

Nigerian Presidential Election Update

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Thanks to **Akinwale Falodun** for an Update, given below:

For the Feb 25 election, the main parties are leaving no stone unturned in their campaign in the 36 States and Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria.

MORE TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS: The New Electoral acts, amended and only recently signed by the President, after the 2 chambers of the National Assembly passed the bill, will be used for these elections. There are two major changes: Bimodal Voter Registration System, BVAS at polling units and ErVP, the Election Result Viewing Portal. These will remove voter manipulation and will produce a more credible election.

The Campaigns of the three Main Parties during the week:

PDP moved its campaign to UK, where **Atiku Abubakar** met Government's top officials and, according to the PDP Campaign's spokesman, the discussions dwelt on Security, immigration and Africa affairs generally.

Peter Obi, of the Labour party, was back at his home State, Anambra, where he was received by mammoth crowds of supporters. He later visited High Chiefs in Awka, the State capital, and Onitsha, the commercial capital of the state. He promised to complete the East west Road, reduce unemployment and improve security of life and properties. Another important announcement by Peter Obi is on Biafra. He assured his people that the idea of Biafra died in 1970, after the end of the civil war between Biafra of Eastern Nigeria and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The APC Presidential candidate, **Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu**, took his campaign to Adamawa, Yobe and Gombe, all in North-East Nigeria. The party has continued to set the pace in crowd pulling, thus showing that APC is the front runner and is the party to beat.

While the conventional view is that the election is a 2-horse race to Aso Villa, the Labour party is trying to change the dynamics. Many social media platforms and religious organizations continue to draw attention to the third party. The observers and analysts are all anxiously waiting!