

## Nigeria: President-Elect: NModi, MbS, UAE CONGRATULATE

March 6, 2023

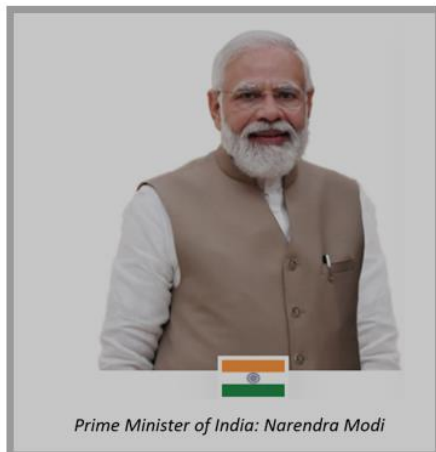
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1. March 6, 2023: Abuja: Sermon at St. Augustine Church, Lugbe: **God is watching how the Courts Perform:** Catholic Archbishop of Abuja, His Grace Most Rev Ignatius Kaigama, has admonished the political class to allow the judiciary to perform its constitutional functions, saying God above was watching how the courts will perform.

Kaigama cautioned judicial officers to strive to be impartial and courageous in upholding the truth, which he noted was significant in the delivery of justice.

“Those who take over positions of leadership should only seek to add building blocks of cohesion and development rather than destroying past good legacies or to discontinue from them; to serve, and not to be served; to build and not to destroy; to bind and not to divide.”

2. March 5, 2023: World’s Leaders **congratulate the President-elect Bola Tinubu: Leaders of India, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Ghana, AU look forward to working with Nigeria, under Tinubu’s Presidency**



March 5, 2023: **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on Friday congratulated Bola Ahmed Tinubu for winning the Presidential elections of Nigeria. The PM said he looks forward to strengthening India-Nigeria bilateral relations under Tinubu's leadership.

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in Saudi Arabia, **King Salman** has sent a congratulatory message to the President-elect Bola Tinubu on his victory in the presidential election.

in his cable, King Salman expressed sincere felicitations of every success to Tinubu, wishing the government and the Nigerian people further progress and prosperity.

The **UAE President, Mohammed bin Zayed** has congratulated Tinubu for emerging as the winner of the keenly contested presidential election.

The UAE leader also stated that his country looks forward to having cordial relations with Nigeria when Tinubu assumes power from 29th May, 2023.

**From President of Ghana:**



**Nana Akufo-Addo** ✓

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On behalf of the Ghanaian people and their Government, I extend warm congratulations to the Presidential Candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, on his victory in the Nigerian presidential election of Saturday, 25th February.



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The presidential candidates of the Peoples' Democratic Party and the Labour Party, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar and Peter Obi, respectively, are to be commended for their vigorous, well-fought campaigns.

March 5, 2023: Addis Ababa: *H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat* **congratulated the President-elect Bola Tinubu** of the All Progressives Congress for his emergence as the winner of the Presidential Election in Nigeria.

The statement from the Chairman’s office said,” the Chairperson urges all stakeholders to uphold peace and the rule of law, and further urges that any post-election dispute or grievance be pursued through the judicial system, as provided for by the law.



*Chairperson, African Union: H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat*

“The Chairperson expresses his deep gratitude to H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, former president of the Republic of Kenya for his outstanding leadership as head of the African Union Election Mission to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

“The Chairperson also extends his appreciation to ECOWAS and other partners for their fruitful collaboration in support of a peaceful election process in Nigeria.

3. March 5, 2023: Osogbo: **Appeal for UNITY** by the **Yoruba Traditional Rulers**: The Traditional Rulers said that Tinubu ‘s victory at the polls of February 25-26, was a victory of the people of Nigeria. They appealed to the President-Elect, Bola Tinubu, and the Vice-President-Elect, Kassim Shettima to unite the country. They asked them to constitute a government of National Unity.

The Rulers asked the candidates, who lost the elections, to join hands with Tinubu for the overall benefit of Nigeria.

They also commended President Muhammadu Buhari and Professor Mahmood Yakubu, the Chairman of INEC, for organizing a fairly good election.

CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE for TRADITIONAL RULERS: The Yoruba Obas (Kings) asked the President-Elect to allocate a constitutional role the Obas. They said that it would curb insecurity in the country as the Obas are the Chief Security Officers of their respective domains.

The communique was signed by the following:

- Oba Samual Adeoye, the Molokun of Atijere, **President** of the Forum of Traditional Rulers,  
*Note: ((i) Atijere is an ancient town in Ondo state in South West Nigeria. The town is in the Local Government area of Ilaje.  
(ii) Molokun is today used as a surname by the descendants of the Chief Priests of the ancient deity of Molokun.*
- Oba Dr. Michael Odunayo Ajayi, the Elerinmo of Erinmo (South West Nigeria), **Administrator** of the Forum,  
*Note: Erinmo is a town in Osun State near the border with Ekiti State and believed to have potent spiritual mountains. Many people visit Erinmo for prayers on the mountains. Erinerin means walk walk, used for encouraging pilgrims to walk. Imo means palm fronts. Erinmo means an abode made of palm fronts.  
Elerinmo is the King of the town of Erinmo.*
- Oba AbdulRazaq Abioye, the Olukotun of Ikotun-Ile, **Secretary** of the Forum.  
*Note: Ikotun is a town in the Oyun Local Government Area in Kwara State. Abioye, since 2019, has been pleading for a constitutional role for the Kings. He said that Kings perform functions, such as settling marriage and communal disputes, ensuring peace and security etc without security vote or any form of financial support by the government.  
Kwara is in Western Nigeria. Of the 36 states of Nigeria, Kwara is the ninth largest in area, but the sixth least populous, with an estimated population of about 3.2 million as of 2016.*

4. **LAWSAN Praises INEC:** The National President, of the Law Students' Association of Nigeria LAWSAN, Yasir Bubakar and the Vice-President, Agogo

Florence commended INEC for a job well-done. (Reference: <https://lawsan.org.ng/>)

LAWSAN asked all political parties, stakeholders, youths and women groups to join hands with the President-Elect to steer the ship of state and move Nigeria forward to the promised land, where equity, justice, fairness and freedom reigns supreme.

LAWSAN also asked INEC to look into the grievances of the electorate across the country and political parties arising from the conduct of the 2023 general elections

5. March 5, 2023: **The Yoruba Leadership and Peace Initiative (TYLPI)**, In the letter signed by the President, TYLPI, Mr. Olusegun K. Ahmadu, has congratulated the President-Elect, Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

It has said that the nation has a surplus of the best brains in all areas of human endeavour and urged the president-elect to seek for the best of the nation's human resources to assist him in the arduous task ahead.

"The nation is full of expectations that Asiwaju Tinubu would do all within his powers to strengthen the bond of unity among the fragmented parts of the nation, so that Nigeria could once again become a strong, independent and self-reliant entity," the group said.

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