

2011: Prepare for Jail, CP warms biased policemen

The prisons across the country may become living houses for erring police personnel after the coming elections if the Nigeria Police makes good its threat to arrest and prosecute any of its officers and men caught exhibiting bias or colluding with any of the political parties to perpetrate illegal acts during the 2011 general elections.

Ondo State Commissioner of Police, Mrs Chintua Amajor-Onu sounded the warning in Akure at a meeting with the leaders of political parties in the state.

Equally, the police is prepared to prosecute both arrested political thugs and their sponsors for any act injurious and inimical to the successful conduct of the poll. Reading a Riot Act to the party leaders, the police boss also warned that “the police will not fold its arms and watch individuals or groups of persons to truncate the peace we are all enjoying in Ondo State presently. Anybody who wants to engage in the acquisition of arms and ammunition for political violence, use of inciting and abusive slogans during campaigns and fraudulent practices in voters registration should please have a rethink else they will see the negative side of the law.

“The police in Ondo State is not ready to compromise fairness during the election in 2011, whether you are in government or not, all parties are equal before the law of this country, no responsible policeman will not think about his career or his future and allow himself to be used by anybody to do illegal thing. For how much? I can assure you that we are fully prepared to deal with the situation appropriately.

“Another major point is that you party leaders should remember that when there is peace within the parties, it will extend to the society. Please educate your members on the need to shun any act capable of undermining state security during the forthcoming elections, this will show other states that Ondo State has become a role model for them” Amajor-Onu counselled the parties.

In their contributions, the party leaders told the Command to pre-emptively confront the menace of political thugs, fake police and intimidation of voters by unaccredited electoral umpires which could mar the 2011 polls.

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