

Nigerian Elections, 2023:

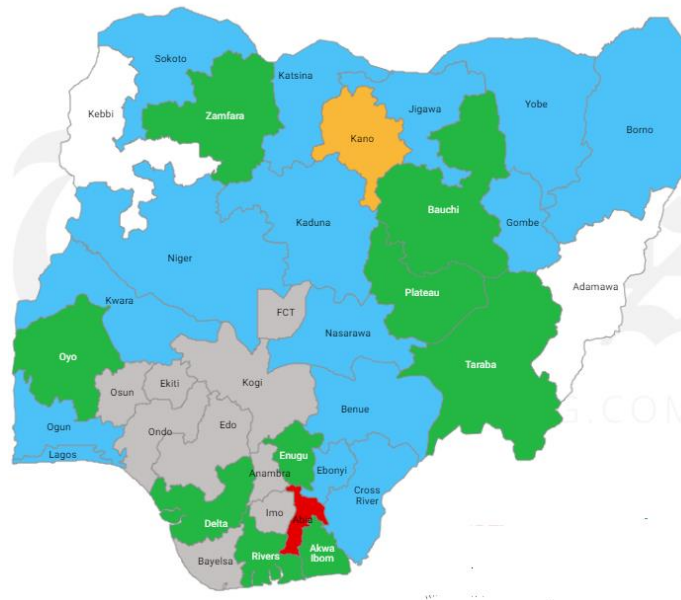
Gubernatorial Elections & Our Calls to the Nigerian Society

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April 16, 2023: **After** the Presidential elections of February 25-26, 2023 and the recent Gubernatorial Elections, while some of the supplementary elections are going on and the results are being compiled, as of today, the results of Gubernatorial elections are as follows:

Tentative RESULTS:

No elections: 8 States



Parties	Votes Polled in Presidential Elections	Votes Polled in Gubernatorial Elections	No of State Governorships
APC	8,794,728	7,772,002	15
PDP	6,984,520	5,960,831	9
LP	6,101,553	759,469	1(Abia)
NNPP	1,496,687	1,170,296	1(Kano)

On the whole, the number of votes polled during the Gubernatorial elections was less. One reason is that there were no Gubernatorial elections in 8 States.

The biggest loser in terms of votes polled is the Labour party, which had a steep fall between the votes polled during the Presidential and during the Gubernatorial elections. It may be due to the fact that elections to Governors in many strongholds of LP were not scheduled to be held in 2023.

The Election results of the Presidential Elections had showed that besides APC and PDP, a 3rd national party (LP) had arisen. The Labour Party wanted ostensibly votes not on the basis of ethnicity but on the basis of competence.

www.DiGiNews360.com feels that the steep fall in votes within a short period may also be due to a change in the public perception of Peter Obi. It happened due to the action of some hotheads, among his followers.

In Lagos, some miscreants hoisted the Biafra flag, immediately after Peter Obi got more votes than Bola Tinubu in the State of Lagos. (The President-Elect, as the Governor of Lagos, had done creditable work.) In public perception, admittedly without any proof, the Biafaran flag was put up by Obi's followers.

In a Channels Television's "Politics Today" program, telecast on Wednesday, 22 March, 2023, **Yusuf Datti Baba-Ahmed** called on President Muhammadu Buhari and the Chief Justice of Nigeria not to swear in Bola Tinubu on 29th May 2023. Baba-Ahmed was the Labour Party (LP) vice presidential candidate in the elections of 25th Feb 2023. This program was **anchored by Seun Okinbaloye**. The National Broadcasting Commission (<https://www.facebook.com/nbcgovng/>) fined Channels Television N5 million for violating the NBC code in the program.

Lastly Peter Obi filed a legal challenge asking that either he should be declared as the winner of the Presidential election of Feb 25-26, 2023 or the election should be annulled.

This made Obi's bright picture, painted during the Presidential election, as a liberal not affected by ethnicity, dimmer.

Establish MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY in South-East region also: In "NIGERIA: New Possibilities: Strengthening Democracy" of April 11 at <https://diginews360.com/nigeria-new-possibilities-strengthening-democracy/>, www.DiGiNews360.com had noted that the voters in the States of Anambara, Enugu, Abia, Ebonyi and Imo, located in South-East region, have supported Obi

overwhelmingly. However, if the voting pattern looks to be similar to that in China, it raises **legitimate doubts** about working of the democratic system in these States. Hence, www.DiGiNews360.com calls on INEC, the Federal Government, APC, PDP and all organs of society to look into the situation in these States so that **multi-party democracy**, where voting is NOT based on ethnic considerations alone, **can be effectively established in these States also**.

Early Resolution of Court Cases: More than 300 petitions have been filed in various courts against Bola Tinubu, President-Elect by

- the former Vice-President Atiku Abubakar and the Presidential candidate for 2023 of PDP;
- Peter Obi, former Governor of Anambra State, and the Presidential candidate for 2023 of LP, and others.

The ball is now in the court of the Judiciary.

www.DiGiNews360.com calls on the Courts for an early resolution of the cases. It also calls on APC, PDP, LP and all organs of society to bury the ill-will generated during the elections and to start work jointly to establish a congenial environment for the nation's development.

www.DiGiNews360.com calls on the leaders of Nigeria in all fields, including politics, to make fostering National Unity their top priority so that the demons, with which the nation was faced with, immediately after the results of the Presidential lections were announced, can be buried forever.
