

PDP Crisis: The Party Has Crossed the Rubicon — Only Panacea Is Oblivion



There comes a time in the life of every institution when its internal contradictions become irreconcilable. For the People's Democratic Party (PDP), that moment is now. Once the self-proclaimed largest party in Africa, the PDP has degenerated into a fractured shadow of its former self—corroded by personal egos, hijacked by political warlords, and bankrupt of ideology. The party has not only lost its moral compass; it has crossed the Rubicon. There is no turning back. The only redemptive path left is to quietly—and perhaps honorably—fade into political oblivion.

The current national crisis rocking the PDP is not merely about leadership tussles. It is symptomatic of a deeper rot: the failure to evolve, to democratize internally, and to uphold the fundamental principles of justice, equity, and discipline. A party that once symbolized unity and national spread is now the epicenter of Nigeria's opposition chaos. From Rivers to Oyo, Benue to Delta, and even Akwa Ibom, we are witnessing the implosion of a political behemoth that grew fat on federal power but never matured into an institution of enduring value. In Rivers State, for example, the toxic feud between former Governor Nyesom Wike and his successor, Siminalayi Fubara, is emblematic of the PDP's inability to resolve disputes without descending into brigandage and blackmail. The national leadership remains paralyzed—unsure whether to enforce party discipline or appease powerful interest blocs. The result? Paralysis. Indecision. Silence—louder than thunder.

Only days ago, after a meeting with the leadership of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC),

attended by key party figures, the acting National Chairman, Amb. Umar Damagum, announced that the crisis over who is the authentic National Secretary had been resolved. According to him, Senator Samuel Anyanwu had been reinstated and the scheduled National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting downgraded to an "Extended Caucus Meeting." But not long after, eleven members of the National Working Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the Southeast Caucus dismissed that claim, insisting that Anyanwu remains suspended and that the NEC meeting would proceed as originally scheduled. And so the drama continues—shameless and unresolved. Even worse, the PDP has become a haven for political

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This is not opposition. This is abdication. Nigeria cannot afford this vacuum. We need an opposition that is: Issue-based, not identity-driven. Strategically organized, not fractionally crippled. Ideologically coherent, not morally compromised. Youth inclusive, not elder-entrenched. Policy-focused, not personality-obsessed. The next opposition movement must rise from the grassroots—not from recycled elites or expired godfathers. It must speak the language of jobs, education, health, innovation, and security—not ethnic entitlement, zoning gymnastics, or empty manifestos. It must earn the people's trust by presenting fresh faces, proven technocrats, and leaders with character—not looters in agbada or apology tours

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watching, and the window for political redemption is closing fast. Time is up for pretenders masquerading as patriots. The Rubicon has been crossed. The only honorable exit is oblivion. But what lies beyond oblivion? What becomes of Nigeria's democratic structure in the absence of a viable opposition party? These are the questions the moment demands—not from PDP insiders, but from Nigerians yearning for true representation and accountable governance.

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from failed actors. Let this be the new political call: Not just anti-APC, but pro-Nigeria. To the youths, professionals, civic actors, and conscience-driven Nigerians—this is your cue. History rarely gives second chances. The PDP has shown that it cannot offer what this nation now demands. The time for new coalitions, fresh movements, and credible platforms is now. The ideological vacuum must be filled—not by noise, but by vision. And to those still clinging to the PDP's wreckage, let it be said: sometimes, institutions die so that better ones can be born. The most dangerous lie is to believe that a party which cannot govern itself can govern a nation. It's over. Let it go. Let the rebirth begin. Let the people reclaim the opposition space. Let Nigeria rise.

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