

Ondo Explains Sack Of 131 Workers

The Ondo State Government has said that it has sacked 131 civil servants for violating public service rules and regulations.

The Chairman of the State Civil Service Commission, Mr Dare Adebiji, made this known to newsmen on Wednesday in Akure.

Adebiji also disclosed that no fewer than 1,351 public servants were promoted, following their success in the 2011 promotion examinations. "Already, the affected workers from grade level seven to 17 have started receiving their promotion letters," he added.

He said the promotion of the workers was to demonstrate government's commitment to the career advancement of civil servants.

Adebiji said the promotion exercise would not adversely affect the purse of the state government. "You all know the uncommon commitment of the present government to the welfare of its workforce. The cost implication is such that can still be absorbed within the wage bill of the state civil service," he said.

He urged the newly-promoted officers to diligently do their job and be loyal to government.

Adebiji said the commission's zero-tolerance for indiscipline led to the termination of the appointment of five officers.

He said 126 civil servants were compulsorily retired while 49 were reprimanded for various offences such as fraud, forgery and gross misconduct.