

## Health of Democracies and Democracy Day of Nigeria

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June 8, 2023: Abuja: **June 12 is the Democracy Day in Nigeria.** Dr **Oluwatoyin Akinlade**, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Interior, said, " Nigeria's democratic journey has, like in many other climes, encountered both stormy and smooth sails, but the ship of state, its institutions and most importantly, the Nigerian people have remained steadfast on the tenets of democratic governance. On this memorable occasion therefore, Nigerians and friends of Nigeria are invited to appreciate the progress that has been made, celebrate the milestones covered and look forward to a better future for the country's democracy."

[www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) calls upon President **Bola Ahmed Tinubu to come forward to build an Axis of Democracies** from out of democracies of Asia, Africa and South America to strengthen the democratic movement in the world.

### A BRIEF HISTORY of the DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT:

Till WWII, a crusading communism was presenting an alluring picture of a workers' paradise. However during the 50s and 60s, Gulags and Stalin's excessive use of force on some of the smaller nationalities reduced the number of young, who would become Marxists.

Many nations of the South were colonies of European powers. President Franklin D. Roosevelt initiated the idea of granting freedom to the colonies. With the maturing of the system of multi-national corporations, it became unnecessary to have colonies only for exploiting the natural resources of the colonies. The 2<sup>nd</sup> World War had weakened the financial status of the UK.

This started the process of decolonization and the countries, large and small became independent.

Even though the priority of the west was containment of communism and many dictatorial regimes became close allies of the west, USA became the champion of democracies. Its pre-eminent financial strength made it possible for it to financially support some of the fledgling democracies.

Today, USA has become financially less secure and the west is being challenged by a dictatorial China, which has started propagating its brand of governance, which leaves no room for dignity and autonomy of a human being. A weakened west does not have the capacity to voice any support for the democratic movement.



*The British Parliament- called the mother of Parliaments*



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Every country, at all times, cannot be blessed with **Good Leadership**. Many of the Third World countries have weak Leaders and when they seek external support, China looks to be attractive to some of them as an attractive model of a communist and leftist stronghold, which can also be a source of easy funding. This is particularly true for some of the Leaders of the third world, who are fighting their own battles against the excesses of their dictators, who might have been supported by USA during the cold war.

So today there is a need to provide an axis of democratic countries of Africa, Asia, South America and other smaller countries, which can provide moral support to the countries, as they build their democracies to serve their own people better.