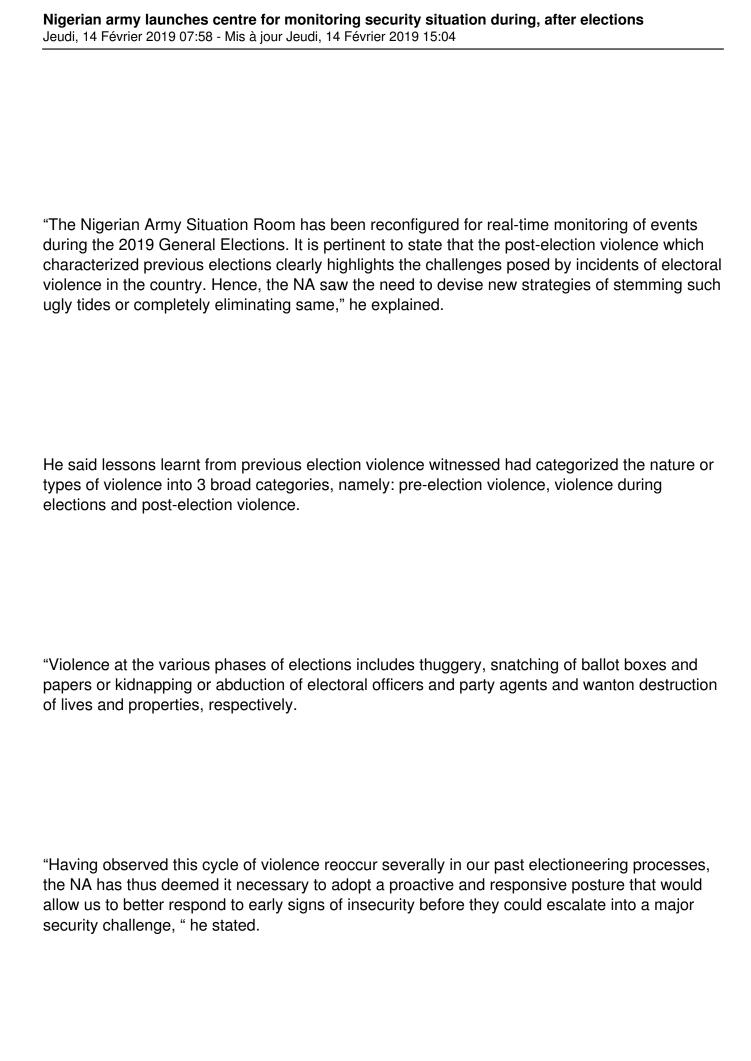
Abuja, Nigeria, February 14 (Infosplusgabon) - Nigeria's Chief of Army Staff Wednesday launched the 'Army Situation Room' to monitor the nation's security situation during and after the elections, a statement issued here said.
Lieutenant General Tukur Yusuf Buratai said the Security Situation Monitoring Centre, located at the Nigerian Army Cyber Warfare Command at Army Headquarters (AHQ), Abuja, which would be operating round the clock, would be monitoring suspected flash points, violent prone areas as well as activities of hoodlums who might want to cause crisis or confrontation and put the lives of innocent persons and property at risk.
The Situation Room is linked with over 70 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and social media platforms across the nation to ensure easy access and collaboration during the elections.
General Buratai said in the event of any outbreak of violence anywhere in the country, the Nigerian Army and other security agencies would be able to furnish formation commanders and relevant security agencies on where to go and steps to take to ensure peace and security.
The Nigerian Army, General Buratai recalled, had earlier launched 'Operation Safe Conduct' to ensure the success of the 2019 General Elections.



He said it was in this light that the NA had launched OP Safe Conduct and also gone ahead to establish this situation room for real-time monitoring.
"At this point, it cannot be overstated that fake news and false propaganda pose a dangerous threat to both the democratic process and military operations.
"The use of media, especially social media to deliberately spread fake news should be a thing of concern to all. The rapid spread of fake news has been responsible for misinformation, thereby having an influence on public sentiment and sows confusion among the electorate or even easily ignites violence during the period of the 2019 General Elections," said Buratai.
Buratai noted that the Army's Cyber Warfare Command had been "monitoring, identifying and countering various forms of fake news and propaganda being put out by terrorists and subversive elements," adding that with the elections, it would now collaborate with other stakeholders "to confront the menace of fake news".
He therefore tasked the general public to forward credible information of security importance via SMS, MMS or WhatsApp to the approved numbers provided, including the NA Information Call Center short code 193 from any Nigerian telephone network or the NA iReport platform on https://army.mil.ng.

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Acting Commander, Nigeria Army Cyber Command, Brigadie Unokhua, stated that the establishment of the Situation Room Nigerian Army placed on ensuring the sanctity and security of	n showed the relevance the
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