

Port Harcourt Tragedy: Mimiko condoles Jonathan, Rivers People...calls for training for Police in crowd control

The Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko on Monday commiserated with the President, Dr Goodluck Jonathan and the people of Rivers State over last Saturday's tragedy that occurred during the South-South Presidential Campaign in which some lives were lost saying that incident was a very unfortunate one.

Mimiko in a statement issued on his behalf by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Kolawole Olabisi regretted the loss of lives saying that the incident was avoidable even as he commiserated with the families of those who lost their lives in the stampede.

"We received with heavy hearts the shocking news of unfortunate loss of lives that occurred during the Presidential campaign in Port Harcourt last Saturday. On behalf of the good people of Ondo State, I commiserate with the people of Rivers State, the bereaved families and Mr. President. We pray that the good Lord gives the families of the dead the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss," Mimiko stated.

The Governor equally commended the decision by the Presidency to conduct a full blown investigation into the unfortunate incident as a welcomed one adding that the Police should ensure more training for their personnel in the act of crowd control in order to forestall a re-occurrence of the Port Harcourt in the future.

"With more training in the act of effective crowd control, our policemen would be more capable of rising the occasion whenever incidents like the Port Harcourt stampede occur and the heavy tolls that usually attend such incidents would be minimised to the barest minimum," Governor Mimiko advised.

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