NIGERIA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2023

A SPOTLIGHT REPORT

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Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the APC presidential candidate, has been declared the president-elect of the just concluded presidential election which held on February 25, 2023, by INEC on the 1st of March, 2023 with 8,794,726 votes against PDP's Atiku Abubakar and LP's Peter Obi's votes of 6,984,520 and 6,101,533 respectively.



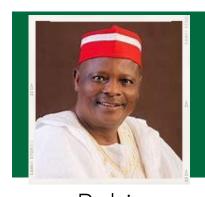
Bola Ahmed Tinubu



Atiku Abubakar

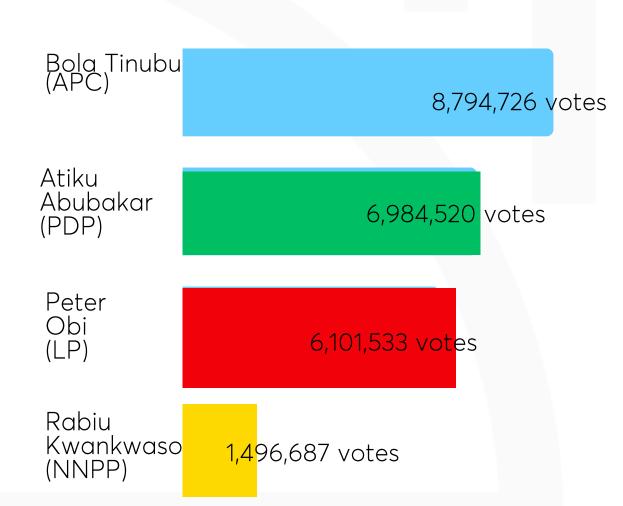


Peter Gregory



Rabiu Kwankwaso

While the state results were collated, it was contested by the PDP, led by Senator Dino Melaye, LP and other aggrieved parties based off reports of vote buying, voter intimidation, attacks on polling units in certain areas, failed BVAS upload, along with accusations of fraud to compound issues with trust in the election.



Registered voters

93,469,008



Eligible voters

87,209,007

Valid vote 24,025,940



STATE-BY-STATE RESULTS

The just concluded election, the seventh since the restoration of democracy in the country, was largely conducted across the 36 states and 774 local government areas in the country with APC's Bola Tinubu having the highest votes with 12 states out of the 36 states and Federal Capital Territory (FCT)



12 States

Ekiti, Ogun, Kwara, Jigawa, Ondo, Benue, Niger, Kogi, Zamfara, Rivers, Borno, Oyo State



12 States

Osun, Yobe, Katsina, Adamawa, Tarawa, Kaduna, Bayelsa, Sokoto, Akwalbom, Bauchi, Kebbi, Gombe State



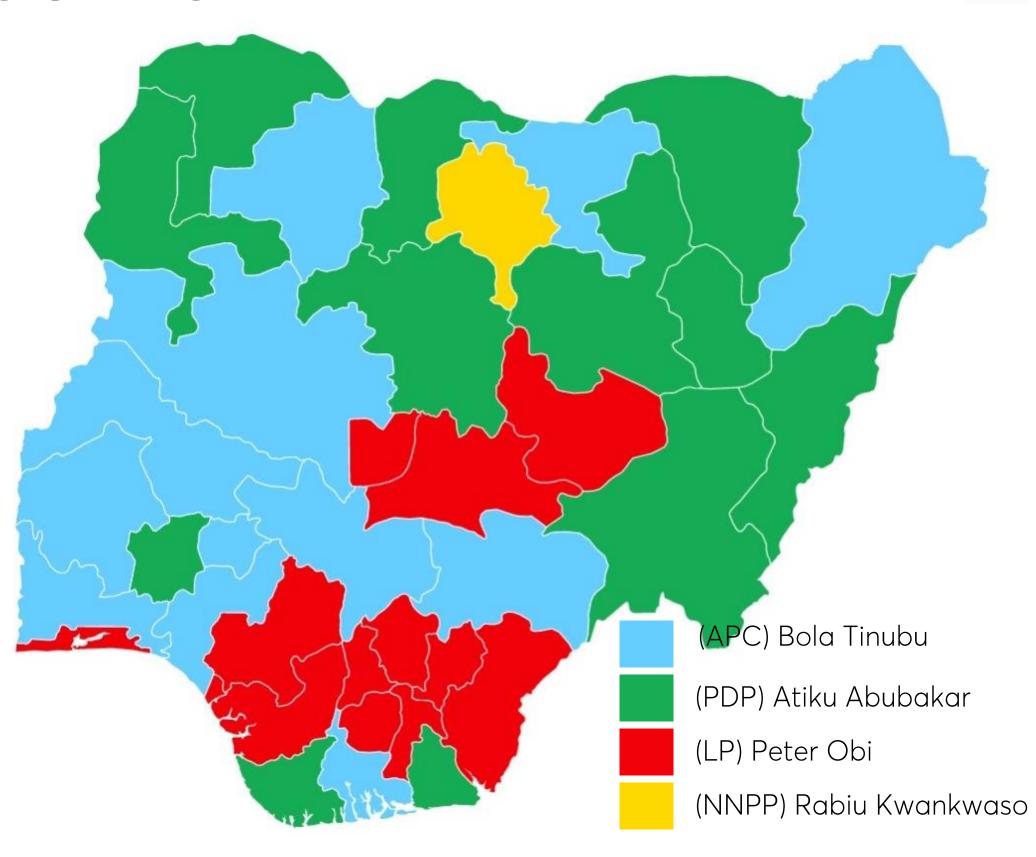
11 States and FCT

Enugu, Nasarrawa, Delta, Imo, CrossRiver, Ebonyi, Anambra, Abia, Edo, Plateau, Lagos State



1 State

Kano State



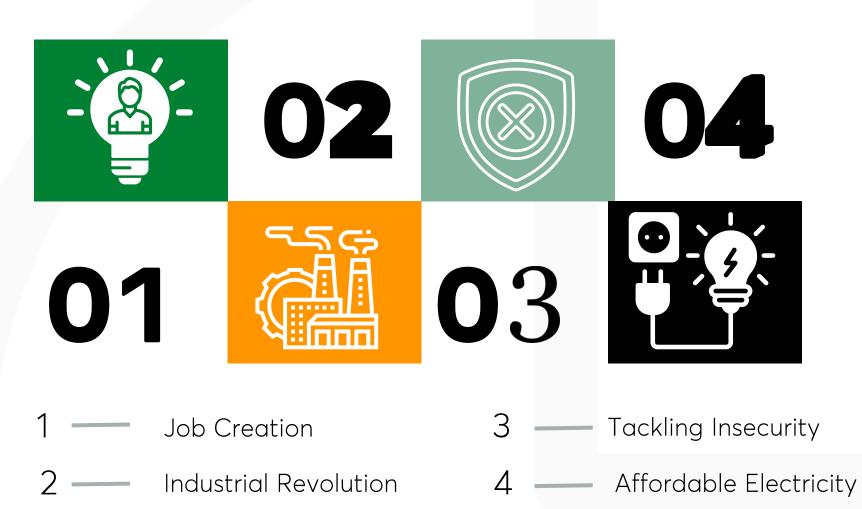
Map of Nigeria showing the state-by-state results



NIGERIANS RESPOND

THE MANDATE

The president - elect in his first interview after being announced winner said he is ready to hit the gound running in his first three days in office and won't rest until his top priority in his action plans which are national security, economy, agriculture, power, oil and gas, transportation and education, which he stated during his manifesto in Osogbo, are actualized.



THE CONTROVERSY

Despite congratulations pouring in from various international organizations and countries, the presidential election seems far from being over as there is a widespread uproar, both online and on the streets, due to INEC's failure to transmit presidential election results electronically as required by the Electoral Act, the commission's regulation and its guidelines.

Having consulted with leaders of our party and Nigerians from different walks of life, I have come to the conclusion that the processes and outcome of the Presidential and National Assembly election of last Saturday was grossly flawed in every material particular, and as such must be challenged. - Atiku Abubakar (PDP)

Let me reiterate and assure you that good people of Nigeria that we will explore all legal and peaceful options to reclaim our mandate. We won the election, and we will prove it to Nigerians - Peter Obi (LP)

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THE OUTLOOK FOR NIGERIANS

However, the All Progressive Congress (APC) presidential campaign council, through its spokesperson, Festus Keyamo, has said the party and its president-elect, Bola Tinubu are prepared to meet Atiku Abubakar, the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratically Party (PDP) and his Labour Party counterpart in court over the result of the presidential election.

So far, the PDP and LP party have commenced their separate legal actions to challenge the outcome of the elections by filling separate exparte applications, praying to be granted access to inspect sensitive materials that INEC used for the conduct of the presidential poll.

The Court of Appeal in Abuja on March 3, 2023, has acceded to requests by Atiku Abubakar and Peter Obi of the PDP and LP, respectively.

CONCLUSION

While the suit is ongoing, Nigerians in certain states look to go out again to exercise their civic duties in the gubernatorial election coming up on March 18th, 2023, in 31 out of 36 Nigerian states.*

As Nigerians partake in the elections, we will keep our readers updated as we hope for a free and fair elections oversee by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

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