

Mimiko Advocates State Police • Mob kills 2 Robbery Suspects in Police Custody



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

Ondo State governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, on Thursday, renewed the call for the establishment of state police following growing insecurity in the country.

The governor said the failure of the present centralised police system to find solution to the security threat in the country had shown that there was the need for an alternative arrangement on the nation's security.

Mimiko said this in Akure at the maiden edition of Dr Fredrick Fasehun Annual Public Lecture put together by Integrity Icon with the theme, "Nigeria's democracy still on trial?"

The governor said latest developments in the country had shown that there was an urgent need for the restructuring of the nation and establishment of state police.

Apart from this, Mimiko said the major task before holders of political offices in the country was the creation of employment for the nation's teeming school leavers.

He noted that many of the problems posing security threat to the nation would be solved when the youth are gainfully employed, adding that they would also be able to contribute to the development of the country.

The guest lecturer, who is also a member of the House of Representatives, Honourable Opeyemi Bamidele, said a major step towards attaining true democracy in the Nigeria was for the country to return to true federalism as practised in the First Republic.

He explained that this would entail restructuring the Nigerian state based on the principles of equity and justice.

The Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) chieftain also advocated that the country should return to fiscal federalism while adopting the principle of derivation.

Meanwhile, There is tension in Iluomoba in Gbonyin Local Government Area of Ekiti State, following the killing of two suspected armed robbers out of the three detained at a police post in the community by a mob.

Sources told the Nigerian Tribune in Ado- Ekiti on Thursday that the victims were suspected robbers alleged to have been terrorising the community and its neighboring communities in recent times.

It was further gathered that the suspects were arrested by members of the Oodua People's Congress (OPC) operating in the community and had handed them over to the police in the area.

The mob was said to have been angered by the alleged killing of one of the members of the



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community in one of the robbery operations the previous day.

The mob overran the police post, fished out the suspects and killed two out of the three of them who were in detention.

The state coordinator of OPC, Chief Ojo Obafemi, told newsmen in Ado-Ekiti that members of his organisation in Iluomoba laid ambush for four days to arrest the suspected armed robbers who he said had traumatised the people of the community and their neighbours.

According to Obafemi, the invasion of the police post was not to the knowledge of the OPC pointing out that the mob might have carried out the action because of the killings and robbery the communities had suffered recently.