

BEING A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF IFELODUN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS (APC) CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING CONVENED BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. KAYODE ALABI, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF KWARA STATE ON MONDAY 17TH JULY, 2023 AT THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OFFICE, ILORIN, KWARA STATE.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Deputy Governor of Kwara State, His Excellency Mr. Kayode Alabi called for a meeting of APC critical stakeholders in Ifelodun Local Government Area today, the 17th of July, 2023. The meeting was aimed to promote love, peace, and unity among the party members, and good people of Ifelodun Local Government at large. Identifying grievances among the party members as an aftermath result of the last APC primary elections, and anti-party allegation against some APC members during the last general elections, among other internal crisis are causes of loss of peace, love and unity in the party.

In his opening speech, His Excellency Mr. Kayode Alabi appealed to all factions to sheath their swords and buffer peace to have a united APC in Ifelodun Local Government of Kwara State. He reaffirmed the electoral strength of the local government in the Federal Constituency, Senatorial District, and in Kwara State as a force to reckon with. He therefore, appealed to the party members in the local government to maximize the opportunity of the political strength and value of Ifelodun Local Government Area to her advantage.

At the meeting, seventy-two (as here attached) out of the eighty critical stakeholders invited attended the meeting. And also at the meeting were the newly decamped from other political parties such as PDP, SDP, ADC, and YPP to the ruling APC. Among the political dignitaries in the meeting were His Excellency Mr. Kayode Alabi, the two House of Assembly members from the Local Government: Barrister AGF Salahudeen, and Hon. Rasak Owolabi, Senator Makanjuola Ajadi, the Local Government TIC Chairman, Hon. Jide Ashonibare and Council members, Hon. Gbenga Oyekunle (Gbenga Power), some former House of Assembly members, former Local Government Chairmen, most APC stalwarts and crème de la crème in APC family in the Local Government.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEMS

Among the speakers that mentioned major political challenges in the APC family in Ifelodun Government were: Hon. AGF Salahudeen, Hon. Rasak Owolabi, Senator Makanjuola Ajadi, Alhaji Fatai Garba, Hon. Gbenga Oyekunle (Gbenga Power), Hon. Ebun Oyeleye, Mr. Nicholas Agboola, Mr. Ajisafe, among others.

The followings are the key political problems identified during the meeting:

- (a) Lack of trust, unity and love among the party leadership,
- (b) Resistant of followers to the constituted authority,
- (c) Selfish interest overriding public interest among the members,
- (d) Anti-party act in the last elections.

3. ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS

In order to address the identified problems as above mentioned, the party members resolved thus:

- (A) To forgo the grievances emanated from the last election deliverance by some party members alleged of election anti-party,
- (B) Agreed to accommodate peace, unity and love in order to forge ahead,
- (C) The party structures are to be maintained in Ifelodun LGA,
- (D) New members are to be accommodated to foster peace and inclusiveness in the governance,
- (E) Party members agreed to place the Local Government Interest above the interest of any individual,
- (F) Leadership are saddled with the responsibility of fairness, justice, and equity to all party members.

- (G) No party member to resist the directive of the constituted authority,

4. CONCLUSION

The party members agreed that Ifelodun Local Government Area is at a critical political time, therefore, the need for unity and progress of the local government is not negotiable with anyone. Addressing the above challenges will enable Ifelodun LGA gets what it deserves from the State and National Governments.