

LP Leaders Endorse Mimiko for Second Term

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The fortune of the ruling Labour Party (LP) in Ondo State continued to increase as notable politicians particularly from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) defected to the ruling party ahead of the 2013 Election in the state.



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

The defection came just as LP leaders in Ondo South Senatorial district at the weekend endorsed the second term ambition of the state governor, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko. The leaders and members of the party from the six local government areas that made up the district during their senatorial meeting held in Igbokoda, headquarters of Ilaje local government area unanimously gave the governor the nod to contest the next governorship election in the state.

Some of the defectors to the LP include the immediate past member representing Akure south/ Akure north in the House of Representatives, Abiodun Adesida, an ex-chairman of Owo local government area, Abimbola Fabolude, former PDP House of Assembly candidate, Kunle Ijalana, Folasade Tinubu and Gbenga Jolaade and hundreds of their supporters. At the event held at the Akure city hall in the heart of the state capital, the defectors said they were attracted by the laudable achievements of the LP since it formed government three years ago.

The Igbokoda meeting where Mimiko was endorsed had in attendance members of the National Assembly, commissioners, members of the state House of Assembly, local government area chairmen, chairmen and members of boards of parastatals and other party leaders.

Speakers at the meeting said it was imperative to ensure that the good work started by the present administration continues beyond 2013. According to the chairman of Ilaje local government area, Banji Okunomo, the meeting which was called to deliberate on the fortune of the party, had resolved that the governor should be backed for another term in office.

He said many developmental projects that had direct impact on the lives of the people, particularly the common man were put in place by the Mimiko led administration.

In his contribution, the Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Sola Ebiseni, said the intervention of the present administration in the education, health, agriculture sectors and social services had improved the standard of living of the people.

Ebiseni added that the southern senatorial district of the state has had its fair share of the developmental projects being implemented by the state government. Also, the member

representing Ilaje/Ese-Odo federal constituency in the House of Representatives, Raphael Nomiye, said there was the need to sustain the wave of development blowing across the state.