

Nigerian Presidential Election Update

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

We have just 30 days until the Nigeria Presidential election. The politicians have doubled campaign efforts to reach the nooks and crannies of Nigeria. We continue to report the campaigns by the 4 major parties. We shall also report all the innovative ideas in the campaigns by any of the parties on the ballot.

Labour Party: In the last one week Obi-Datti movement, led by the Presidential candidate Peter Obi and his Vice presidential running mate, has taken their campaign to Kano State and Katsina State, both in North Western Nigeria and Gombe State in North Eastern Nigeria.

In Katsina, Obi told the crowd they should not be deceived by politicians. He promised a new Nigeria where opportunities will be guaranteed to all Nigerians.

The Obi campaign in Katsina, though a huge success, later turned violent when some hoodlums attacked his campaign convoy with dangerous weapons on the way after leaving the Katsina campaign venue. The party has petitioned the security agency in Abuja for necessary action.

In Kano, Obi promised to open the borders if elected as President, to allow goods and services into the country. He will never accept any situation, where about 10 Local government areas are under the control of bandits.

On Wednesday, 25th January at Gombe Township stadium, Peter Obi with his usual campaign slogan, promised to build a new Nigeria, change Nigeria to a Production state rather than a consumption nation. He will create jobs for the youths and reduce hunger in the land.

People Democratic Party (PDP): Abubakar Atiku and the PDP train birthed in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State on Monday January 23, 2023. Atiku told the cheering crowd that Nigeria had failed under the APC government. He promised to unite the country and chase away the bandits terrorising Nigeria.

Atiku Abubakar is currently in Delta State, South South Nigeria, where the PDP presidential rally was held on Tuesday 24, 2023 in Asaba, Delta State. The PDP flag bearer reiterated his earlier claim as the only unifier among the major Presidential contenders. He did it before and can do it again, Atiku affirmed. The PDP campaign

train moved to the rural and riverine communities of Delta State, where developmental projects executed by Governor Okowa, Atiku's Presidential running mate in the 25th February election, were commissioned.

NNPP: The election campaign of NNPP and the Presidential candidate Engr Rabiu Kwankwaso continued to engage the electorate at town hall meetings. He was at the University of Abuja on Monday January 24, 2023 where he engaged in intellectual discussion with the staff and students of the University. He harped on securing the nation and her citizens, if elected President. He also made it clear he will accept the outcome of the election, provided it's free and fair.

APC: The APC train and Presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu were in Bauchi, Abia and Abeokuta, all in different geo political zones during the week.

The campaign in Bauchi, North Eastern Nigeria on Monday 23rd January, 2023 had President Mohammedu Buhari in attendance. It was a show of support to boost the electoral fortunes of his party candidate: Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.



It was a mammoth crowd very usual of the large population of Bauchi and her emirates. The campaign was marred by technical default which made it impossible for the President, Mohammedu Buhari and his party candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu to make any speech to the surging crowd. It later turned into a dancing and entertainment carnival.

At Abia, South Eastern Nigeria, the Presidential candidate and his team met with an anxious crowd in Umuahia, the State capital. Asiwaju Ahmed Tinubu spoke extensively on the crisis in the state and called for a peaceful solution, bearing in mind the impact of the elections of 25th February. He invited the leaders of the party to a meeting that will resolve the crisis. He promised the Igbos, the dominant inhabitants of Abia, an industrial revolution if elected as President. Abians are known for commerce and industries, and Tinubu promised to assist entrepreneurs in the state with federal government assistance, when elected.

Abeokuta, Ogun State South West Nigeria was agog on Wednesday 25 January, 2023 when Asiwaju Ahmed and his campaign train birthed the Moshood, Abiola Stadium, venue of the rally. It was a homecoming for Asiwaju and the mammoth crowd that came. At the rally, he talked about higher funding for education. He said that assistance shall be provided for indigents with loans to pay for tertiary education. Teachers will also be a priority and the perennial strike by University's lecturers will be a thing of the past.



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