

## **Governor Mimiko thanks the people of Ondo says NASS election signifies end of imposition in Nigeria ....Ondo LP too, lampoons election losers**

Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko on Monday saluted the courage of the people of the State for voting according to their conscience and shunning those who distribute money for their votes.

Dr Mimiko who expressed happiness that the people kept faith with his government which had in the last two years since it came on board put in place several monumental developmental projects by voting candidates of the Labour Party in Saturday's national Assembly Election promised that the best of his administration was about to begin.

The LP candidates in the election swept the three Senatorial tickets up for grab in the State and won eight out of the nine House of Representatives seats that were contested for by all the political parties in the State.

In a release signed by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr Kolawole Olabisi, Governor Mimiko who thanked the people for their support, however, enthused that the outcome of the election was the true wish of the people whom he noted did a similar thing during the 2007 elections despite threats, intimidations and harassments from those whose only credentials were that they found themselves in positions of authority but who failed us.

His words: "I want to thank you good people of Ondo State for the way you heeded our clarion call to troop out and cast your votes for those who you want to represent you. We were aware of the attempts by some unscrupulous persons who went about with sacks of money to bribe their ways into office again, we were aware of those who brought in thugs from neighbouring States to harass you when their attempts to buy your votes with their filthy lucre failed. But in all these, you stood firm, voted and waited for the results of the votes cast to be announced before you went home, the inclement weather notwithstanding. You are our heroes and heroines and we are proud of you.

"On our part as a government, we will continue to serve you better and we can assure you that the best is yet to come. We will not fail you as we have promised. We implore you to please continue to do your part as a people by carrying out your civic responsibilities, come out to vote in all subsequent elections and we will do our own part of bringing the real dividends of democracy to your doorsteps," he assured.

Similarly, the Labour Party in Ondo State has congratulated the people of the State for standing firm and resoundingly silencing the apostles of do-or-die politics in the State through the ballots.

In a statement in Akure yesterday, the party's Chairman, Dr. Olaiya Oni, said the people through their votes have demonstrated that they are at one with the Labour Party Government of Dr. Olusegun Mimiko and would want him to continue unhindered with his life-changing programmes and projects.

Oni who said the victory of the party in all the senatorial zones and all but one of the House of Representatives shows the extent to which a people determined, focused and desirous of progress can go, asked the people not to relent in any way as the State prepares for elections into the State House of Assembly on the 23rd of April.

Commenting on the PDP in the State and what he called their cries over spilt milk, Oni said: "We cannot help pity the PDP in Ondo State on account of words emanating from them; words which confirm that the PDP in Ondo is an assembly of sore losers and undemocratic elements. While former Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola has congratulated those who defeated him in Osun, while Dimeji Bankole has sent congratulatory message to

the ACN candidate who worsted in him in Saturday's election, former governor Agagu and his band of sore losers in the Ondo State PDP have only been bragging and fuming about their intention to have the massive electoral victory in Ondo State upturned through the courts and other frivolous petitions as characteristic of them.

"Our word to them is that they should borrow a leaf from more politically mature minds, who are wise enough to know what a defeat is and the difference between a resounding thrashing and ill-gotten mandates. Our people not only retrieved the mandates stolen in 2007 but have also told the vote thieves that it will never be business the way of the thieves again in Ondo State."

Oni also asked the people not to take their eyes off the ultimate goal, which he says "is to deliver all the 26 seats in the State House of Assembly to the Labour Party as this is the final way they can show that they want no inhibitors on the way to the journey of our sunshine state to true greatness."

While congratulating the winners, he said the mandates they have just be given are to truly represent the people of the different constituencies and to project and promote the ideas and ideals that the Dr. Olusegun Mimiko-led Labour Party Government of Ondo State has been known for.

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