

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Nigeria's Judiciary must acquit herself creditably

The battle for the widely acclaimed flawed February 2023 Presidential election has finally shifted to the Court. So, as we speak the judiciary is in Court. Many have argued that in recent years the Judiciary in Nigeria has ceased from being the final hope of the common man to the uncontested hope to the affluent and those that have the wherewithal to pay because it has become cash and carry. It is difficult to disagree with this school of thought because we have seen judgements where people who did not even participate in elections were declared winners just like we have seen judgement delivered in favour of persons who came distant fourth in a gubernatorial election and miraculously declared the winner. Even a primary school pupil will cleverly decode that something somewhere has altered and influenced the judgement. Any wonder why many people will say in Nigeria anything is possible.

I believe it is time for the judiciary to acquit itself credibly by doing exactly what is right according to the rule of law instead of pampering to the whims of groups and individuals and delivering judgements that everyone sees as wrong irrespective of the so-called technicalities. Once the law is broken and there are proofs and evidences judgement should be served and been seen by all and sundry to be served. A situation where something is black and everybody can see that the colour is black and a few learned men who are supposed to corroborate that the colour is black will come out shamelessly to try to convince the rest of us that the colour is white is rather very unfortunate and a miscarriage of judgement. This has been the dilemma of the Judiciary in Nigeria.

All Nigerians and the world are asking for from the Judiciary is for the right thing to be done according to our constitution as a Nation. There should not be twisting of facts or misinterpretation of the laws of the land for selfish or parochial interest. It is only the truth according to the rule of law can help us as a nation to regain our lost glory in the eye of the world.

Nigerians are looking forward to a landmark judgement that will address the basic issues in these petitions and deliver sound judgement in true conscience and in line with the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Anything short of that will take our nation backward. This is why our Cover for the month of May is captioned; 'Nigeria's Judiciary in Court' Will they tow the path of honour?

There are so much to read including the rip off of the Nigerian People through the humongous pension and severance allowance being paid to maintain ex-Governors. These guys are really milking the country dry. Your regulars are also there for you.

Enjoy yourself as you savour this edition. God bless you.



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