



DEMOCRACY, DICTATORSHIP CAN'T COEXIST — KUKAH

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The Catholic Bishop of Sokoto Diocese, Most Rev. Matthew Kukah, said, yesterday, that democracy and dictatorship cannot coexist, noting Nigeria was treading a dangerous path because young people are feeling disempowered.

Bishop Kukah, who spoke at an event organised by The Kukah Centre and Open Society Initiative for West Africa, OSIWA, in Abuja, said: "This is a dangerous path we are treading. Our young people are feeling disempowered.

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Kukah said the 2023 elections would give Nigerians another opportunity to think of the

mistake they had made.

He said: “Democracy is not an exercise undertaken by good men and women, which is what Nigerians have always fallen victim to — that we are looking for holy men, men of integrity, men of dignity to govern us and we assume that managing a diverse Nigeria does not require some level of deep intellectual reflection and understanding on the complexity in managing a society so energetic.

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