

*Nigeria: Presidential Inauguration 2023:*

## **President Buhari's Farewell Speech & Other Activities**

May 28, 2023

May 28, 2023: Abuja: "I am leaving Nigeria better than I met it in 2015," said President Buhari in his farewell speech.



Though he expressed grief over his administration's inability to rescue some children in captivity of a kidnappers' gang, he said, "Our battle to ensure that all Nigerians live in a safe and secure environment has achieved considerable results. As I complete my term in office, we have been able to reduce the incidences of banditry, terrorism, armed robbery and other criminal activities considerably."

Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank, had said on 27<sup>th</sup> May that the fiscal challenge was so severe that the resources to develop are just not available. He had said, "No bird can fly if its wings are tied." But President Muhammadu Buhari said, "As I retire home to Daura, Katsina State, I feel fulfilled that we have started the Nigeria Re-Birth by taking the initial critical steps and I am convinced the in-coming administration will quicken the pace of this walk to see a Nigeria that fulfils its destiny to be a great nation."

May 28, 2023: President Muhammadu Buhari conferred National Honours, as his last action before leaving office on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

- A former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, **Emeka Anyaoku** was conferred with the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger.

- Former Governor of Osun, Bisi Akande; Olusegun Osoba; Mamman Daura and Central Bank Governor, **Godwin Emefiele** also received Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic.
- The Olowu of Kuta, Oba Adekunle Oyelude Makama, Tegbosun III, was also conferred with the Commander of the Order of Niger, CON.

May 29, 2023: COURT THROWS OUT A FRIVOLOUS CASE to STOP PRESIDENT-ELECT: The Abuja Division of the Court of Appeal, on Thursday, declined to stop the swearing-in of the President-elect, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, on May 29, even as it slammed N40million fine against the appellant. It ordered the appellant to pay **damages to the tune of N10m, to each of the four respondents** in the appeal- President Muhammadu Buhari, President-elect, Tinubu, Abubakar, the Attorney General of the Federation and the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC.

Chief Owuru, who is a British-trained lawyer and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1984, was the presidential flag-bearer of the HDP which has since been de-registered by INEC.

[www.DiGinews360.com](http://www.DiGinews360.com) calls on the youth to start thinking as Nigerians and not in terms of their identity of a tribe or of a religious/ regional community.

The wife of the president-elect, Sen Remi Tinubu said that this is the seventh consecutive democratic transition **Nigeria will be experiencing shows that this is a time of perfection for Nigeria.**

[www.DiGinews360.com](http://www.DiGinews360.com) thinks that **Nigerians can take pride in many things**, which they have been able to achieve, though we are acutely aware of the many areas, which cry for change and reforms. Thus the political parties, with some infractions, have been largely able to retain the zone-wise distribution in choosing personnel for governance.

**Note:** Please read about “Presidential Inauguration Lecture: May 27” at <https://diginews360.com/presidential-inauguration-lecture-may-27/>.

Please read about “Nigeria: Pre- Inauguration Activities & Awards” at <https://diginews360.com/nigeria-pre-inauguration-activities-awards/> of May 25.

Please read “Nigeria: Program of Inaugural Activities & Court Cases” at <https://diginews360.com/nigeria-program-of-inaugural-activities-court-cases/> of May 19, 2023.