

Why We Are Running Away From PDP In Edo State.

The fortunes of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP in Edo State are continuing to dwindle with both foundation members and later-day joiners abandoning the party in Edo State.

Interestingly, many of those who joined the party with Governor Godwin Obaseki after he was denied the ticket of the party in 2020 have also abandoned him in the party.

In nearly all cases, the blame for the exit has been heaped on Obaseki. Those who came with him into the PDP including some of his former aides like a former commissioner, Adaze Emwanta are blaming him for not being sincere with them and the new party they joined.

Those who received him into the PDP like Hon Martins Osakue are abandoning the house they laboured for over 25 years because the fortunes of the PDP began to collapse once Obaseki joined a former robust and vibrant party.

The PDP had even with the then ACN in power at the state level showed its worth in elections winning the majority of seats in the National Assembly.

However, with Obaseki as governor, the PDP in 2023 lost the majority of the seats in the National Assembly and for the first time did not have a representative in the Senate.

It is as such not surprising that in the approach to the governorship election that many are no longer wishing to resign themselves to fate.

It is worthy of note that many who cautioned against giving Obaseki shelter in 2020 after what he did to Comrade Adams Oshiomhole are now being proved to have been right.

Not only did he cast aside and "SUSPEND" Chief Dan Orbih who led his campaign in 2020, his sense of INGRATITUDE was also displayed in his "SUSPENSION" of Hon (Engr) Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama, the man who surrendered the ticket to him in 2020.

It is thus understandable why there is a massive exit from the party following the decision of the PDP National Working Committee, NWC to handover the party to a man who by election results and personal relations has devalued the party.

The ominous signs cannot be better reflected by the lukewarm reception being given to Obaseki's agents as they traverse the state to shore up support for the governor and his Lagos-branded candidate who does not

even understand our language.

Excerpts of the letters below reflect the story of why otherwise established political actors are running away from the PDP.

23rd May 2024

The Chairman
PDP Ward 1
Ugbogbo
Igarra

Dear Chairman.

I am writing to formally resign from The Peoples Democratic Party, effective immediately. This decision has not been made lightly, but after considerable reflection, I find it absolutely necessary to take this step.

The PDP has changed radically in content and form negatively particularly over the last 4 years, that it has become almost unrecognisable as the party I joined with much enthusiasm in 1999.

I had the honour and privilege of serving the Party our State and Country as a Federal Commissioner in the Presidency and in the Public Complaints Commission, then under the National Assembly.

I ran two elections to the National Assembly and supported several elections in every way imaginable including the election of the outgoing government in Edo State.

Over the years, I have dedicated myself to the values and mission of our party.

In consequence I have been a major plank in my Federal constituency, my Senatorial district and indeed the State. Needless to say my Federal Constituency has consistently been the largest contributor to PDP votes in the Edo North Senatorial district.

However, recent actions and decisions by the Government and its leadership have profoundly conflicted with my personal values and the core principles I believed our party stood for.

It has become clear that the direction in which the party is heading is no longer one that I can, in good conscience, support.

I have always believed that politics should always be centred on persistent efforts at harmony, reward loyalty and consistency not friction and complete disregard for historical sacrifices and contributions from Senior party members and followers alike.

I have also always believed in integrity, transparency, and accountability in public service.

Unfortunately, the recent policies and strategies pursued by our government and its leadership reflect a deviation from these essential principles.

The disconnect between the party's current stance and my own beliefs makes it impossible for me to continue my association with the PDP.

My commitment to serving our community and working towards meaningful change remains unwavering.

I will continue to advocate for the issues that matter to me, albeit through different avenues that align more closely with my values and vision for our future.

I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences I have had during my time with the PDP.

I have had the privilege of working with many dedicated individuals, and I wish the party success in its future endeavors.

Please consider this letter as my formal resignation from the PDP and all related roles and responsibilities. I trust that the necessary arrangements will be made promptly to reflect this change.

Sincerely,
Otunba Oladele Bankole-Balogun.
Oteniete of Igarra

Federal Commissioner,
Public Complaints Commission. (2012-2015)

Cc: Chief Hilary Otsu
State Secretary
PDP
Benin-City

Chief Dan Osi Orbih
National Vice Chairman
PDP

BREAKING.....@ 6AM IN THE MORNING, MORE RESIGNATION POURING IN FROM EDO STATE PDP LEADERS ACROSS THE STATE. GODWIN OBASEKI....WHY? WHY? WHY? PDP ONLY HELPED YOU OUT IN 2020 BUT TODAY, YOU HAVE DESTROYED PDP EDO

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Wed May 22nd, 2024

The Chairman
People's Democratic Party (PDP)
Ward 1, (Ibore) Esan Central Local Government Area,
Edo State

Dear Sir,

RESIGNATURE LETTER

Please accept this letter as a formal notice of my resignation as a member of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) Ward 1, Esan Central Local Government Ibore, Edo State, Effective May 22, 2024.

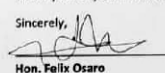
This decision arises from my deep concerns regarding the recent events surrounding the illegal impeachment of Phillip Shaibu, the Deputy Governor of Edo State.

The manner, in which this impeachment was carried out without due process and clear violation of Democratic principles, has greatly disturbed me.

As a firm believer in justice, fairness and the rule of law, I find it impossible to continue my affiliation with a party that condones such undemocratic practices.

I appreciate the opportunities I have had while being a member of the party, but I have decided it is time for me to move on. I will always cherish the experiences and relationships I have built during my time in party.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Hon. Felix Osaro

CC: PDP State Chairman, Edo State
PDP Esan Central Local Government Chairman

Felix Osaro Jeffery | Director

Our Motto: Serving You Better

Prince Thomas Edenojie,
Ward 9 Chairman,
Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Esan North East LGA,
Edo State.

Date: 21st May, 2024

Dear sir,

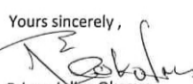
LETTER OF RESIGNATION

I write to inform you and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) of my resignation as member of the party with immediate effect.

After deo consultation with my immediate family, political allies and friends, this choice was made.

I wish to thank everyone who has supported my leadership and membership of the party, all this while since it's foundation in 1998.

Please take note of my sincerest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Prince Julius Okosun
(PDP Former Leader, Ward 9, Esan North East LGA)

Cc:
The PDP LGA Chairman

Signed: **Martins Osakue**

TCR MARTINS OWAMAGBE AIMUANWONSA OSAKUE
ETETE, BENIN CITY

21ST MAY 2024

The chairman
Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)
Ward 2
Oredo LGA
Edo South, Edo State

Dear Sir,

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

With reference to recent developments within the PDP, I wish to formally resign my membership of the party. This is effective immediately.

In the last couple of years, it has become evident from the various mismanaged PRIMARY ELECTION processes whether at national, state or local levels that the PDP has become a party on a journey of self-destruct.

Added to the party's plethora of problems is the impression that has been created that the party (PDP) does not mean well for my region (EDO SOUTH) and my professional interest. As a true Benin, it has become necessary to run far away from this party.


Thus going forward, we (my colleagues, supporters etc) shall interrogate the other party candidates since the PDP candidate has volunteered to continue on the PATH and PROGRAMMES of the Obaseki regime.

In the next one week, we shall ask questions:

- Where is TAYO AKPATA UNIVERSITY ADAMS OSHIOMOLE left for EDO SOUTH?
- As a candidate, are you ready and willing to bring back TAYO AKPATA UNIVERSITY within three (3) months of your inauguration if you win?
- Are you and your party ready to do something drastic about the various unbearable taxes imposed on businesses and individuals across Edo state?

While wishing you all the best, I wish to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve the party.

I remain,
Sincerely yours,


Martins Owamagbe Aimuanwonsa Osakue
Leader Oredo PDP

IF DAYS ARE TO BE FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORGET THE DAY SOMEONE WAS YOUR ONLY HOPE.....AND HE DID NOT FAIL YOU