

## **ONDO SPEAKER, LG, BOSS, 2,000 OTHERS JOIN LABOUR PARTY**

**.....as over 3000 Agagu kinsmen join LP in Okitipupa**

The Speaker of Ondo State House of Assembly, Mr. Samuel Adesina on Thursday predicted the demise of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) as he led over 2,000 seasoned Politicians who braved an early morning downpour to formally declare for the Labour Party (LP). Adesina insisted that with the declaration, no notable politician was left in the opposition party in Odigbo Local Government Area of the State where he hails from.

Also in Okitipupa, the hometown of the immediate past Governor of the State, Dr Olusegun Agagu, over three thousand (3,000) erstwhile members of the PDP and other parties led by the Lisa of Ossoroland, High Chief Festus Olumoyegun, Agagu's former points man, dumped the Party for the LP.

Speaking at a carnival-like rally at Ore, the headquarters of Odigbo Local Government Council, where Hon. Adesina stated that the decision of the over 2,000 people to follow him to the Labour Party in Ondo State was due to the achievements and people – oriented programmes of the Dr Olusegun Mimiko-led administration with in short spell in office.

Hon. Samuel Adesina who believed that the emergence of Governor Mimiko was divinely approved added that the State has started witnessing positive changes, which have been attracting more people into the Labour Party.

He said within the one and half years of the existence of the present administration, the Labour Party has been spreading like wild fire during the Harmattan period to the extent that no day passes by in the 18 local government area of the state without notable politicians defecting from their parties to the Labour Party.

Hon. Adesina assured that the state legislature under his leadership would sustain the current peace and harmonies relationship with the executive.

Addressing the crowd, Governor Mimiko assured them that his government would not lose focus but will instead, be more alive to its responsibilities for more members to be attracted to the Party which he said has enough rooms for all.

While appreciating them for their bold steps, the Governor advised them to urge those who are still sitting on the fence to join the Labour Party which he said has the best platform for every serious politician in the state.

In Okitipupa local government area Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko also assured the people of Ilutitun that his administration would renovate the health centre in the town too adequately meet their health needs.

In addition, the Governor has directed the State Chairman of Water Corporation and his team to look into the portable water situation of the community with a view to alleviating their suffering.

Governor, Mimiko stated this at Ilutitun, while addressing over three thousand members of the PDP and other political parties to the Labour Party in the area.

The Governor, who attributed his assumption of office to the divine intervention of God to meet the socio-economic needs of the people, said the ruling Labour Party in the State would not jeopardize the confidence reposed in it by the majority of the people of the state by meeting their yearnings and aspiration.

He however congratulated the new LP members and urged them to work assiduously for the victory of the party in the forth coming election.

Speaking while receiving the decampees, the state chairman of Labour Party, Dr Olaiya Oni assured them of equal opportunities with the old members and promised to carry out the party's activities in a transparent manner.

He added that the Labour Party government in the state has done a lot to transform the socio-economic landscape of the state, adding that many programmes were still in the pipeline to further bring smiles to the faces of the people.´

In his speech, the leader of the decampees, Chief Festus Oyedele Olumoyegun, a former local government chairman who said that he had been an associate of the governor for about twenty years expressed confidence in his ability to lead the state to a promised land.

He added that the Labour Party administration in the state has done a lot since inception to alleviate the suffering of the people, including payment of backlog of pension and gratuities, to public servants and political office holders irrespective of their political affiliation.

He however expressed sadness over the neglect of the area in the provision of social infrastructure, assuring that the Mimiko-lead administration would correct the past mistakes.

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