

Nigerian Presidential Election Update

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

In about 44 days from today, Nigerians will go to polls and elect a new President, who will pilot the task of nation building, from May 29, 2023 for the next 4 years.

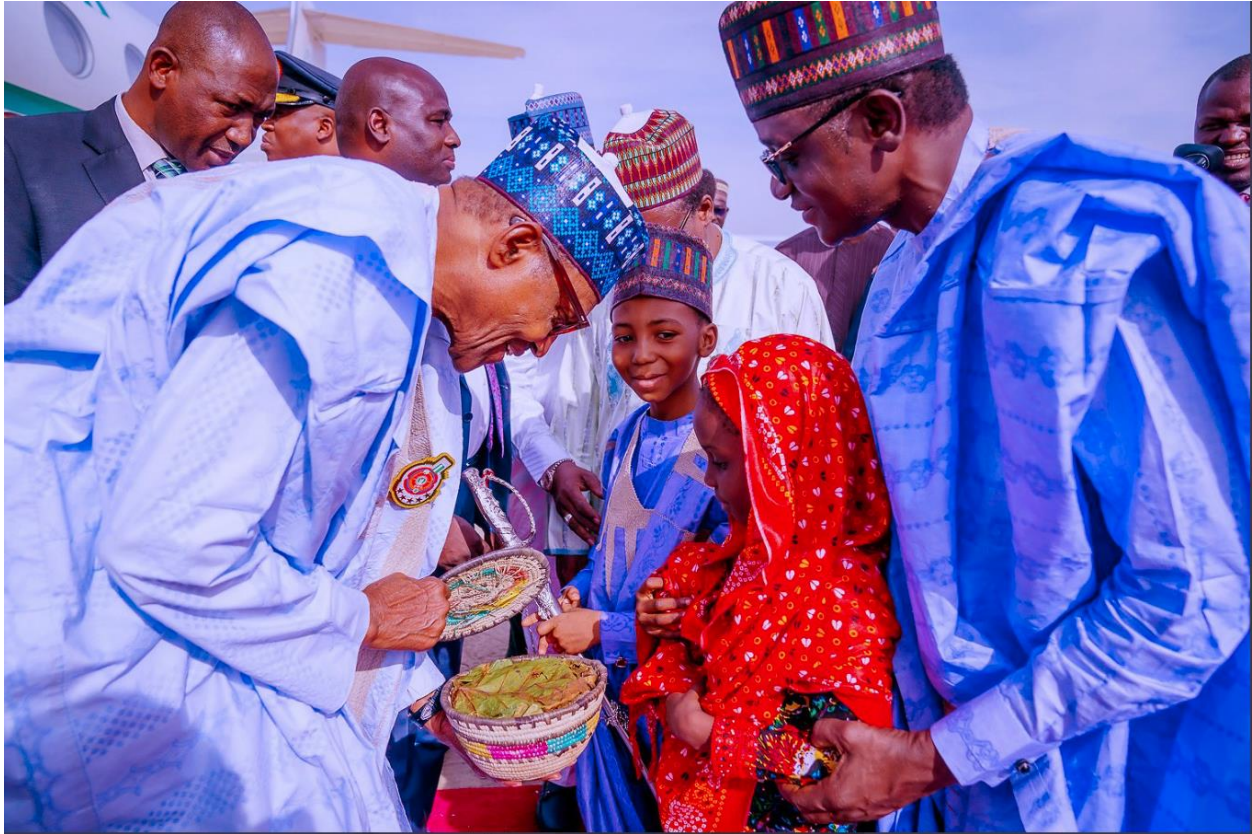
The good news for Nigerians is the extension granted by INEC for Voters Card collection. The final collection date has been extended from January 22nd to January 29. A voters Card is a mandatory requirement before anyone can vote in an election in Nigeria.

The 3 major parties continue to sell their manifestos to the Nigerian public as Election Day approaches. Michael Okpara Square in Enugu, Enugu State, South East Nigeria attracted the APC faithful and presidential candidate Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Wednesday January 11. He addressed a mammoth crowd that came to welcome him. He promised to turn South Eastern Nigeria to an Industrial Hub, create employment opportunities and engage the youths to earn a decent living.

He promised to continue work on major roads across Eastern Nigeria that are still ongoing, and provide Railways lines that will link the East to other regions. His government will reactivate the coal industry which was the core revenue earner for Eastern Region in the past.

On Thursday, 12th January, Peter Obi of the Labour Party was also at Okpara Square in Enugu, Enugu State in Eastern Nigeria, where he addressed his Labour Party faithfuls. They came in their thousands and gave Peter Obi a well-deserved Homecoming reception. He emphasized the need to give the best man the Aso Villa job, a man, who will give Nigeria good leadership. "Nepotism or Religious consideration should not be a consideration for voting the right man," said Peter Obi to the cheering crowd. He later in the day attended a reception, organized by the alumni of University of Nigeria Nsukka and the Business School in Awka. He informed the gatherings of his good intentions for Nigeria.

Atiku Abubakar and his Party, PDP did not put up any campaign appearance during this week. The Party hierarchy is still in Europe, engaged in various meetings with interest groups according to the Party spokesperson Kola Ologbondiyan.



President Muhammadu Buhari, during his visit to Yobe State

On a final note, President Mohammadu Buhari has advised foreign governments never to interfere in Nigeria's forthcoming elections, when six foreign Ambassadors came to present heir respective letters of credence. He appreciated the assistance from the European Union and other international agencies in various ways towards a hitch free election. He assured them they will enjoy the Hospitality of the good people of Nigeria. He assured them that they would enjoy the hospitality of the people of Nigeria. But he warned them against meddling in the electoral process. The ambassadors were from Switzerland, Sweden, Republic of Ireland among others.