

# Mimiko Allays fear Over oil Subsidy Removal

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Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko has assured the citizens that his administration would put in place measures that will minimise the effects of the removal of oil subsidy by the Federal Government.

The governor therefore urged them not to entertain any fear concerning the decision and not to enter the new year with heavy hearts. He promised to always take decisions that would bring smiles to the faces of the people.

Mimiko, who stated this in his remarks during the prayers for the first working day of the year held at the Government House in Akure, assured that any benefit accruable to the state from the policy would be effectively utilised to alleviate the suffering of the people and bring further development to the state.

The governor, however, appreciated the support of public servants during the out gone year, noting that he could not have achieved any meaningful progress without their inputs and co-operation. He said: "On the issue of subsidy which is a reality now, I want to assure you that we are going to put in place measures that will mitigate the effects of the subsidy removal on the people of Ondo State. As I phoned the Secretary to the State Government and for some times we have taught about how to ensure that we mitigate the effects of subsidy removal on the short and medium-term for the citizens of Ondo State."

He added: "We are going to put together an all-embracing committee and we will all put our minds together. I don't have any doubt in my mind that whatever is accrued to Ondo State as extra fund from the subsidy removal will be so creatively utilised that we'll all thank God that subsidy was removed. "It is difficult to imagine but trust me. You will see the effect in public transportation, food security and at domestic home level and in everything that touches everyday life of the people. You will know that the government you put in place really cares for you." Earlier in his message entitled "I will do a new thing," Pastor Sanya Kolajo of the Redeemed Christian Church of God advised both political office holders and public servants in the state to appraise their previous contributions to the development of the state and make appropriate amendment where necessary. The cleric, who stressed the need for positive changes in the lives of the workers in the New Year, urged them to be more creative and innovative in the year.

Prayers were offered for the peace, progress and prosperity of the state.