

## **Response: PDP: Internal Feuds ..**

### **On Atiku Abubakar and PDP's G-5**

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2. Thanks to **Akinwale Falodun** for a detailed response, given below:

The problem with PDP started at the Presidential convention in Abuja, in mid 2022, when Atiku Abubakar emerged as the PDP Presidential flag bearer for Feb 25, 2023 Presidential elections. Nyesom Wike, Governor of Rivers state and a Presidential candidate from Rivers state in Southern Nigeria, had most delegates from across the South South, North Central and South West Nigeria behind him to clinch victory. He went through an expensive campaign and was, on record, the only Candidate among the contestants who has remained in the party since 1999, when the 4th Republic was set up. He was the sole financier for PDP, when others including Atiku Abubakar, the Presidential candidate of PDP, Aminu Tambuwal, the Director-General of the PDP Presidential Campaign Council and the Governor of Sokoto State, Iyiocha Ayu, today's PDP Chairman went into opposition party and PDP lost the presidency in 2015.

Nyesom Wike was 'stabbed at the back' by his close friend and confidant, Aminu Tambuwal, the Governor of Sokoto state, North West Nigeria at the Convention. He withdrew from the Presidential race at the Abuja presidential convention venue and urged all his supporters to support Atiku Abubakar and cast votes meant for him for Atiku because, he wanted this lone voice from the North to clinch the nomination as the Presidential candidate of ACN.

While both Atiku Abubakar and Aminu Tambuwal had left the PDP in 2011 for CAN (APC then), they were rewarded as Presidential candidate of ACN and Speaker of the House of Representatives respectively. Nyesom Wike remained as the sole energy and financier of PDP.

There can never be any more injustice that a man can receive in a political standout, compared to the betrayal meted out to Gov Nyesom Wike by his close allies. Wike's victory at the PDP convention was aborted due to treachery by politicians, that jump from one party to the other at convenience.

The G-5 has a good point and I believe, it's a matter of time when PDP will be rebuilt after the 2023 elections, when the fair-weather PDP members will find another suitable destination, maybe Labour party this time around.

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