

FROM THE PUBLISHER

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN AND THE FG MUST LISTEN

The controversy surrounding the meeting between President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN), as well as subsequent comments by Archbishop Emeritus of Abuja, Cardinal John Onaiyekan, has continued to generate reactions from political leaders and public affairs analysts. While some have defended the right of the Catholic Bishops and Cardinal Onaiyekan to comment on national issues affecting Nigerians, others have criticized the manner in which the meeting was discussed publicly, arguing that religious leaders should exercise caution when engaging with government officials. My take is that the President, as a public office holder, must be prepared to accept criticism because his actions and decisions affect the entire country and are subject to public scrutiny. This principle applies to all elected officials including governors, lawmakers, local government chairmen and councilors. The President is a public figure who governs Nigerians in the public interest. His actions and decisions are therefore subject to public scrutiny and criticism. Anyone who accepts the responsibility of governing the people must also be prepared to accept criticism. Criticism could be objective or biased, fair or unfair, but public officials must understand that accountability comes with leadership. The President is not obliged to respond to every issue and even when there is need to respond the President can deploy some wisdom and diplomacy. In this case the President openly displayed his anger and spoke in a manner not dignifying of a President. Worse still is the vituperations and venoms casted on the Cardinal by his media aides who incidentally has turned themselves into "attack dogs" to anyone who dares to disagree with their principal on any issue whether right or wrong. This is a matter for another day. This issue takes the cover page of our September 2026 edition with the caption; President's meeting with Catholic Bishop 'We just Spoke the Truth to power' Nigerians charged presidential aides be strategic not reactive

The victory of Governor Ademola Adeleke at the recent off cycle election in Osun State is a powerful reminder that the spirit, resilience and determination of Nigerian People cannot be crushed. No hardship is permanent and no oppression can silence the hope of a people who refuse to give up. Let this moment strengthen our resolve it proves that when ordinary citizens stand firm holding unto the truth demanding accountability and insisting on good governance progress will always find a way. This edition is well packaged for your reading pleasure and your regulars are still there for you. Please don't hesitate to drop us a line after savoring this edition. God bless Nigeria.



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