

62ND NIGERIA INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

MESSAGE

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Warm greetings to all present here, distinguished guests and fellow Nigerians. For those watching or listening online, we say thank you for joining us in marking this day.

Welcome to this Flag Raising ceremony to mark the 62nd Independence of our motherland – Nigeria.

As a people united in purpose, we must act as good ambassadors in whatever situation or capacity we find ourselves and set aside our differences and harness our energies to the task of nation building.

Today's Nigerian Independence Day celebration marks the culmination of the journey that began 62 years ago. As we celebrate the achievements of our forefathers for independence, we must not be oblivious to the evils plaguing us as a nation.

As the President of the Nigerian community in the Greater Toronto Area of Canada, I feel your pain, but we can take solace in the hope that Nigeria still exists as one indivisible nation. The current leadership model and structure now may look dysfunctional and Nigeria in a state of stupor, yet at the scent of good governance it would be awakened to takes its pride of place as the giant of Africa, the economic hub of the world and shining example of progressive governance.

It is an undeniable fact that our leaders have deviated from the path of our founding fathers in nation building because of their reckless, unaccountable, irresponsible, and ineptitude in administering the affairs of the nation. These and more have brought about the agitations for breakup of the country and a loud call for referendum by others to decide the future of the nation.

I use this occasion to call on all Nigerians back home and here in Canada to wake up to the realities of engaging in the politics of ideology, selflessness, responsibility, and accountability from all our leaders and political class. As this seem the only way forward.

I want to implore all Nigerians tribe notwithstanding, to join me for a moment of silence for all victims that have been killed, maimed, raped, displaced through violence, or kidnapped by faceless bandits, who disguise as herdsmen, by Boko Haram and by other nefarious actors supported by the state.

A moment of silence observed

It is very sad that wanton corruption, banditry, kidnapping and armed robbery have become the norm in our land.

This is totally unacceptable, bearing in mind that we have a president that was a General in the military who gave Nigerians the confidence that he would tackle these insecurity problems.

We call on President Mohammad Buhari, to rise to the occasion and consciously put a stop to these avoidable challenges, currently ravaging Nigeria.

We are all together in this sea of struggles. We can decide to act alone and sink alone or come together and float as one. Together we're stronger and better, this is the task before us all.

I therefore want to use this opportunity to task all our community associations and organizational leaders that there is no better time for us all to come together to build a stronger community as the African community in Canada yearn for our leadership.

Embracing the concept that ideas rule the world, the activities of today started as an idea that was acted upon and is become a national memorial because our forerunners were committed to the course despite their differences in tribes and tongue but in brotherhood they stood.

In same token, community organizing is not a one-man activity but the collective efforts of many where ideas are birthed, cultivated, and harnessed for the betterment of the membership.

I therefore urge us to continue to build on this unity as we embark on celebrating Nigerian 62 Independence anniversary in the mist of her present predicaments.

On Saturday October 15, 2022 the Nigerian community will be hosting a gala night to commemorate the independence anniversary. We urge everyone to participate, visit our website at www.ncagta.com or on our social media platform to purchase your ticket. If you need further assistance, please call 416 856 0126.

Once again, I welcome us all to this ceremony...

Thank you.

God bless us all and may God bless Nigeria.

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