

COMMUNIQUE OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP), ABUJA, THURSDAY, 26TH JULY 2018

THEME: Nero fiddles while Rome burns...

The National Executive Council of Peoples Progressive Party (PPP) met in Abuja, the Nation's Capital, on Thursday, 26th July 2018 to deliberate on party affairs and burning national issues leading to the upcoming 2019 general elections.

We deliberated on the state of the nation in the current democratic dispensation and how best to re-engineer our country going forward. In this regard the council re-affirmed core party values and programs geared to address the problems plaguing the nation today.

The National Executive Council considered the ongoing travails of Nigeria and noted as follows:

1. Our democracy is now at the risk of being truncated.
2. Our country is now at the risk of being torn apart.
3. Anarchy now rules supreme.
4. Impunity now holds sway.
5. Nepotism has now usurped federal character.
6. Rule of law has all but disappeared.
7. The judicial branch of government has been reduced to irrelevance.
8. Our legislative arm of government is under attack; under siege.
9. Unending poverty, joblessness and hunger now torment the masses.
10. Trials, travails and persecutions now envelope the nation.
11. Deaths, mass murders, genocides and ethnic cleansing have run amok.

As a nation, we have never collectively had it this bad. Every day that goes by brings worse news. Yet, we are supposed to have a government.

PPP laments that, as a matter of practicality, there is no longer a government in Nigeria. What we have is a cabal willing to poison and destroy the land in an evil pursuit of oppressive power intended to enslave the masses in order to satisfy their personal and parochial goals.

We, the people, owe our country the solemn and sacred duty to challenge these oppressors; to stand resolute and firm in the struggle to recover our country; a country they have forcibly stolen from us by dint of divide-and-conquer. We must not faint.

We recommit Peoples Progressive Party to the peoples of Nigeria. We rededicate our party to the impoverished masses as the peoples' vehicle to reclaim our nation.

The council identified the federal government as the single most important failure of the republic and the prominent enabler of the problems that continually plague the nation. Therefore, to solve our problems, we must re-engineer this federation such that people of bad faith who secure presidential power will no longer be able to turn our republic into a dictatorship. If we do this, we live. If we don't, we die!

Accordingly, PPP resolved as follows:

1. The current constitution rendered the people and their federating units powerless. The federal government is the sole and only power under this defective constitution. This must be reversed. The people of the land must own their land. The communities must control their communities. The federating states must safeguard the rights, liberties and properties of the people.
2. We must correct constitutional and structural imbalances that make it possible for people of bad faith to easily turn our republic into a dictatorship.
3. We must remove State-erected barriers against self-reliance, economic emancipation, and the people's inherent rights to sovereign controls.

4. We must instill constitutional frameworks to eliminate the current welfare-driven federation and replace it with self-sustaining, work-oriented federating models.
5. Our country must be restructured to eliminate the concentration of economic and internal security powers at the center alone.
6. We must repose in the federating units the solemn duties as guardians of our common rights; the rights to life, liberties and properties. State legislatures have to be empowered as guardians of the people's liberty against tyrannical federal encroachment.
7. Finally, we must enshrine in the constitution, the rights of the people to truly choose their leaders with or without political parties; and the rights of the people to directly control the country's constitution and laws via referendum and plebiscites.

If we fail to act and to do so quickly, the mess that we have today will spiral into anarchy; of the type that will make Somalia, Yemen, Iraq and Syria pale in comparison.

ALL IT TAKES FOR EVIL TO PROSPER IS FOR GOOD MEN AND WOMEN TO DO NOTHING.

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