

PRESS RELEASE

NUPENG CONGRATULATES GENERAL BUHARI ON HIS VICTORY

The Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) congratulate the newly elected President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Major-General Muhammadu Buhari (Rtd) on his victory at the recently concluded general election.

NUPENG salutes the newly elected President and believe that he will bring his past leadership experience to bear in moving the nation forward.

The Union states that the election which was free and fair shows that Nigerians have spoken and hope that his election will bring about the long expected transformation in the Nation's Oil and Gas Industry.

As a former Minister of Petroleum Resources and Head of State, NUPENG expects that his second coming will put the Oil and Gas Sector on a sound footing. We commend the General for his resilience and patience and want him to settle down and address the nagging challenges bedeviling the Oil and Gas Industry.

These challenges include the quick passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) which has been in the National Assembly for four years now, if not passed by the current National Assembly, the rehabilitation of the Nation's four refineries to make them work optimally, and building of new refineries in order to reduce the massive importation of petroleum products.

The other challenges that should be addressed are the issues of outsourcing and casualisation of workers in the industry. We believe that if these issues are addressed, there will be job creation which is one of the cardinal points of the new administration.

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