

# Election 2023; Nigeria in another date with Destiny.

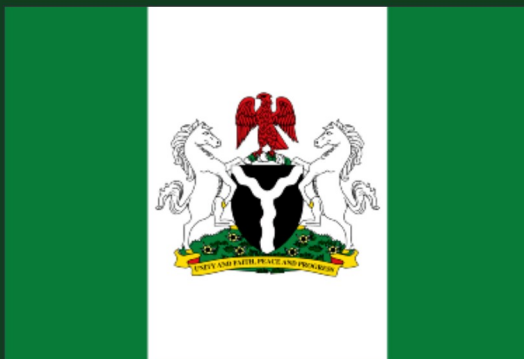
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**A**midst the myriads of economic and social plagues plaguing Nigeria another opportunity has come for the citizens of the country to decide their future in another date with destiny. It is an open fact that over ninety percent of Nigerians are living through hell and in chaotic conditions. There is a high level of insecurity in the land as our dilapidated roads are no longer safe. Kidnappers and bandits daily terrorise the citizens and it appears there is no end in sight. The problem of fuel scarcity which has come to live with us has created a corresponding increase in the cost of almost every other service, product and goods especially food items throughout the country. To say that majority of Nigerians are suffering is an understatement. The present leadership lacks focus and direction and the level of oil theft and corruption is unprecedented. To say the least that Nigeria as a nation is sick and now in an emergency situation.

The good news is that Nigerians now have opportunity to change the system through the February and March Elections. It is an opportunity for Nigerians to change the status quo in order to chart a new direction. It is an opportunity for Nigerians to vote in the right leaders who are passionate about making the country a better place for all irrespective of ethnic and religious leaning.

The time has come to choose leaders with integrity to pilot the affairs of the nation for the next four years. The ongoing political campaigns have helped Nigerians to identify those aspirants who are chronic liars, thieves and economy looters who should not be trusted with our collective patrimony. Most of our presidential candidates have been exposing and accusing themselves and their penchant for looting and helping themselves with the people's resources. Nigerians have not only seen; we have heard of these accusations and counter accusations and we know that only a thief can identify other thieves because they do the same business.

Nigerians should not vote for corrupt leaders whose stock in trade is to use dubious schemes to steal from the people. Nigerians should vote for competence, integrity and



candidates who have proven tracks of performance. Nigerians should not vote for candidates who come around to share money and foodstuffs to them, you can collect the money and the bag of Rice, it is your looted money that they are giving back to you. The money is yours collect it and vote your conscience and the right candidate. Don't allow their largess to buy your conscience.

Don't allow the lies and tricks of some of the Presidential Spokesmen to deceive you. Most of them are presenting unpatriotic candidates to Nigerians because of their personal and selfish interest and so they speak from the two sides of their mouth. This is why they crisscross from one party to the other all in the guise of Spokesmen using their sugarcoated tongues to deceive themselves thinking they are deceiving Nigerians. Nigerians know them for what they represent and so do not take them seriously. The citizens are not as gullible as they are. Nigerians are now wiser and can no longer be deceived by these so-called spokesmen whose god is their belly.

From their antecedents and utterances Nigerians have made up their mind on the Presidential candidates they will vote for. The youths have made up their mind on who and who they are going to vote for. The poor masses and down-trodden have made up their minds on who they are going to vote for. Even the elite have made up their mind on who to vote for.

One thing is clear the 2023 elections is going to make or mar Nigeria. The country is already at the precipice and only competent, passionate and God-fearing candidates can turn the tide and change the status quo. If we make the right choices Nigeria will be better for it but if we make the mistake of voting for the old order that has brought the country to its present woe then we are in for the worst. Certainly, in this 2023 Nigeria and Nigerians have another date with destiny. We either choose as a people to vote in the right people and get it right or choose the devil alternative. But truly the God that ruleth in the affairs of men will help Nigerians to choose the right leaders that will reset the country on the path of destiny and restore her position among the comity of great nations. A New Nigeria beckons.