

Nigerian Presidential Election Update

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

We continue our countdown to the Nigeria elections 2023. The Presidential election is slated for February 25, 2023 and the elected leader will be sworn on May 29.

Prof Mahmood Yakubu, Chairman (Chief umpire) of the Independent National Election Commission (INEC) last week revealed that the total number of voters, registered for the 2023 elections, is 93,522,272. It is significantly higher by 12,298,944 as compared with the number of voters in the 2019 general elections. He was elated that several Nigerians of voting age are now eager to participate in the voting processes to elect leaders.



“Elections is not a business venture,” says Professor Yakubu

The 3 major parties continue to dominate the political space, meeting the people and explaining their election pitch. Every party claims that theirs is the party of choice for a prosperous Nigeria.



Alhaji Atiku Abubakar of the PDP came back from Europe where He went to meet opinion leaders in government and private sector, to intimate them about his party’s plans and the support, he would require.

He was at Akwa, Anambra state South Eastern Nigeria, where he was received by the Governor Professor Charles Soludo. He came to meet the Governor, though he

is in a different Political Party. But Professor Soludo had served with Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, when he was the Vice President of Nigeria between 1999-2007.

From the Government House of Anambra, Mr. Abubakar moved with the PDP campaign train to the campaign venue at Awka, where the PDP party faithful had converged. The crowd gave him and his entourage a rousing welcome. He spoke about the need to end social unrest in South Eastern Nigeria and engage the youths in productive ventures, if elected as the president of Nigeria. Thereafter PDP train moved to Lokoja, Kogi State, North Central Nigeria on Saturday, 14 January. He promised to the people of Kogi his determination to break the Jinx on Ajaokuta Steel Company, that has remained non functional despite expense of Billions of US dollars, spent on the plant since 1980, when it was constructed by late President Shehu Shagari’s civilian government.

Peter Obi of the Labour Party was at Chatham House, London on Monday January 16. He promised to dismantle the political elites that held Nigeria hostage for several years. He promised to tackle oil theft, security of lives and property, unemployment and health. He promised to study how India and China could provide good health care despite the huge population.

Presidential candidate	Vice-Presidential candidate
 Bola Tinubu	 Kashim Shettima

The APC SLATE for 2023

The APC campaign Train moves to Ilorin, Kwara State capital on Tuesday 17 January.

Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and the APC leadership have been holding meetings with candidates of the party for the 2023 elections at various levels. The idea, according to the Party hierarchy, is to forge unity among candidates at various levels and to strategize on how to win the presidential and national assembly elections and other elections at state level.