

Nigerian Presidential Election Update

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

The Chief Umpire for the 2023 Nigeria General Elections, Prof Mahmood Yakubu, was at Chatham House, London on Tuesday 17 January, 2023. He is the Chairman of the Independent National Election Commission (INEC) of Nigeria. He spoke on a wide range of issues that will make the coming elections free and fair. He spoke extensively on logistics, that has been put in place. He also discussed the efforts, which were still ongoing, at various levels of preparation and which all would be completed before the elections in February.

The Chatham House Think Tank, has helped governments and societies across the world to build a secure, prosperous and just society, according to information on its website. Nigerian Politicians have been fascinated by the quality of debate at the institute. The Arena is gradually becoming an important destination for Nigerian politicians, seeking the highest political office in the land.



*“The youths can make a Change,” says **Professor Mahmood Yakubu***

The 2023 General Election belongs to the youths of Nigeria; the youths aged between 18 and 34 accounted for 37,060,399 representing 39.65% of the current total voter’s registration across the country as reflected on INEC database. He also informed the gathering that the Presidential election will be held on Feb 25 and that the date is sacrosanct. He implored the local and international community to disregard any information that is contrary to the Feb 25 date of Presidential election and March 11 elections at States level.

The Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) and the INEC Results Viewing (IReV) Portal shall be used in Voters' Accreditation and Result Viewing, during the elections, Prof Mahmood Yakubu affirmed.

The APC Presidential campaign:

The APC Presidential campaign Train moved to Ilorin Kwara State, North Central Nigeria on Monday January 16, 2023. Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Party flag bearer led other party leaders to the campaign ground in Ilorin. It was a mammoth crowd, that turned out to welcome the party leaders.

Asiwaju Tinubu told the gathering about the need to cement the good governance, that they have enjoyed in the last 4 years under an APC controlled State Government in Kwara State. He promised to bring more Federal Government presence and to improve power generation and distribution among other basic needs of the people of Kwara State, when elected as President.



APC Women campaign in Owerri, South Eastern Nigeria

The PDP Presidential campaign:

Atiku Abubakar, the flag bearer of PDP in the 2023 Presidential election, took His campaign Train to Ekiti State and Ogun State, both in South West Nigeria on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. He was well received and used the

opportunity to reel out some of his developmental road map for South Western Nigeria. He promised to complete the Akure-Ado Ekiti dual carriage way, encourage public and private participation in the industrial revolution of the state and continue to invest in human capital development. Ekiti State is known to have produced high level intellectuals and entrepreneurs.

Atiku Abubakar, on Wednesday, at the Ake Palace rally, Abeokuta Ogun State, was emphatic that the people of the State were behind PDP, looking at the huge turnout of indigenes across the state. He promised to attract more industries to Ogun State. He admonished Party leaders, who want to be part of his government, come May 29, 2023, must win his or her Polling Booth and constituency. Such electoral assets will be a benchmark for members to be considered for appointments or be considered eligible to benefit from government contracts.

The NNPP Presidential campaign:

Alhaji Rabiu Kwankwaso of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) was on Wednesday January 18, 2023 at Chatham House, London. A Ph.D. degree holder in Civil Engineering, Alhaji Rabiu Kwankaso believes he is the most qualified among the presidential candidates. He told the gathering he was a former Minister of Defence in the PDP government of Dr Goodluck Jonathan and a former Governor of Kano State, North Central Nigeria, for 8 years. He gave reasons why alliance with the Labour Party failed; called the Labour Party a Social Media hyped party, with no structures. He promised to tackle insecurity from his wide experience as a former Defence Minister.

The Labour Party Presidential campaign:

Peter Obi of the Labour Party was in Kaduna, Kaduna State North Central Nigeria on Wednesday 18 January 2023 to flag off his Presidential Campaign. He promised to unite and secure Nigeria. He identified the fact that Kaduna hosts the best military formation in Nigeria and promised to upgrade and utilise the facilities. He said that his government will provide good welfare for all military personnel.
