			<p>of the ruling Party, the All Progressives Congress APC at his home town in Sarkin Yara ‘A’ of Daura local government area, Katsina State.</p> <p>President Buhari revalidated his membership of the All-Progressives Congress (APC) in his constituency in Daura, Katsina State.</p> <p>The National Registration and Revalidation Committee Chairman, Governor Abubakar Sani Bello and other members of the committee, the APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee, Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State were also in Daura to ensure compliance with the guidelines for the exercise.</p> <p>The Senate President, Ahmed Lawan and Governors of Kebbi, Kwara, Imo, Jigawa, Kano, Plateau, Gombe and their host governor, were part of the significant event of the Party.</p>
5	February 3,2021	<p>The Southern Examiner http://thesouthernexaminer.com/uzodinma-flags-off-imo-apc-membership-registration-revalidation-exercise-p4597-214.htm</p>	<p>Uzodinma Flags Off Imo APC Membership Registration, Revalidation Exercise</p> <p>Imo State Governor Senator Hope Uzodinma on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 flagged off the nationwide registration and revalidation of members by the All Progressives Congress in Imo State.</p> <p>The governor flagged off the exercise at Omuma Central School Booth 006, when he revalidated his membership of APC in his Ward, Omuma in Oru East Local Government Area of Imo State.</p>

			<p>Uzodinma explained that he had come to perform a responsibility put on the shoulders of all APC members and intending members by President Muhammadu Buhari, mandating all to register/revalidate their membership with the party as a way of knowing who is who and who belongs where in APC as a party.</p> <p>He charged every member of Omuma Community to endeavour to come out and register as well as revalidate and ensure that they come first in the Local Government as it will be a pointer to other communities in the LGA to register with the party.</p>
6	February 6, 2021	<p>TheCable</p> <p>https://www.thecable.ng/photos-tinubu-revalidates-apc-membership</p>	<p>PHOTOS: Tinubu revalidates APC membership</p> <p>Ahmed Bola Tinubu, former Lagos state governor, revalidated his membership of the All Progressives Congress (APC).</p>
7	February 7, 2021	<p>Vanguard</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/02/membership-registration-apc-quakes-as-leaders-fight-dirty/</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION: APC Quakes As Leaders Fight Dirty</p> <p>The All Progressives Congress, APC, vision of emerging more unified at the end of its nationwide membership registration and validation exercise appears threatened by old intra-party crises in some states, findings by Sunday Vanguard revealed.</p>

			<p>In the affected places, the issues in contention were found to have predated the ongoing registration and revalidation exercise.</p> <p>APC had commenced the exercise on January 25, 2021, to increase its membership and support-base nationwide.</p> <p>While the process is seamless in some states, Delta, Kwara, Rivers, Ogun, Osun, and Rivers state chapters are not likely to emerge stronger from the exercise.</p>
8	February 7, 2021	<p>VON https://von.gov.ng/2021/02/07/apc-senate-president-validates-party-membership-in-yobe/</p>	<p>APC: Senate President Validates Party Membership In Yobe</p> <p>President of the Nigerian Senate, Ahmed Lawan on Saturday revalidated his All Progressives Congress (APC) membership at his Gashua constituency in Yobe.</p>
9	February 7, 2021	<p>Vanguard https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/02/apc-crisis-trails-membership-registration-exercise-in-south-east-delta-kwara-osun/</p>	<p>APC: Crisis trails membership registration exercise in South-East, Delta, Kwara, Osun</p> <p>The ongoing membership registration exercise of the All Progressives Congress, APC, has run into hitches, crisis in the South-East, Delta, Kwara and Osun states.</p> <p>There was paucity of registration materials in the South-East geo-political zone, and Osun State. The exercise was suspended in Delta State, yesterday, following disagreements among party leaders over alleged removal of the names of some people</p>

			<p>nominated for registration to favour a faction by the State Caretaker Committee Chairman, Prophet Jones Erue.</p> <p>In Kwara, factional members of the state executives alleged hoarding of registration and revalidation materials to deny some members registration.</p>
10	February 9, 2021	<p>The Guardian https://guardian.ng/news/osinbajo-abiiodun-osoba-revalidate-apc-membership-in-ogun/</p>	<p>Osinbajo, Abiodun, Osoba revalidate APC membership in Ogun</p> <p>Osinbajo, accompanied by the Niger State governor and the National Chairman of the APC Registration and Revalidation Committee, Abubakar Sanni Bello, made the appeal, yesterday, during the revalidation of his membership of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at Ward 1, Unit 3, Egunrege, Ikenne, in Ikenne Local Council of Ogun State.</p> <p>He said that the Federal Government would continue to attend to the cries of communities for justice, equity and fairness, adding that the nation was stronger together than apart.</p> <p>Also, Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun and former Governor Olusegun Osoba officially revalidated their membership of the APC in the state.</p> <p>Abiodun was registered at Ward 3, Polling Unit 1, Iperu-Remo also in Ikenne Local Council, while</p>

			Chief Osoba revalidated his membership at Sodubi Primary School, Ward 7, Polling Booth 3 in Obafemi/Owode Local Council.
11	February 9, 2021	TVC News https://www.tvcnews.tv/kebbi-state-governor-agf-malami-revalidate-apc-membership-in-birnin-kebbi/	<p>Kebbi state Governor, AGF Malami Revalidate APC Membership in Birnin Kebbi</p> <p>Kebbi State Governor Atiku Bagudu has described the revalidation and reregistration exercise of the All Progressives Congress APC as a tool of strengthening democracy and good governance that should be supported by all party members.</p> <p>Governor Bagudu who is the chairman Nigerian Progressives Governors Forum stated this shortly after he revalidated his membership of the party at the Nasarawa 2 Ward, Polling Unit, Rumfar Garkar Mai Alelu, Code 006 Birnin Kebbi.</p> <p>He says the exercise will give all party members equal right and opportunity to present themselves for future elections.</p>
12	February 9, 2021	ThisDay Newspaper https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/02/09/apc-registration-mai-kanuribe-two-others-die-in-zulum-convoy-accident/	<p>APC Registration: Mai Kanuribe, Two Others Die in Zulum's Convoy Accident</p> <p>The King of Kanuri in Lagos (Mai Kanuribe of Lagos), Alhaji Mustapha Muhammadu, and two others have died in a road accident during a trip with the Borno State Governor, Prof. Babagana Zulum, to Mafa.</p> <p>The governor, who was accompanied by a large crowd of political associates and government officials, had on Tuesday taken a short trip to Mafa</p>

			Local Government Area, where he hails from, to register in the ongoing All Progressives Congress (APC) Registration and Revalidation exercise.
13	February 9, 2021	Premium Times https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/ssouth-west/441642-sanwo-olu-revalidates-apc-membership.html	<p>Sanwo-Olu revalidates APC membership</p> <p>The governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, on Tuesday revalidated his membership of the All Progressives Congress (APC).</p> <p>The revalidation and registration exercise was done at his ward (Ward E3) also known as “Premier Ward” at St. Stephen School Compound, Adeniji Adele, Lagos Island axis of the state.</p> <p>Speaking after the exercise, Mr Sanwo-Olu told party followers that the exercise was designed to further strengthen the APC toward becoming Africa’s largest political platform.</p> <p>He said the revalidation of previous APC followers and registration of new members was to ensure that the party had an effective register that would boost the party’s status globally.</p> <p>Mr Sanwo-Olu said the revalidation confirmed his status as the Governor of Lagos State under the APC platform.</p>
14	February 9, 2021	Vanguard https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/02/kwara-apc-crisis-hoodlums-attack-stakeholders-at-lafiagi-meeting/	<p>Kwara APC crisis: Hoodlums attack stakeholders at Lafiagi meeting</p> <p>The protracted leadership crisis rocking the All Progressives Congress, APC, in Kwara State,</p>

			<p>yesterday witnessed another orgy of violence at the venue of the Kwara North stakeholders meeting of the party in Lafiagi in Edu Local Government Area of the state.</p> <p>In the latest violence, hoodlums were said to have attacked members at the meeting and vandalized no fewer than five exotic cars while party members scampered for safety with some sustaining injuries.</p> <p>Chairman, APC Caretaker committee in the state, Samari Abdullahi, and one of the party chieftains at the scene of the incident, Engineer Shaaba Wakili, confirmed the attack, and urged security agencies to be alive to their responsibilities by protecting lives and properties of the people.</p>
15	February 10, 2021	<p>ThisDay Live https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/02/10/fayemi-bagudu-sule-malami-revalidate-membership-of-apc/</p>	<p>Fayemi, Bagudu, Sule, Malami Revalidate Membership of APC</p> <p>Alex Enumah in Abuja, Victor Ogunje in Ado Ekiti, Igbawase Ukumba in Lafia and Onuminya Innocent in Sokoto.</p> <p>Governors Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti State, Abdullahi Sule of Nasarawa State, Abubakar Atiku Bagudu of Kebbi State, as well as the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mr. Abubakar Malami, have revalidated their membership of the All Progressives Congress (APC).</p> <p>Speaking during the exercise, Fayemi disclosed that the party's membership registration and</p>

			<p>revalidation exercise won't end by getting the data base of the members alone, adding the party would work hard to register itself in the minds of Nigerians.</p>
16	February 10, 2021	<p>The Cable https://www.thecable.ng/apc-membership-registration-exercise-in-kwara-a-sham-says-caretaker-committee</p>	<p>APC membership registration exercise in Kwara a sham, says caretaker committee</p> <p>Members of the caretaker executive committee of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kwara have rejected the ongoing membership registration and revalidation exercise in the state, describing it as “a sham”.</p> <p>Speaking at a media briefing on Wednesday, which held at the party’s secretariat in Ilorin, the committee declared that the process in many registration Centres in the state was in breach of the APC’s guidelines on the exercise.</p> <p>Sunday Oyebiyi, vice chairman of Kwara APC, who read a statement signed by 26 members of the committee, said the executives were not carried along in the events leading to the exercise.</p> <p>He said the current registration and revalidation exercise ought to be considered beyond the crisis in the party.</p>
17	February 11, 2021	<p>Vanguard https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/02/apc-suspends-registration-exercise-in-delta</p>	<p>APC suspends registration exercise in Delta</p> <p>The nationwide ongoing Registration and Revalidation membership of the All Progressives Congress, APC has been suspended in Delta State,</p>

			<p>following seeming disagreements amongst some leaders of the party in the State.</p> <p>The Vanguard gathered that the Chairman of the National Registration and Revalidation Committee of the APC and Niger State Governor, Abubakar Sani Bello gave the order for the suspension of the exercise pending resolution of some issues the party was beset within the State.</p>
18	February 22, 2021	<p>Business Day</p> <p>https://businessday.ng/news/article/apc-membership-revalidation-registration-exercise-flagged-off-in-fct/</p>	<p>APC membership revalidation/ registration exercise flagged-off in FCT</p> <p>The All Progressives Congress (APC) has flagged-off its membership revalidation and registration exercise in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).</p> <p>The exercise was performed by Osita Izunaso, the party’s Revalidation and Registration Committee Chairman for the North Central zone and Umar Sanda, the Chairman of the APC Membership Registration and Revalidation Committee for the FCT.</p>
19	March 31, 2021	<p>ThisDay Live</p> <p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/03/31/apc-considers-extension-of-membership-revalidation-registration/</p>	<p>APC Considers Extension of Membership Revalidation, Registration</p> <p>The All Progressives Congress (APC) may bow to pressure to extend the ongoing membership registration and revalidation, THISDAY learnt yesterday.</p> <p>The exercise, which started on February 9, is expected to end today.</p>

			<p>THISDAY, however, gathered that the party is considering a further extension, due to the fact that the exercise is still ongoing in many of the state chapters of the party.</p>
20	April 1, 2021	<p>Premium Times https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/452662-again-apc-extends-membership-revalidation-exercise.html</p>	<p>Again, APC extends membership revalidation exercise</p> <p>For the second time in two months, the All Progressives Congress (APC), on Thursday, extended its nationwide membership registration and revalidation exercise.</p> <p>The party, in a statement by its interim National Secretary, John Akpanudoedehe, said the exercise had been extended for another three weeks, starting from April 1.</p> <p>The exercise, which kicked-off in January, was originally scheduled to end on March 8, but was extended to end on March 31 due to the hitches in some of its state chapters.</p> <p>It was initially slated to begin December 12, 2020 but was abruptly postponed till January 2021 by the party’s leaderships due to some factors peculiar to the period that may have encumber maximum participation of its members.</p> <p>Giving reasons for the latest extension, Mr Akpanudoedehe said there had been requests from members of the party for an extension of time to “capture Nigerians who are still desirous of joining the fold of the progressives.”</p>

			<p>He added that the interim administration of the party was doing all it could to ensure the conclusion of the exercise and other activities before its extended tenure ends.</p>
21	April 2, 2021	<p>Channels TV https://www.channelstv.com/2021/04/02/the-game-is-over-pdp-faults-extension-of-apc-membership-registration-deadline/</p>	<p>‘The Game Is Over,’ PDP Faults Extension Of APC Membership Registration Deadline</p> <p>In a statement on Thursday by its National Publicity Secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, the main opposition party asked the ruling party to stop pushing what it described as “fake membership registration exercise” in the public space.</p> <p>It alleged that the move by the APC to declare another extension of the membership registration has confirmed that the entire exercise was “a mere sitting room manipulation designed to produce a bogus membership figure”.</p>



Buhari flags off APC membership on 30/01/2021 at his Sarkan Yara polling unit in Daura, Katsina state



On 9th February 2021 VP flags of APC registration in Ward one, Ikenne Ogun state.



Tinubu and other APC members revalidation card 6th February 2021 in Lagos Bauchi State on



Amb. Yusuf Tuggar displaying his membership after his revalidation in Gamawa,

15th February 2021



Hon SOB Agunbiade performs APC membership registration and revalidation at his polling unit,



Gov. of Ebonyi State, David Umahi on 16th February officially registered with the (APC) in the ongoing

CAC Junction, Grammar school Ikorodu.
On 9th February 2021



Senate leader revalidate in Gashua, Yobe State on
7th February 2021



Kebbi state Governor, AGF Malami Revalidate APC.
Membership in Birnin Kebbi on 9th February 2021

APC registration and revalidation exercise
at Umunaga Ward in Uburu, Ohaozara LGA



Senate President urges APC members to be faithful
in Daura when he accompanied the President on
30th January 2021



Gov. Yahaya revalidate at his country home polling
unit 11 Agassa, Ahachi, Okeneba ward in Okene
local government council of the state



Gov. Sanwa Olu revalidate at St. Stephen School Compound, Adeniji Adele, Lagos Island axis of the State On 9th February



Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola and wife revalidate at ancient town of Ilesa on 20th February 2021



Gov. Zulum of Borno revalidate in Mafa, Borno State on 9th February



on 9th February 2021 Sen. Goje revalidate his APC membership at his polling unit in Kashere Ward Akko LGA, Gombe



Senator Kashim Shettima of Borno Central revalidated his membership status of the APC in Lamisula Ward, Maiduguri Borno State. 10th February 2021.



Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya of Gombe State has revalidated his membership of the All Progressives Congress at the party secretariat in Gombe. 9th February 2021



Governor Sani Bello who is also the Chairman of the National Registration and Re-validation Committee (NRRC) of the Party, re-validated his membership of APC at the Alkali Mustapha Unit, Central Ward Kontagora, Niger State to signify the commencement of the exercise in the Zone on 6th February



Imo State Governor Senator Hope Uzodinma on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 flagged off the nationwide registration and revalidation of members by the All Progressives Congress in Imo State.



Ekiti State Governor, Dr. Kayode Fayemi and wife, Erelu Bisi Fayemi shortly after revalidating their membership of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at Unit 09, Ward 11, Isan Ekiti on 11th February 2021



Katsina State Governor Alhaji Aminu Bello Masari has flagged off the All Progressives Congress Membership Registration and Revalidation Exercise in the State.



Gov. Abdullahi Sule of Nasarawa State revalidates membership for APC at his polling unit, Gudi Station, Akwanga Local Government Area of the state on 9th February 2021.



Kebbi State Governor, Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, on Tuesday, in Birnin Kebbi, revalidated his membership of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at the Nasarawa 2 Ward, Polling Unit, Rumfar Garkar Mai Alelu, Code 006, Birnin Kebbi. 9th February 2021



Governor of Kaduna State, Malam Nasiru Elrufai. The governor revalidated his membership card at his polling unit Unguwan Sarki, Kaduna North Local Government area of the state. 10th February 2021



Gov AbdulRazaq flags off APC Registration in Kwara, preaches peace and unity. The governor had his own membership revalidated at his Idigba country home in Adewole Ward of Ilorin State.



Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, and his wife, Arabinrin Betty Anyanwu-Akeredolu on Thursday, February 4,

2021, revalidated their APC membership at the Governor's hometown in Owo



The Honorable Minister of the FCT, Malam Muhammad Musa Bello has flagged-off the All Progressives Congress Membership Revalidation and Registration Exercise in the FCT. 8th February 2021



Governor Simon Bako Lalong shortly after registering at his ward Ajikamai in Shendam Shendam local government area of Plateau State on 4th February 2021.



Governor Dapo Abiodun during the exercise

Governor Abiodun was registered at Ward 3, Polling Unit 1, Iperu-Remo also in Ikenne local government, where he revalidated his membership.



On 4th February Ondo State governor, Rotimi Akeredolu and his wife, Betty have revalidated their membership of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at the Governor's hometown in Owo.



Governor Muhammad Badaru Abubakar of Jigawa State, on Monday, revalidated his membership status of the All Progressives Congress, APC. 8th February 2021.



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