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## About the Electoral Hub

The Electoral Hub (E-Hub), an organ of the Initiative for Research, Innovation and Advocacy in Development (IRIAD), is a multidisciplinary strategic think-tank which seeks to provide solutions to improve the credibility and integrity of the electoral process. It is conceptualized to complement the roles and activities of the different institutions, stakeholders and drivers of the electoral process and governance. The Electoral Hub's aim is to strengthen electoral governance and accountability in Nigeria through the provision of data and critical analysis supporting the credibility and integrity of the electoral process. We believe that the integrity of the electoral process is crucial in improving the electoral governance architecture and democracy in Nigeria. We also believe in contextual analysis for solutions rooted in the principles of justice and equity.

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## INTRODUCTION

In view of the forthcoming 2023 general elections, political parties set in motion the election of party leaders to conduct the internal affairs of the parties. As a part of this process, the National Working Committee (NWC) of the main opposition party, People's Democratic Party (PDP) announced March 6, 2021 for the party's zonal congresses across the six geo-political zones<sup>1</sup>. Party chieftains explained that the exercise was important and serves as a tool for reconciliation among party members ahead of the 2023 general elections.

Following internal crises and the interim injunction issued by a High Court sitting in Calabar, the date for the congress in the South-South zone was postponed<sup>2</sup>. Although the conduct of the elections was said to be generally peaceful and credible across some zones, disputes among party overlords rocked the peaceful conduct of the elections contributing the suspension of the zonal congress in the South-West and change of locations<sup>3</sup>. Also, in Kaduna State, the peaceful conduct of the congress was disrupted by thugs within the state<sup>4</sup>.

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 zonal congresses of the People's Democratic Party. This is aimed at contributing to further research and generally promoting knowledge about the activities of stakeholders in the pre-election period.

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<sup>1</sup> "PDP to hold zonal congresses March 6," available at <https://thenationonlineng.net/pdp-to-hold-zonal-congresses-march-6/>

<sup>2</sup> Thelma Eneji, "Court Stops PDP Zonal Congress In Port Harcourt," March 9, 2021. Available at <https://www.channelstv.com/2021/03/09/court-stops-pdp-zonal-congress-in-port-harcourt/>

<sup>3</sup> Leon Usigbe, "BREAKING: PDP Shifts South-West Zonal Congress To April 12, Moves It From Ibadan To Osogbo," April 8, 2021. Available at <https://tribuneonlineng.com/breaking-pdp-shifts-south-west-zonal-congress-to-april-12-moves-it-from-ibadan-to-osogbo/>; Chuks Okocha, "PDP Shifts South-west Zonal Congress to Osun", April 9, 2021. Available at <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/09/pdp-shifts-south-west-zonal-congress-to-osun/>

<sup>4</sup> Hassan Mauz, "Photos as PDP North West Zonal Congress turns violent, ballot boxes destroyed," April 10, 2021. Available at <https://theeagleonline.com.ng/just-in-pdp-north-west-zonal-congress-in-kaduna-turns-violent-as-aggrieved-members-hijack-congress-destroy-materials/>

S/N	DATE	SOURCE	KEY POINTS
1	February 18, 2021	<p>The Nation  <a href="https://thenationonlineng.net/pdp-to-hold-zonal-congresses-march-6/">https://thenationonlineng.net/pdp-to-hold-zonal-congresses-march-6/</a></p>	<p><b>PDP to hold zonal congresses March 6</b></p> <p>The National Working Committee (NWC) of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) has fixed March 6, 2021 for the party’s zonal congresses across the six geo-political zones.</p> <p>A statement on Wednesday by the spokesman for the PDP, Kola Ologbondiyan, said aspirants for the various offices are expected to submit their nomination forms by February 25, 2021.</p> <p>By this, the party has slated the submission of nomination forms, including aspirants for National Ex-Officio on or before February 25, 2021.</p>
2	March 6, 2021	<p>Vanguard  <a href="https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/03/ugwuanyi-leads-pdp-south-east-delegates-to-elect-ali-odefa-as-national-vice-chairman/">https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/03/ugwuanyi-leads-pdp-south-east-delegates-to-elect-ali-odefa-as-national-vice-chairman/</a></p>	<p><b>Ugwuanyi leads PDP South East delegates to elect Ali Odefa as National Vice Chairman</b></p> <p>The leader of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) in the South East geo-political zone and Governor of Enugu State, Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, on Saturday, led party delegates to the zonal congress to elect Chief Ali Odefa as the National Vice Chairman (South East) of the PDP.</p> <p>The PDP zonal congress also elected 14 other members of the Zonal Executive Committee of the party through a peaceful and transparent election that was conducted</p>

			<p>by the Electoral Committee from the National Leadership of the PDP, led by Dr. Ibrahim Umar.</p> <p>The electoral process was monitored and thereafter endorsed by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) as orderly, peaceful and credible.</p>
3	March 9, 2021	<p>Channels TV  <a href="https://www.channelstv.com/2021/03/09/pdp-holds-zonal-congress-in-rivers/">https://www.channelstv.com/2021/03/09/pdp-holds-zonal-congress-in-rivers/</a></p>	<p><b>PDP Holds Zonal Congress In Rivers</b></p> <p>The PDP has commenced its South-South Congress in Port Harcourt despite a restraining order of the Calabar High Court.</p> <p>Addressing reporters on Tuesday in Rivers State, the Chairman of the South-South Governors’ Forum and Delta State Governor, Ifeanyi Okowa said the party is getting ready to take over power at the national level in 2023.</p>
4	March 9, 2021	<p>Channels TV  <a href="https://www.channelstv.com/2021/03/09/court-stops-pdp-zonal-congress-in-port-harcourt/">https://www.channelstv.com/2021/03/09/court-stops-pdp-zonal-congress-in-port-harcourt/</a></p>	<p><b>Court Stops PDP Zonal Congress In Port Harcourt</b></p> <p>A High court sitting in Calabar has granted an interim injunction restraining the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) from going ahead with its South-South zonal Congress slated for Port Harcourt on Tuesday.</p> <p>The restraining order was consequent upon a suit instituted against the party by four aggrieved members – Kingsley Ntuisong, Raphael Stephen Ntui, Ogar Solomon Aloho and Odama Thomas Odama.</p>

5	March 9, 2021	<p>Daily Post  <a href="https://dailypost.ng/2021/03/09/court-stops-pdp-south-south-zonal-congress/">https://dailypost.ng/2021/03/09/court-stops-pdp-south-south-zonal-congress/</a></p>	<p><b>Court Stops PDP South-South Zonal Congress</b></p> <p>A High Court sitting in Rivers State has restricted the People Democratic Party (PDP) from conducting the party's South-South Zonal Congress in Port Harcourt</p> <p>The court granted the interim injunction restraining the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, from going ahead with its South-South zonal congress slated for Port Harcourt today, March 9, 2021.</p> <p>The order was consequent upon a suit instituted against the party by four aggrieved members – Kingsley Ntuisong, Raphael Stephen Ntui, Ogar Solomon Aloho and Odama Thomas Odama.</p> <p>The applicants stressed that they were suing for themselves and also on behalf of some members who emerged PDP chapter chairmen in Ogoja, Calabar South, Akampa, Yakurr, Odukpani, Akpabuyo, Boki and Obubra local government areas of the state in the party's Congress held on 21st March, 2021.</p>
6	April 1, 2021	<p>Daily Post  <a href="https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/01/pdp-zonal-congress-osun-re-anoints-olafeso-as-national-vice-chairman-in-the-south-west/">https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/01/pdp-zonal-congress-osun-re-anoints-olafeso-as-national-vice-chairman-in-the-south-west/</a></p>	<p><b>PDP zonal congress: Osun re-anoints Olafeso as National Vice Chairman in the South West</b></p> <p>The Osun State Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) delegates have re-anointed the immediate past National Vice Chairman in the South West, Eddy Olafeso in the same capacity in the forthcoming Zonal Congress of the party in the zone.</p>

			<p>The Osun PDP delegates, on Thursday, at the Party Secretariat, Biket area, Osogbo, unanimously endorsed Dr Olafeso, described him as a round peg.</p> <p>The Chairman of the party in the state, Hon. Sunday Bisi, who presided over the meeting, maintained that the immediate past National Vice Chairman in the South West is the only candidate in sight, who could make the party proud in every sense of the word.</p> <p>Hon. Bisi stated that Olafeso has been tested and trusted to project and protect the interest of all members of the party if re-elected.</p>
7	April 1, 2021	<p>This Day Live  <a href="https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/01/pdp-fixes-zonal-congresses-for-april-10/">https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/01/pdp-fixes-zonal-congresses-for-april-10/</a></p>	<p><b>PDP Fixes Zonal Congresses for April 10</b></p> <p>The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has written to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) informing the commission that it had scheduled its North-west, South-west and North-central zonal congresses for April 10, 2020.</p> <p>In the letter dated March 31, 2021 and signed by the National Chairman of the PDP, Prince Uche Secondus, and the National Secretary, Senator Umaru Ibrahim Tsauri, the main opposition party also disclosed the venues for the congresses.</p>
8	April 2, 2021	<p>The Sun  <a href="https://www.sunnewsonline.com/pdp-fixes-dates-for-zonal-congress-in-swest-nwest-ncentral/">https://www.sunnewsonline.com/pdp-fixes-dates-for-zonal-congress-in-swest-nwest-ncentral/</a></p>	<p><b>PDP fixes dates for zonal congress in S'West, N'West, N'Central</b></p>

			<p>The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has pick dates to hold the suspended zonal congresses in the South West, North West and North Central.</p> <p>A letter signed by its National Chairman, Uche Secondus and Secretary, Umar Tsauri, addressed to the Chairman, Independent Natonal Electoral Commission (INEC), dated March 31, 2021 indicated that the zonal congresses would hold on April 10.</p>
9	April 8, 2021	<p>Premium Times  <a href="https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/south-west/453902-breaking-pdp-postpones-south-west-congress.html">https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/south-west/453902-breaking-pdp-postpones-south-west-congress.html</a></p>	<p><b>PDP postpones South-west congress</b></p> <p>The National Working Committee (NWC) of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has postponed the South-west Zonal Congress earlier slated for April 10-12.</p> <p>The party has also shifted the venue from Ibadan, Oyo State capital to Osogbo, Osun State.</p> <p>According to a state statement by Kola Ologbondiyan, the party’s publicity secretary, the decision was reached on Thursday.</p>
10	April 9, 2021	<p>This Day Live  <a href="https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/09/pdp-shifts-south-west-zonal-congress-to-osun/">https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/09/pdp-shifts-south-west-zonal-congress-to-osun/</a></p>	<p><b>PDP Shifts South-west Zonal Congress to Osun</b></p> <p>The National Working Committee (NWC) of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) after further comprehensive deliberations on issues of concern in the South-west zonal chapter of the PDP has resolved to conduct the zonal congress on Monday, April 12.</p>



			<p>Following the rejection of the initial venue of the congress by a former Governor of Ekiti State, Mr. Ayo Fayose, the party agreed to move the zonal congress from Ibadan, Oyo State to Osogbo, the Osun State capital.</p>
11	April 10, 2021	<p>The Eagle online  <a href="https://theeagleonline.com.ng/just-in-pdp-north-west-zonal-congress-in-kaduna-turns-violent-as-aggrieved-members-hijack-congress-destroy-materials/">https://theeagleonline.com.ng/just-in-pdp-north-west-zonal-congress-in-kaduna-turns-violent-as-aggrieved-members-hijack-congress-destroy-materials/</a></p>	<p><b>Photos as PDP North West Zonal Congress turns violent, ballot boxes destroyed</b></p> <p>The Zonal congress of the Peoples Democratic Party in the North-west zone held in Kaduna has ended in chaos after supporters of major contenders clashed.</p> <p>Ballot boxes prepared for the Congress were destroyed in the chaos.</p> <p>The major contenders for the position of National Vice Chairman for North-west zone include Senator Bello Hayatudeen Gwarzo, Aminu Wali and a preferred candidate of former Governor of Kano State, Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso.</p> <p>It was not clear who sent the thugs to disrupt the congress.</p>
12	April 10, 2021	<p>Vanguard  <a href="https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/pdp-elects-23-officials-in-north-central-zone/">https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/pdp-elects-23-officials-in-north-central-zone/</a></p>	<p>The People’s Democratic Party (PDP) elected 23 officials to run the affairs of the party in the North-Central zone for the next four years during the during the North-Central congress in Benue State</p> <p>Former Information Minister Jerry Gana, Amb. Esther Audu, Humphrey Abah and Adakole Ijogi, all former members of the PDP, formally rejoined the party and</p>

			<p>were re-admitted on Saturday in Makurdi.</p> <p>The ceremony took place at the party’s North Central Zonal Congress at the Aper Aku Stadium, Makurdi.</p>
13	April 10, 2021	<p>Premium Times  <a href="https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/454293-pdp-elects-23-officials-in-north-central-zone.html">https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/454293-pdp-elects-23-officials-in-north-central-zone.html</a></p>	<p><b>PDP elects 23 officials in North-central zone</b></p> <p>The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has elected 23 officials to run the affairs of the party in the North-central zone for the next four years.</p> <p>Announcing the outcome of the election on Saturday in Makurdi, the Electoral Committee Chairman, Cletus Tyokaa, said that all the outgone zonal officials were returned unopposed.</p> <p>He said that a total of 906 delegates were expected at the congress but only 820 were accredited and voted.</p> <p>He said that those who returned unopposed were: Zonal Chairman, Theophilus Shan; Zonal Secretary, Maurice Tsav; Zonal Treasurer, Emmanuel Ibrahim; Publicity Secretary, Mohamed Suleiman and 21 others.</p> <p>Benue Governor Samuel Ortom tasked the new officials on fairness, justice and equity in the discharge of their mandate.</p> <p>Mr Ortom also disclosed that the party in the zone had resolved to end ‘godfatherism’, imposition of candidates and avoid the mistakes of 2015 and 2019 that gave APC victory.</p>

14	April 10, 2021	<p>Vanguard  <a href="https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/were-set-for-peaceful-pdp-congress-in-southwest-committee-member/">https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/were-set-for-peaceful-pdp-congress-in-southwest-committee-member/</a></p>	<p><b>We're set for peaceful PDP congress in southwest — Committee member</b></p> <p>Ahead of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) zonal congress scheduled to hold on Monday in Osogbo, Osun State, a member of the congress committee, Alhaji Kazeem Adio has disclosed the committee is hopefully set to conduct a peaceful election.</p> <p>Speaking with journalists in the state capital on Saturday, the former Secretary to the Osun State Government said the screening of candidates is expected to resume tomorrow, Sunday ahead of the congress on Monday.</p> <p>He added that leaders of the party have embarked on consultation and reconciliation with a view to ensuring the process is peaceful and the party is one after the congress</p>
15	April 11, 2021	<p>The Nation  <a href="https://thenationonlineng.net/makinde-fayose-in-final-showdown-in-osogbo-over-zonal-pdp-congress/">https://thenationonlineng.net/makinde-fayose-in-final-showdown-in-osogbo-over-zonal-pdp-congress/</a></p>	<p><b>Makinde, Fayose in final showdown in Osogbo over zonal PDP congress</b></p> <p>Baring last-minute parley, Oyo State Governor, Seyi Makinde, and former Ekiti State Governor Ayo Fayose, are for a final showdown over who is in control of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Southwest Nigeria.</p> <p>After months of failed reconciliation attempts and legal fireworks over seeming irreconcilable differences, both juggernauts will lead their followers to the Southwest</p>

			<p>zonal congress in Osogbo, the Osun State capital tomorrow (Monday).</p> <p>The congress will serve as a test of strength for both leaders, and ultimately determine how the party may perform in the 2023 elections.</p> <p>The National Working Committee (NWC) of the party fixed the congress for tomorrow after long hours of failed parley last Wednesday evening over agreements on who to select for the positions in the zonal executive. Zonal executive positions are usually shared among the states and power blocs to avoid a bitter election.</p> <p>But the two major factions in the party failed this time to agree on candidates for the positions. While Makinde has presented those led by a former deputy governor of Oyo State Taofeek Arapaja, Fayose is backing those led by the immediate past zonal chairman Eddy Olafeso.</p> <p>The Fayose faction had secured an injunction restraining the conduct of the election in March. It insisted that the election should not hold in Ibadan.</p>
16	April 12, 2021	<p>Daily Post  <a href="https://dailytrust.com/pdp-zonal-congresses-new-twist-in-north-west-fresh-air-in-south-west">https://dailytrust.com/pdp-zonal-congresses-new-twist-in-north-west-fresh-air-in-south-west</a></p>	<p><b>PDP Zonal Congresses: New Twist In North-West, Fresh Air In South-West</b></p> <p>Ahead of the 2023 general elections, the main opposition political party, PDP, organised its zonal congresses to elect leaders that will run the affairs of the party at the zonal level.</p>

			<p>Prior to the congresses, there were tensions especially in the South-West and North-West geopolitical zones, as critical stakeholders in the party were set for showdown, in their bids to grab the soul of the party at the zonal level.</p> <p>For the South-West, the congress was held in Osogbo, the Osun State capital; in the North-West, the exercise took place at the Kaduna International Trade Fair Complex.</p> <p>While the various camps in the South-West were able to reconcile, leading to the successful conduct of the exercise, in the North-West, it ended in a fiasco following a clash by supporters of Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal and those of a former governor of Kano State, Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso.</p>
17	April 12, 2021	<p>Daily Post  <a href="https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/12/yobe-pdp-holds-congress-elects-executives-after-one-year-without-officials/">https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/12/yobe-pdp-holds-congress-elects-executives-after-one-year-without-officials/</a></p>	<p><b>Yobe PDP holds congress, elects executives, after one year without official</b></p> <p>The People’s Democratic Party, (PDP), in Yobe State on Monday held a delegates’ congress in Damaturu.</p> <p>The congress which produced 39 new executive members came after about a year without substantive state leaders following rivalry and other crises that plagued the party during the period.</p>

			<p>Among the 39 new officials are Ambassador Umar Mohammed El-Gash emerging as the Yobe State Chairman of the opposition party, Engineer Mohammed Jajere, elected as the Deputy Chairman while Sani Mohammed Bilal is to serve as the Secretary of the party.</p> <p>Others are Husaini Yaroro Vice-Chairman Zone A, Hassan Shariff is now the Vice-Chairman Zone B and Alhaji Gafchia, elected as the Zone C Vice-Chairman and Wambai Bulama as a Youth Leader.</p>
18	April 12, 2021	<p>Daily Post  <a href="https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/12/gov-ortom-chairs-southwest-pdp-zonal-congress/">https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/12/gov-ortom-chairs-southwest-pdp-zonal-congress/</a></p>	<p><b>Gov Ortom chairs Southwest PDP zonal congress</b></p> <p>Governor Samuel Ortom is expected to chair the Southwest zonal congress of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP on Monday (today).</p> <p>The Congress was shifted from Oyo State, will be held in Osogbo the Osun State capital.</p> <p>The election took place at the Women and Children Development Initiative Foundation (WOCDF) by 9am.</p> <p>Recall that the North Central Zone, on Saturday elected 23 officials to run the affairs of the party in the zone for the next four years.</p> <p>The election was held in Makurdi, the Benue State Capital.</p>

			<p>Governor Ortom while speaking after the election was concluded, tasked the new officials on fairness, justice and equity in the discharge of their mandate.</p>
19	April 12, 2021	<p>Vanguard  <a href="https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/pdp-holds-zonal-congress-in-osogbo-amid-tight-security/">https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/pdp-holds-zonal-congress-in-osogbo-amid-tight-security/</a></p>	<p><b>PDP holds Zonal Congress in Osogbo amid tight security</b></p> <p>Security has been beefed up in Osogbo, the Osun capital as the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), holds its zonal congress.</p> <p>There is a heavy security presence at Women and Children Development Initiative Foundation (WOCDF), venue of the congress on Monday, in Osogbo.</p> <p>Men of the Nigeria Police, Department of State Security Service (DSS), and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), were sighted at the entrance and around the venue.</p> <p>Some of the security personnel were also strategically located few kilometres away from the venue of the congress.</p> <p>Supporters of the candidates were also seen arriving the venue for accreditation.</p> <p>42 aspirants were cleared by the PDP screening committee on Sunday, to contest for the various positions in the zone.</p>

			<p>The congress would be attended by 734 delegates across the six western states.</p> <p>According to the list released by Retired Col. Austin Akobundu, the PDP National Organising Secretary, Oyo has 171 delegates, Osun -130, Lagos 101, Ogun-112, Ondo 114, and Ekiti with 115 delegates.</p> <p>The chairman of the screening committee Sen. Dino Melaye, had said on Sunday that the screening of aspirants was very peaceful.</p>
20	April 12, 2021	<p>Daily Post  <a href="https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/12/success-at-pdp-zonal-congress-will-have-positive-impacts-on-pdp-at-national-level-makinde/">https://dailypost.ng/2021/04/12/success-at-pdp-zonal-congress-will-have-positive-impacts-on-pdp-at-national-level-makinde/</a></p>	<p><b>Success at PDP zonal congress will have positive impacts on PDP at national level – Makinde.</b></p> <p>The Executive Governor of Oyo State, Engineer Seyi Makinde has expressed delight at the conduct of the accreditation exercise of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) South West Zonal Congress ongoing at the Women and Children Development Initiative Foundation (WOCIDIF), Osogbo, Osun State.</p> <p>The governor while speaking with journalists immediately after being accredited revealed that he had to present his Driver’s Licence before he was allowed into the venue of the congress.</p> <p>Reason for this he explained was to prevent ghost workers whose presence they were watching out for at the venue of the congress.</p>



			<p>The Oyo State Governor also maintained that despite the fact that the accreditation exercise started late, it was better, than for it to be rushed through.</p>
21	April 12, 2021	<p>This Day  <a href="https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/12/743-delegates-decide-south-west-pdp-zonal-leaders-today/">https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/12/743-delegates-decide-south-west-pdp-zonal-leaders-today/</a></p>	<p><b>743 Delegates Decide South-west PDP Zonal Leaders Today</b></p> <p>A total of 743 delegates approved by the National Working Committee (NWC) of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) will today in Osogbo elect the party’s South-west zonal leaders.</p> <p>The NWC has also released the list of members of the Election Committee and the Election Appeal Committee.</p> <p>According to a statement containing the delegate list signed by the National Organising Secretary of the party, Col Austin Akobundu (rtd), Oyo State has a total of 171 delegates, while Ogun State has 114; Osun State, 130; Ekiti State, 115; and Lagos State, 101.</p> <p>The candidates cleared for zonal publicity secretary are Mr. Olusanya Adefarari and Mr. Fadaka Ayodele, while Mr. Adewoyin Babatunde and Mr. Philip Okubode were cleared to contest for the position of zonal financial secretary.</p> <p>Mr. Babatunde Samuel and Mr. Muniru Kukouye were cleared to contest for the office of zonal legal adviser, while those cleared for the <b>zonal auditor</b> are Mr.</p>

			<p>Dominic Adegbola, Mr. Balogun Ayuba and Mr. Adeolu Adewunmi.</p> <p>For the office of zonal woman leader, Ms. Modinat Adedibu and Ms. Abimbola Balogun were cleared.</p>
22	April 14, 2021	<p>Vanguard</p> <p><a href="https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/south-west-pdp-reps-caucus-hails-zonal-congress/">https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/south-west-pdp-reps-caucus-hails-zonal-congress/</a></p>	<p><b>South-West PDP Reps caucus hails zonal congress</b></p> <p>The South West Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, Caucus of the House of Representatives, Wednesday, said the successful outcome of the Party’s zonal congress which led to the emergence of Taofeek Aragbaja is a victory for all party members.</p> <p>This was contained in a statement signed by the duo of Hon. Adesegun Abdel-majid Adekoya (Reps Deputy Minority whip, PDP- OGUN) and Hon Busayo Oluwole Oke (Chairman House Public Accounts Committee PDP-Osun) and made available to newsmen in Abuja.</p> <p>The Caucus noted that the outcome of the congress despite all envisaged fears has shown that “there is no alternative to PDP in the zone and the country in general as it has customized internal mechanism in resolving all crises no matter the caliber of members involved.”</p>
23	April 15, 2021	<p>The Guardian</p> <p><a href="https://guardian.ng/politics/pdp-lawmakers-hail-conduct-of-south-west-zonal-congress/">https://guardian.ng/politics/pdp-lawmakers-hail-conduct-of-south-west-zonal-congress/</a></p>	<p><b>PDP lawmakers hail conduct of South-West zonal congress</b></p> <p>The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) lawmakers in the National Assembly, yesterday, commended the</p>

			<p>peaceful conduct of the party’s South-West zonal congress held in Osogbo, the Osun State capital on Tuesday.</p> <p>The congress resulted in the election of new executives led by Ambassador Taofeek Aragbaja. A statement signed by the duo of Adesegun Abdel-Majid Adekoya (Reps Deputy Minority Whip, PDP-Ogun) and Busayo Oluwole Oke (Chairman, House Public Accounts Committee, PDP-Osun), said that the Congress had projected the greatness of the PDP in the South-West.</p> <p>The lawmakers stated that the outcome of the congress despite all the concerns had shown that there was no alternative to PDP in the zone.</p>
24	April 25, 2021	<p>This Day  <a href="https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/25/how-pdp-congresses-may-shape-its-chances-in-2023/">https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/04/25/how-pdp-congresses-may-shape-its-chances-in-2023/</a></p>	<p><b>How PDP Congresses May Shape Its Chances in 2023</b></p> <p>In the post-Peoples Democratic Party zonal congresses, the choices of the respective zones will play a part in how they stand within the 2023 equation, writes Chuks Okocha</p> <p>The tenure of office of the present National Working Committee (NWC) of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) is expected to come to an end towards November or December this year. And in preparation for a national convention to elect new national officers to run the affairs of the party, it approved the conduct of its zonal congresses in the six geo-political zones commencing March 6, 2021.</p>

			<p>According to the National Publicity Secretary of the PDP, Kola Ologbondiyan, the party slated the submission of nomination forms, including aspirants for National Ex-Officio on or before February 25, 2021.</p> <p>The forms for the various offices were to be submitted to the directorate of mobilization and Organizing. With this brief announcement, the stage was set for the elections of zonal offices in the six geopolitical zones of the country.</p>
25	June 8, 2021	<p>Vanguard  <a href="https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/06/breaking-south-west-pdp-exco-meets-with-fayose/">https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/06/breaking-south-west-pdp-exco-meets-with-fayose/</a></p>	<p><b>BREAKING: South-West PDP exco meets with Fayose</b></p> <p>In a move to reconcile stakeholders, the National Vice Chairman of Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, and Chairman, South-West region, Taofeek Arapaja; regional Secretary, Rahman Owokoniran, and other executive members have visited the former governor of Ekiti State, Ayodele Fayose.</p> <p>The meeting, held at Fayose’s Ikeja, Lagos residence, is in continuation of efforts to seek support for the unification of the party, sources said.</p> <p>In his welcome speech, Fayose stated that he was very pleased with the true reconciliation that is taking place. He further said that he is open to actions that will move the party forward.</p>



PDP South West Zonal congress, on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Voting at the Zonal Congress of PDP with delegates from Ekiti State on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021



South west zonal congress  
Osogbo on 12<sup>th</sup> April  
2021



PDP and its color flags in Osogbo on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Voting in the southwest Zonal PDP congress gets underway with Ekiti State delegates casting their ballots first, on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021



In this picture taken on April 10, 2021, delegates cast their ballots in the PDP zonal congress held at the International Trade Fair Complex in Kaduna State



South-South Zonal Congress in Rivers State on March 9 2021



PDP North-West Zonal Congress disrupted in Kaduna by thugs on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Benue PDP Zonal Congress: Prof Jerry Gana and others defect to PDP on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020



Yobe PDP congress in Damaturu on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021



PDP Zonal caucus meeting in Ibadan



PDP South-South Congress in Port Harcourt



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