

 **Monday 3rd April 2023**

This report documents incidents of hate speech and election atrocities for the week of **March 27 – April 2, 2023**.

Preamble

Two weeks after Nigeria's gubernatorial elections, politically motivated violence appears to be on a steady decline, as aggrieved parties have chosen litigation over jungle justice. However, our tracking recorded that at least 4 politically motivated killings amongst other killings took place in the past week.

This week's election atrocities include:

Attacks on INEC, Police Personnel & Facilities

- 1) **March 27, 2023:** Unidentified persons attacked and killed 3 officers of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence, in an ambush at Ekelsu market in Obiangwu Community of Ngor Okpala L. G. A in Imo State.
- 2) **March 27, 2023:** Tanimu Mamman Maidabino, a police officer was killed on his way to Danmusa town from his home town Maidabino village, Jibia Katsina State.

Attacks on politically exposed persons

- 3) **April 30, 2023:** Some unidentified persons alongside James Adah, who was the Ward Chairman of Oganenigu, and a member of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), in Kogi State were killed in an attack on Aloko community, Oganenigu Ward, Dekina L.G.A, of the state.

Hate speech

- 4) **March 28, 2023:** The former Governor of Enugu State, Senator Chimaroke Nnamani while reacting to the news of his expulsion from the PDP referred to the chairman of the party, Iyorchia Ayu as “an unmitigated disaster. His leadership is an evil that befell the PDP. The only option left is to show him the exit door.”

Conclusion



Although incidents of politically motivated atrocities and hate speech have significantly declined in the weeks following the general elections, there is still a lingering fear of violence in the forthcoming supplementary elections in the hearts of many Nigerians. This is so because not much seems to have been done by the authorities to ensure that the perpetrators of violence in the past elections have been brought to book to serve as a deterrent to such tendencies. Much effort must be put in place by security agencies through careful analysis of the security challenges faced during the last elections in order to thwart all evil machinations geared towards disturbing national peace.



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