

# Mimiko: Poverty, Threat to Peace

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Ondo State Governor, Olusegun Mimiko has declared that poverty remained the biggest threat to peace in the country. Mimiko, who was invested with an award to mark the tenth year anniversary of Premier FM 93.5FM said that for the country to be at peace, leaders needed to tackle mass poverty and unemployment.



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

"The greatest threat to peace in the country today remains mass poverty while unemployment remains a security issue which we must tackle.

"It is the greatest challenge of our time and has been responsible for the resurgence of crimes and other vices in the country." The governor said the mantra of his government, labour as the antidote to poverty, was crafted

to address disconnect between the elected officials and the people, assuring that his administration was determined to eliminate poverty.

He promised that in the next two years, unemployment level would be at zero level in the state, hinting that his administration was leveraging on agriculture to achieve the zero-poverty level for the people of the state.

In his remarks, the chairman of the occasion, Senator Femi Lanlehin traced the inability of successive administrations in the country to solve power problem to the 1999 constitution "which solely vested in the federal government the exclusive power to regulate the highly sensitive ingredient of development."

Lanlehin representing Oyo South Senatorial District in the Upper Chamber of the National Assembly, faulted the 1999 constitution which he said "grants the federal government the exclusive right on electricity and which has caused its epileptic nature over the years because, the Federal Government cannot handle it." In his opening remarks, the Director General of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, Mr. Yusuf Nuhu said that the anniversary was meant to appreciate the loyal listeners and assured that the best of the corporation was yet to come. "We will continue to do our utmost to meet your desires by broadcasting those programmes that will uplift the people and unite the nation," he said.