

Nigerian Presidential Election Update

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The Final Lap:

Nigerians will go to polls on this Saturday, 25th February, 2023 to elect a new President, who will pilot the affairs of over 200 million Nigerians for the next four years. The campaign has been keenly contested and rallies by the major parties have attracted large crowds. Eighteen Political parties are on ballot for the election. But only four of the parties were active in the electioneering campaign during the last 3 months.

APC and PDP drew curtain on their rallies on Tuesday 21 February, 2023. The final rally of APC was at Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere, Lagos. It had President Mohammed Buhari in attendance with other party chieftains. It was tagged as mother of all rallies, a carnival with several entertainment groups on hand to keep the mammoth crowd cheering. President Buhari reaffirmed his loyalty to Asiwaju Presidential ticket and promised to give him maximum support. The Presidential candidate of APC, on his part, told the large crowd of supporters that he would serve Nigeria with all his strength and bring prosperity to the nation. Other speakers enumerated the APC programs on education, security, infrastructures and other areas as stated in the APC blueprint.

PDP women group have continued to add voice to the campaign rallies of the opposition party. Monday February 20, 2023 was the turn of PDP women in Abuja. It was 2 days after the party concluded its rallies in Yola, Adamawa State. The women promised Nigerian voters, particularly women organisations, that a PDP government, come May 29, 2023, will align with the affirmative order that mandated government to allocate 35% allocation to women at all levels of government. It is called the women charter.

A 90 member African Union election monitoring group, led by former Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, has arrived in Nigeria. The Commonwealth Nations observer groups are also on the ground in Nigeria. Several Civil Societies' organisations from across the globe are also in Nigeria to observe the election in Nigeria.



Nigeria is very important for Africa's growth and should be the leader for the developing world. Hopefully Nigeria should get it right at Saturday's election and send a message of hope across Africa and the world at large.



February 21, 2023: Abuja: In the evening of Tuesday, in the presence of President Muhammadu Buhari and other African and international leaders and diplomats, 18 presidential candidates signed a second peace accord, to help prevent unrest surrounding the February 25 polls. The Pact shows that the candidates place national interest above personal and partisan concerns.

'The signing' was organized by the National Peace Committee and the Kukah Leadership Centre, an Abuja-based think tank.
