

(WEEK FOUR)

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CLASS: SS II

SUBJECT: Government

THIRD REPUBLIC POLITICAL PARTIES

The Armed Forces Ruling Council under General Ibrahim Babangida ushered the third republic political parties. There were only two registered political parties in the ill-fated third republic, namely:

1. NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION (NRC)

The party was registered through the approval of the Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRC) with Chief Tom Ikimi as national chairman. It had its registered office at Abuja, states, Local Government Headquarters and Wards in the country.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NRC

- a. To pursue political, economic, social, educational and other objectives.
- b. To attain political power through democratic and constitutional means.
- c. To promote participatory democracy at all levels of Government
- d. To sponsor candidates for elections into elected offices from the local government levels to the Presidential level
- e. To undertake other activities which is in the opinion of the party are ancillary, incidental or conducive to the promotion of the aforementioned aims and objectives..

CONTRIBUTIONS/ ACHIEVEMENTS OF NRC

- a. It sponsored candidates for elections between 1991-1993
- b. The party contested and won many local government elections and into state and federal parliaments.

- c. It won also gubernatorial elections into many states of the federation
- d. It promoted participatory democracy at all levels of government between 1991-1993

2. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP)

Also, the registration of the SDP was approved by AFRC with Chief Tony Anenih as its national Chairman. It had its registered offices in FCT, Abuja, all the states of the federation, local government Headquarters, the Abuja Area Councils and in all the Wards in the Federation.

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- e. Its Presidential candidate, Chief MKO Abiola was acclaimed to have won the June 12, 1993 Presidential election. Although the election was annulled by the General Ibrahim Babangida