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AN ELECTION NULLIFIED. WHAT NEXT?

FRESH ELECTIONS ORDERED. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

The court set a 30-day deadline. The branch account describes an election process that opened and was then suspended.

Justice Joyce Damachi ordered PENGASSAN to conduct fresh elections within 30 days of the judgment, under the union constitution and Chevron's branch bye-laws. The court directed the South West Zonal Director of Labour to supervise the elections and file a compliance report within seven days of the vote.

According to the branch account, members of the dissolved executive regrouped after the judgment and invited the branch chairman to rejoin them. They say he declined. The officers say they offered to work with the national leadership, and Congress later approved an election timetable. The branch account says the South West Zonal Director attended and opened the chapter election process, then wrote to suspend it on a directive from the Minister of Labour and Employment.

The branch account says PENGASSAN national leadership subsequently pursued an appeal and sought a stay of execution. It also says Chevron management asked the court for clarification about whom it could deal with and sought to engage national PENGASSAN on collective bargaining pending clarification. Branch members say they instructed their lawyers to challenge that approach. The documents that would establish the status of the appeal, the stay application and management's request have yet to be verified for this series.

Two more issues followed. According to the branch account, Congress called for a halt to check-off dues, and branch officers instructed counsel to seek an order holding the collected dues pending resolution of the cases. The account also says 19 members were summoned to face the union's disciplinary committee over their participation in Congress meetings and elections. The members declined to attend and asked their lawyers to challenge the summons, according to the same account.

QUESTION FOR MEMBERS · What is the current court position, and when will Chevron members be able to elect their representatives?

Court record: NICN/LA/214/2025, judgment of 10 August 2026