

## **10,000 dumps PDP for Labour in Ondo**

Barely two weeks after over 5000 members of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) in Idanre local government area of Ondo State, led by the former council chairman, Chief Oloruntobi Akinlalu decamped to Labour Party, no fewer than 10000 members of PDP and other opposition parties in Akoko South East local government at the weekend joined the fold of the Labour Party (LP) in the state.

The immediate past Chairman of the Local Government Council under the administration of Dr Olusegun Agagu , Mr Akin Aibinuomo led his deputy, Nuhu Fatai and the council former legislative members, including Messers Jide Ase, Hon. Kola Ajisafe, Hon. Adeola Sylvester, Hon. Ayodele Tanimola, Hon. Adesina Ayodeji and Hon. Ahmed Abu and scores of other former members of the PDP, defected to Labour Party at Isua, the headquarters of the council area

They assured that with their defection, the PDP was dead in the local government area. Speaking on their attraction to LP at the colourful occasion, Aibinuomo said the Mimiko-led administration in the state had given a sense of direction to governance, saying such a leadership quality had facilitated the emergence of many people- oriented projects across the state.

He confessed that all his followers had taken the decision to work tirelessly for the success of Labour Party in the forthcoming elections, adding that Labour Party government has a listening ear, especially to the plight of the of common man. Hon Aibinuomo added that the present administration in the state has revamped the health facilities in the council area, built town halls and markets to boost the socio-economic development of the area.

The state chairman of Labour Party, Dr Olaiya Oni, who received the decampees into the party, congratulated them on their choice of political party, noting that Labour Party has the vision to transform the state and the people, stressing that the party would not disappoint the people in meeting their yearnings and aspiration.

He assured them of equal opportunity with the old members and urged them to be united and ensure the victory of the party in the forthcoming elections. In his remarks, the state Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko assured that all credible politicians in the state would soon join the labour party, saying that the party has a lot of laudable programmes that need the support of all and sundry for the purpose of moving the state forward.

He also assured the aged in the state of his administration's readiness to bring smiles into their faces, saying that data of the aged was being collated to assist government in its programme for them.

His words: "I want to assure you that very soon all credible politicians in this state will join us in the Labour Party. Labour Party is a party of the people, a party that has the interest of the people at heart. We cannot fail in our responsibilities to the people of this state. I want to sincerely welcome our people into labour party. In fact I'm excited to see this large number of people joining us today. We have to join hands together to move our state forward'.

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