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Within the period, report already indicated a very high rate of violence, low involvement of important stakeholders in the electoral process thus leaving it mainly to INEC and the political parties, poor participation of major political parties in dialogue forums organized by neutral Non-State actors and the NPF to promote nonviolent and issue-based campaign processes.

The Justice, Development and Peace Makers' Centre (JDPMC), Osogbo, held a media chat to present findings from its JDPMC Election Vigilance Dashboard (**JEVID 2026**) covering observations recorded between 1st May and 12th August 2026.

The media engagement provided an opportunity for JDPMC to share emerging findings from its ongoing election vigilance activities with journalists and other members of the press while drawing public attention to developments that could influence the electoral environment ahead of the 2026 Osun State Governorship Election.

During the session, JDPMC presented key observations documented through its election monitoring efforts, highlighting emerging trends, concerns and developments within the electoral process. The **presentation underscored the importance of sustained monitoring, timely reporting and constructive engagement among electoral stakeholders in preventing potential threats to peaceful and credible elections.**





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As part of efforts to promote a peaceful, credible and transparent electoral process, the Justice, Development and Peace Makers' Centre (JDPMC), Osogbo, conducted a training session for its **80** accredited election observers across **101wards** across **26 out of 30 LGAs**.

The training was designed to equip election observers with the knowledge, skills, and practical tools required to monitor and document electoral processes effectively. Participants were introduced to key aspects of election observation, including the roles and responsibilities of observers, ethical standards, accurate data collection, incident reporting, and the importance of impartiality and non-interference during election activities.

The session also emphasised the importance of observing electoral processes objectively and reporting findings based on verified information. Observers were encouraged to remain neutral, respect electoral regulations and contribute to the promotion of peaceful participation throughout the electoral cycle.



OPENING OF ELECTION SITUATION ROOM FOR OSUN 2026 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

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Justice, Development and Peace Makers' Centre (JDPMC), Osogbo, opened its Election Situation Room on **Friday, August 14th 2026 ahead** of the Osun State Gubernatorial Election, which served as the central point for coordinating information and tracking developments on election day across the state.



The Situation Room received reports from the deployed accredited election observers from various polling units, wards, and local government areas of the state. Information coming to the Situation Room from the deployed field observers and the roving team was reviewed and verified by the data hub team to provide a clearer picture of electoral developments and draw attention to issues requiring timely intervention.



The Situation Room also supported communication between JDPMC's field observers, the roving team, and its coordination team, making it easier to collate reports on election-day activities, keep track of emerging incidents and other developments that may have implications on the conduct of the election.



The opening of the Situation Room builds on JDPMC's Election Vigilance Dashboard (**JEVID 2026**), which has been tracking the activities of both State and Non-State actors since May 2026.



EUROPEAN UNION TEAM VISITS JDPMC ELECTION SITUATION ROOM AHEAD OF OSUN 2026 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

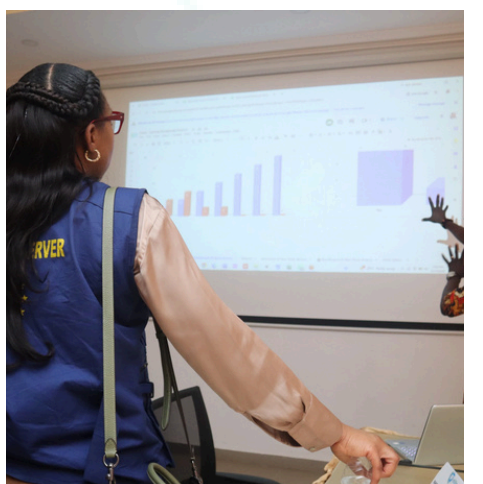
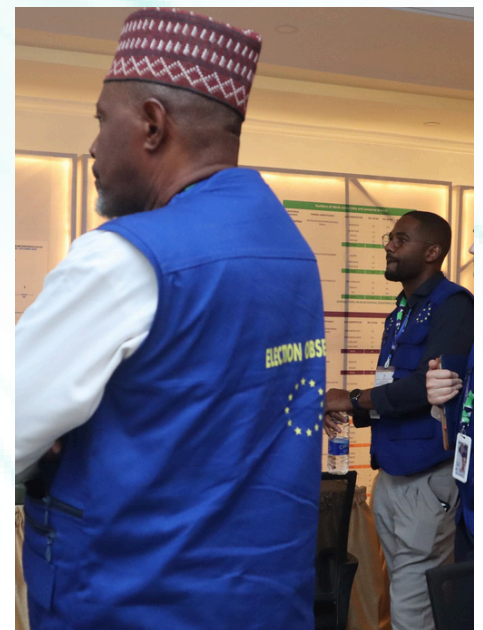
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The **European Union (EU)** team visited the **Justice Development and Peace Makers' Centre (JDPMC) Election Situation Room** ahead of the 2026 Osun State Gubernatorial Election to gain insight into the organisation's election monitoring and coordination activities.

During the visit, the JDPMC team presented its pre-election findings from **JEVID 2026** and provided an overview of the Situation Room's operations, including the coordination of field observers, the collection and verification of reports, and the monitoring of developments across different parts of the state.

The engagement also provided an opportunity for both teams to exchange views on the electoral process and discuss the importance of timely, accurate, and credible information in supporting election monitoring and early response. Furthermore, it highlighted the value of collaboration among election observers, civil society organisations, and international partners in strengthening democratic processes in Osun State and in Nigeria at large.





JDPMC ROVED THE 3 SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

On **15th August 2026, the election day**, JDPMC deployed its election monitoring team across Osun State for the 2026 Gubernatorial Election, combining **accredited observers** stationed at selected polling units with a **roving team** that moved across polling units in the three senatorial districts.



The roving team visited different polling units across Osun Central, Osun East and Osun West, observing the voting process and documenting developments as they occurred. Meanwhile, stationed observers monitored INEC efficiency as well as the activities of both state and non-state actors.



Reports from both teams were transmitted to **JDPMC Election Situation Room**, where they were received, reviewed and collated. The combined monitoring effort provided a wider picture of the election across the state and generated first-hand observations for JDPMC's post-election assessment and reporting.



JDPMC POST ELECTION PRESS CONFERENCE



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The pre-election atmosphere was however inundated by unprecedented level of violence in which 10 people were tracked to have been killed, the highest rate in any off cycle gubernatorial election since the inauguration of the 4th Republic in Nigeria.

Following the 2026 Osun State Gubernatorial Election, the **Justice, Development and Peace Makers' Centre (JDPMC)** held a post-election press conference to share its observations and findings from the electoral process.

The briefing brought together members of the media and other stakeholders to discuss issues observed during the election, drawing from reports received through JDPMC's network of trained election observers and its Election Situation Room.

During the conference, the General Coordinator, Fr. Peter Akinkunmi, presented **key observations on the conduct of the election, highlighting notable developments, challenges and areas requiring further attention ahead of the 2027 general election.**

The press conference provided an avenue for the findings to reach a wider audience through the media and encouraged continued public discussion around the conduct of Osun 2026 gubernatorial elections.



CLOSING OF ELECTION SITUATION ROOM FOR OSUN 2026 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

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Justice, Development and Peace Makers' Centre (JDPMC), Osogbo officially closed its Election Situation Room on **Wednesday, 19th August 2026**, following the completion of its election monitoring and coordination activities for the 2026 Osun State Gubernatorial Election.

The Situation Room served as a central hub throughout the election period, receiving and coordinating reports from JDPMC's accredited observers and roving team. The reports gathered were reviewed, collated, and made into infographics and published online. These reports also supported the organisation's monitoring and documentation of the electoral process.

The closure marked the end of the Situation Room's active operations and the **JDPMC Election Vigilance Dashboard (JEVID 2026)**.

