Recently, the world has witnessed a series of uncoordinated outbursts from members of the ruling All Progressives Congress. Members of the hierarchy of that broom wielding coven have been falling over themselves to accuse INEC of partisanship with the opposition. Some of these accusations have been absolutely baseless and most embarrassing, exposing the emptiness of the thought faculty employed by the APC.

The most recent of these rants emanated from the crises causing, jumpy and irascible Adams Oshiomhole at the last emergency national caucus meeting of their party. He accused the electoral umpire of bias. Specifically, he alleged that the REC in Akwa Ibom state allowed the training and recruitment of ad hoc staff meant for the election to a special assistant to the Governor. Nothing can be more false. We state as a fact that, there has never been any recruitment or training programme of INEC that was handled or supervised by any member of the Akwa Ibom state Government. We challenge him to bring any proof of a training or recruitment process of INEC ad hoc staff that was undertaken by an aide to the Akwa Ibom state government.

As a man who has been a Governor for eight years, it is ordinarily expected that his words should be seasoned with wisdom and maturity, but his utterances are far from this expectation. This falsehood recklessly proclaimed by Adams Oshiomhole is very unfortunate and demands a holistic assessment of his mental health. In the recent past, Adams has in his speeches, actions and posture acted in a manner unbecoming of a person holding the high office of the chairman of a ruling political party.

For the avoidance of doubt, this false claim by Adam Oshiomhole is the last card in his party's unrelenting desire to remove the Resident Electoral Commissioner in Akwa Ibom state in order to pave way for the Warsaw General and National Comedian, Godswill Akpabio to finish the elections in three hours in favour of their party.

It will be recalled that Senator Akpabio had promised at an APC rally that he will finish elections and produce a result favourable to the APC in 3 hours. Having met a roadblock in Igin's forthrightness and penchant for truth, they have resorted to telling outright lies against the man. Recall further that it was the same trick that Godswill Akpabio used to remove the commissioner of police, Joe Abang. Akpabio whispered to Oshiomhole who cried out on television at night and in the morning, the former Inspector General of Police redeployed the gentleman officer and brought CP Musa Kimo who threw caution to the winds and handed the entire police command in Akwa Ibom to Godswill Akpabio, posting his cousin, Idorenyin Akpabio and his other cronies to strategic posts and redeploying those unsympathetic to their cause.

With the change of guard in the police, Akpabio's CP became AIG, but has been unrelenting in his quest to deliver Akwa Ibom to the APC. The AIG has practically relocated to Akwa Ibom State for the elections.

We must state that the electoral process must not be subjected to the whims and caprices of the ruling APC. The umpire must be allowed to be independent in all ramifications. The fact that the electoral umpire has refused to bend to the ruling party's scheme, should be commended not vilified.

We advise Oshiomhole, Godswill Akpabio and their crying partymen to return to the drawing board and seek votes from the people and not to try to arm twist the umpire. We know that this pre-loss cry is a test run of the post-loss cry that awaits them after the elections.

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