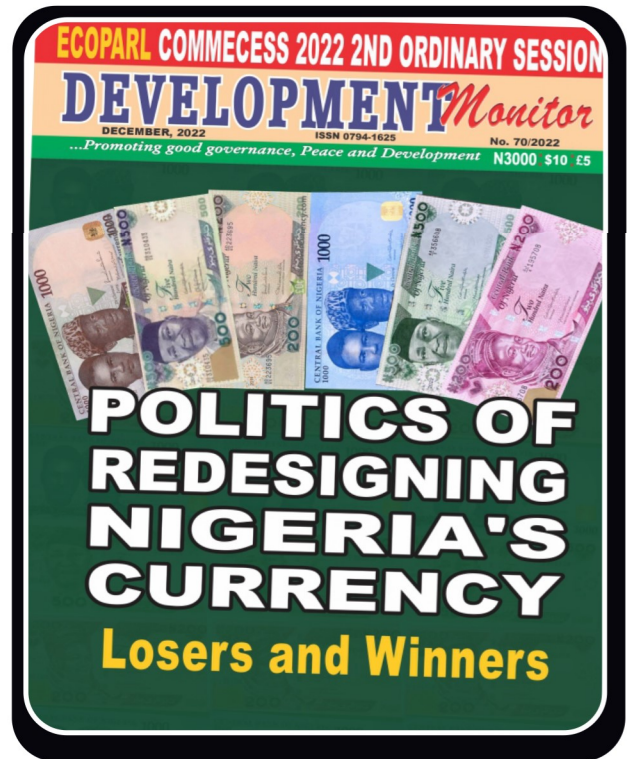


## 2023: Only unpatriotic Nigerians will vote for Tinubu, others – Obasanjo

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has insisted that the candidate of the Labour Party, Peter Obi, deserves the votes of all patriotic Nigerians, saying only the unpatriotic ones would vote for his opponents. While calling on Nigerians to support Obi, Obasanjo said the reason was because "he possesses good characters, which his fellow contestants lack." Obasanjo spoke while featuring in an interactive session organised by the Experiential Leadership in Africa (TEL-Africa) in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital. Speaking on why he declared his support for Obi against Bola Tinubu of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Atiku Abubakar of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Obasanjo said "I will be punished by God if I know what is right and I did not put it where it should be."

He clarified that he mentioned in his letter that Obi had an edge, taking everything together; stating that "I take character, I take track record, I take vision and I take what you see in this man as a child of God." He recalled that during his New Year open letter to the youth, he had said he "knows the major candidates a little bit and can say a bit about them as their mentor. "Why should you as a Nigerian vote for somebody with the character, the reputation, the life of



which you do not want your own children to be?" Obasanjo asked, stressing that "it is either you are wicked, you are unpatriotic or you are really, really a bad citizen of this country and then if this is who you are, what do you want God to do with you, and that is

### NEW YEAR MESSAGE

## 2023, REFLECTIONS OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS

*By High Chief Fatai Aliu*

It's time to reflect on the past, ruminate on the present and project a future of better opportunities, glories and fame. No society develops without critical assessments of past possibilities bath in the present to enable the dreams and visions of a robust society. We owe ourselves the duty to re-generate a future of our hopes where the yearnings and aspirations of our people that had been hitherto been cut short by inept and failed leadership can be harnessed to project a panacea of future opulence. We make bold to say that our society currently is recreating itself from past losses and making waves of future political and economic emancipation.

Hopes are high as we enter a new year of great expectation. Our people are becoming more conscious and the rights of man to free and fair elections has been sung so deeply such that no right-thinking person would risk to mortgage the fundamentals for mediocrity, come February, this year. Once again, I thank us all for contributions to the great project of civil rights for our teeming masses. We may have contributed on diverse socio eco political mannerisms of our lives but certainly that will not undermine the very fabrics and the foundations of the essence of the group, which is the major focus on civil rights and the fundamental liberties of the black man particularly in African continent.

I thank you for your time and patience.  
**Happy new year**