

Mimiko Seeks Peace in oil Producing Communities

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Ondo State Governor Olusegun Mimiko has called for peace in oil producing communities in the state.



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Mimiko spoke at the weekend in Ode-Ugbo, during the second coronation anniversary of the Olugbo of Ugbo, Oba Frederick Akinrutan. Ode-Ugbo is the home of the Ugbo-Ilajes. Mimiko said development can only take place in a peaceful atmosphere and urged.

He said peace has been restored in the once volatile riverside since Oba Akinrutan's coronation and urged the monarch to continue to promote unity and cooperation in the area.

Mimiko said: "It is when there is peace in the entire Ilaje that meaningful development can take place. Oba Akinrutan should not relent in his effort to bring other monarchs together to deliberate on actions that would develop the area and the people.

"Ilaje land is not only strategic to Ondo State, but also very strategic to the nation as an oil producing area."

Oba Akinrutan said he would continue to promote human and infrastructural development in the area.

Also, the Ilaje AICECUM Congress (IAC) has called for the nomination of members for a new executive committee, as the tenure of the current executive would expire on November 13.

IAC is the umbrella body of oil blocs host communities, in Chevron operational area of Ilaje local government.

The body negotiates with Chevron on behalf of the host communities, while the Ondo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (OSOPADEC) acts as an arbiter.