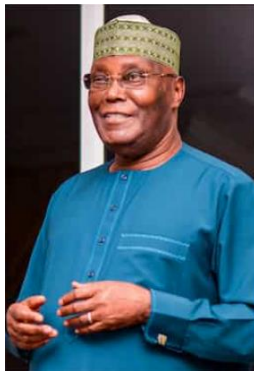


PDP: Internal Feuds & Claims of support from APC Leaders

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In the midst of the campaign, Gov Wike said that Olusegun Obasanjo, Nigeria's former president (1999-2007), had failed to endorse the PDP candidate Atiku Abubakar, who was the Vice-President with President Obasanjo. Speaking through Phrank Shaibu, his special assistant on public communication for the 2023 general elections, Atiku Abubakar rubbished the comment.



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Phrank Shaibu said even President Muhammed Buhari has not endorsed his Vice President Yemi Osinbajo for President during the APC primary. Shaibu took a dig at Wike by pointing out that no one finds Wike worthy of wielding Presidential power. He advised him to focus on repairing his damaged reputation.

Wike had failed in his bid to get PDP nomination for becoming a PDP candidate for President for 2022. He was also not considered for the VP slot on the ticket.

Four other PDP Governors - Seyi Makinde (Oyo), Okezie Ikpeazu (Abia), Samuel Ortom (Benue) and Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi (Enugu) have joined Wike in demanding the resignation of Iyorchia Ayu, the national chairman to pave way for a new chairman from the southern region. Ayu had promised to resign if a northerner were selected as the PDP candidate for Presidency of 2022. But he refused to honour his word.

There are rumours that Wike and the four Governors may support a Presidential candidate other than that of PDP, though the group has denied any such plans.
