

Dear Editor,

Can any body tell us what is really happening in Nigeria?

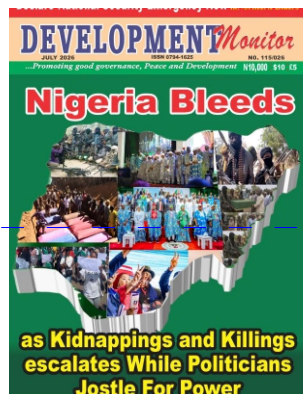
But how does one genuinely explain to a foreigner that Buhari left fuel at ₦195 per litre in 2023, and today, we are rushing to buy fuel at ₦1,440 per litre, yet we are still celebrating that President Tinubu reduced queues at filling stations? How do I explain that even though Buhari paid subsidy, he still left our total debt at ₦87.38 trillion, compared to the ₦159.28 trillion we have today, even without the payment of subsidy? How do I explain that, despite all of these, Buhari still completed the Second Niger Bridge and delivered some pockets of gigantic projects across the country? How do I explain that under Buhari, the highest defence allocation passed was ₦2.98 trillion in 2023, compared to the ₦5.41 trillion passed in 2026, yet insecurity appears to have worsened? How do I explain that we have now reached a point where some Nigerians are genuinely beginning to miss Buhari, the very man we once thought would be unmatched in terms of incompetence? President Olusegun Obasanjo, Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, Goodluck Jonathan and Muhammadu Buhari, in all their years in office put together, appropriated about ₦135 trillion in federal budgets over roughly 24 years. Fuel never got to over ₦300 per litre during their administrations and a bag of rice never crossed ₦30,000. Then came Tinubu. In just three budgets (2024, 2025 and 2026), his administration has spent about ₦153.2 trillion. And instead of making life easier, we now buy fuel for over ₦1,300 per litre and a bag of rice is now around ₦70,000. Anybody still supporting Tinubu should tell us what they are seeing that the rest of Nigerians are not seeing.

Mr. Ajibade Ibadan

Dear Editor

Please kindly Publish this story by cardinal Onaiyekan on Nigeria cannot accept forged certificates, rigged elections and you are told to go to court

Catholic Cardinal John Onaiyekan has delivered a powerful and uncompromising condemnation of Nigeria's deep rooted governance failures, urging citizens to reject the growing acceptance of corruption, electoral malpractice and institutional dysfunction that continue to undermine the nation's progress. In a video that has gone viral across social media, the respected Catholic cleric warned that Nigerians must stop treating systemic failures as normal, stressing that the consequences of such attitudes are damaging the country's future. Speaking with passion and unmistakable conviction while addressing journalists' outdoors, Cardinal Onaiyekan declared that Nigerians should no longer accept a society where critical institutions fail without accountability. "We should refuse to agree that this is Nigeria where nothing works, where certificates are forged and it's okay, where elections are rigged and you're told to go to court. These things have consequences," he said. The Cardinal's remarks have struck a chord with many Nigerians who see his statement as a direct



challenge to the culture of impunity that has fueled corruption, weakened democratic institutions and eroded public confidence in governance. Widely respected for his integrity and willingness to speak truth to power, Onaiyekan has for decades remained one of Nigeria's most outspoken moral voices on issues of leadership, justice, accountability and national development. His latest intervention comes at a time when public debate continues over electoral credibility, governance standards, public service delivery and the declining trust in key national institutions. The viral clip, has generated thousands reactions across multiple platforms. Many Nigerians applauded the Cardinal

for expressing what they described as the frustrations of millions of citizens who believe corruption and institutional failure have become dangerously normalized. Several reactions echoed his warning that when dishonesty is tolerated at the highest levels of society, it inevitably weakens every sector, from education and public administration to the electoral process and the rule of law. Others called for stronger accountability, meaningful reforms and renewed commitment to integrity in public life. Supporters also described the Cardinal's message as a timely reminder that lasting national progress cannot be achieved without credible leadership, transparent institutions and citizens who refuse to accept injustice as the status quo. As conversations sparked by the video continue to spread online, Cardinal Onaiyekan's remarks have added fresh momentum to growing nationwide calls for reforms aimed at restoring public trust, strengthening democratic institutions and ensuring accountability across every level of governance. For many observers, the Cardinal's message goes beyond criticism. It is a passionate appeal for Nigerians to reject complacency, defend truth and demand a nation where honesty, justice and the rule of law are upheld without compromise.

Dear Editor,

They took the cry of Nigerians to President they return with a troubling answer

The Catholic Bishops didn't go to Aso Rock seeking contracts. They didn't go lobbying for appointments. They didn't go "standing on any mandate." They went carrying the pain of millions of Nigerians. They said Nigerians are hungry. The answer? "There has always been hunger before I was born." They said the economy is crushing ordinary families. The answer? "The economy is doing well." They expressed concerns about public confidence in INEC. The answer? "INEC is neutral." They worried about whether the next election would offer a level playing field. The answer? "Whoever wants power should be ready to wrestle for it." And immediately, my mind went to Rehoboam. The people begged him to reduce their suffering. The elders pleaded with him: "Listen to your people." His loyalists told him: "Show them who's boss." He listened to the loyalists. He ignored the people. The result? A kingdom that took generations to build split in a single day. The people walked away shouting: "To your tents, O Israel!" (1 Kings 12:16) Every government should fear one thing more than criticism: The day it stops listening. The greatest threat to any president is not the opposition. It is the army of professional cheerleaders who tell him that everything is working while the people are telling a different story. A nation cannot be governed by applause. Propaganda cannot fill empty stomachs. Slogans cannot reduce the cost of living. And praise-singers cannot rewrite reality. History is littered with leaders who mistook loyalty for truth. May President Tinubu never become another Rehoboam, surrounded by people who protect his ego while exposing his legacy. Because when leaders stop listening, history starts speaking. Think about it.

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