

*Nigerian Presidential Election, scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2023:*

## **Election Results -as of Evening of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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The results have been delayed and are not likely to be available before the evening of Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The only result that has been declared is of the western state of **Ekiti**, one of the smallest States of Nigeria.

**Abuja:** Professor Mahmood Yakubu, Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), declared the results from Ekiti State:

**All Progressives Congress (APC) party:** Bola Tinubu, 70: 201,494 votes

**People's Democratic Party (PDP):** Atiku Abubakar, 76: 89,554 votes

**Labour Party:** Peter Obi, 61: 11,397 votes

The results are being declared extremely slowly.

Yiaga Africa, a Civil Society Group, has expressed misgivings about the delay. Yiaga co-founder Cynthia Mbamalu has also mentioned some irregularities in the elections but has not said that the whole of the election process has been vitiated due to these irregularities.

INEC meanwhile said the problems with uploading results on its IReV data page were the result of "technical hitches" and that there was no risk of tampering.

"The commission wishes to assure Nigerians that the challenges are not due to any intrusion or sabotage of our systems," it said in a statement.

### **BRIEF BACKGROUND** of Candidates:

Tinubu was Governor of Lagos State (1999-2007) and has excellent infrastructure in Lagos and all-round progress of the State to his credit.

Atiku Abubakar was elected as the Governor of Adamawa State in 1998. In the Presidential Elections of 1999, he was the candidate for Vice-Presidency on the slate of PDP. Olusegun Obasanjo was the PDP's Presidential candidate in 1999. From 1999-2007, Atiku worked as the Vice-President.

Peter Gregory Obi is a successful businessman, who succeeded in Politics by getting elected as the Governor of Anambra State in 2006 and 2010. He earned a reputation as an honest politician, who used State funds frugally. A large number of social-media savvy young treat Obi as the messiah for Nigeria's evils.

He has changed parties four times and switched from PDP to Labour, a few days before the primary of PDP, where Atiku Abubakar was elected as the PDP's candidate. He is a devout Catholic, whereas the candidates of PDP and APC are Muslims. He is an Igbo and it is difficult for an Igbo to get elected as President of Nigeria because Igbos are numerically a much smaller tribe as compared with Hausas and Yorubas.

**Note:** Please read "A BRIEF RECAP by Babakehinde Aderemi Owolabi ", along with an Editor's Note at <https://diginews360.com/nigerias-presidential-election-2023-november-6-2022/>