

Saturday, October 15, 2005

YORUBA SUMMIT 2005

Resolutions



The Yoruba Summit 2005 was held in Tampa, Florida at the instance of Egbé Omo Yoruba, USA and Canada. The Summit which was attended by the National Executive Council of Egbé Omo Yoruba and prominent Yoruba leaders from Yorubaland, resolved as follows:

1. The Egbé reaffirms its commitment to the long-term objective of socio-political economic autonomy for the Yoruba people in Nigeria as exemplified in its organization of the Yoruba Summit in Tampa, Florida.
2. The Yoruba Summit resolved that all Yoruba elected officers who have served for the maximum period of 2 terms according to the Constitution must vacate their offices at the end of their terms in 2007. This is the tradition of the Yoruba people who are not known for indulgence in abuse of office or power. This is more so in the case of President Obasanjo who has been known to have respected his integrity as the first military head of state to vacate office voluntarily. The Summit surmised that those who have been campaigning for extension are sycophants. He should resist their intrigues for the sake of himself and the Yoruba people.
3. The Summit is disturbed by the recent published statistics which showed that the Yoruba have become the poorest community in Southern Nigeria. The Summit therefore calls on the governors of Yorubaland to do something urgently about raising the level of welfare of our people.
4. Democracy is crucial to development and wealth creation. A people who are not democratic cannot expect to develop. Therefore the Summit is concerned about the level of democratic governance and accountability in Nigeria and calls on all

well-meaning Nigerians to recommit themselves to the tenets of democracy and accountability.

5. The Summit is concerned about the decision not to include ethnicity and religion in the census questionnaire in Nigeria. The Summit is of the view that this is a wrong approach and it is unacceptable because excluding this crucial information would confuse the economic planners and industrial developments experts.
6. The Summit resents the use of institutions of government agencies against the Yoruba people in Ilorin during the crisis over the issue of Obaship. The Summit therefore calls on the Federal Government to investigate the crisis with a view to allaying the fears of the Yoruba community in general and the Yoruba in Kwara in particular and prevent a recurrence of the event.

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