

2023 polls: 25 APC members killed in Osun –Oyetola

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•Gives reconciliation committee 8 weeks

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Former governor of Osun State, Adegboyega Oyetola, yesterday, set up an 11-member committee with a mandate to reposition the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state for effective delivery.

He gave the committee eight weeks to submit their report, insisting that APC remains the party to beat in the state.

Oyetola, who expressed sadness over the killing of 25 members of the party during the recent general elections, stated that “despite the intimidation, harassment, violence, and killings perpetrated by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), people still identified with APC.

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“Osun electorate, again, demonstrated their love for the APC in the last presidential election, as they gave our president-elect 343,945 votes, despite the intimidation, violence, and killings that characterised the election. At the last count, we lost 25 of our members across the state during the last three elections,” he added.

He charged the committee to review activities of the party in recent times; consider the aspect of party administration, i.e. structure, funding, discipline, and reconciliation; make recommendations for an ethical reward system; create a blueprint for the future of the party in the state; and propose templates for resolving existing or future grievances among party members.

The speaker of the House of Assembly, Timothy Owoeye, expressed displeasure that some party members went to Ibadan to hold a secret meeting with the PDP, advising the committee to be fair in their recommendation.

The chairman of the committee and ex-health minister, Prof Isaac Adewole, promised that the committee would create rooms for all, especially the youth, and build a great future for the party.