

PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION ON THE JUST CONCLUDED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Once more we salute Nigerians for again proving to the entire world that we can take our destinies in our hands and that as a people we can rise to any occasion, in spite of all odds.

The resounding success recorded in the just concluded National Assembly Elections is no doubt a credit to our collective resolve to entrench democracy and good governance in our nation.

We commend the patriotism and resilience of Nigerians who notwithstanding the postponements of the previous week and the security threats posed by enemies of progress, turned out en masse to perform their civic duties by voting for candidates of their choice. We urge all Nigerians to continue to demonstrate greater courage and love for our beloved country throughout the general elections.

We also commend our security agencies for rising to the occasion. In spite of a few reported skirmishes, last Saturday's elections was adjudged one of the most peaceful in the nation's history. We encourage them to have the daunting task of maintaining the feat in sustaining the same peaceful atmosphere for next Saturday's Presidential elections.

We commend INEC for its courage in taking bold and hard decision even at such critical moments as experienced last Saturday, all in the bid to ensure that we get it right. The role of the media in the coverage of the elections is equally worthy of commendation, and we urge them to sustain the tempo.

Furthermore, we call on fellow compatriots, the electorates and the political class to continue to give the needed cooperation and support to INEC, the security Agencies in the forthcoming elections. It is the only way to shame detractors in our collective endeavour and journey towards putting in place an enduring democracy. We salute your courage and determination to achieve another peaceful elections.

The Institute wishes you all very successful and peaceful elections.

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