

Again, PDP loses members to LP in Ondo as 7000 dump party in Idanre

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) In Ondo State at the weekend suffered another major setback as it lost three of its strongest members in Idanre Local Government of the State who led over 7,000 supporters of the PDP to the ruling Labour Party assuring that with their defection to the LP, the PDP was dead in the Local Government. The Chairman of the PDP in the State Dr. Tayo Dairo hails from the Local Government Council.

Only last week, over 5000 stalwarts of the PDP and other opposition parties in the Southern Senatorial District of the State comprising Odigbo, Okitipupa, Irele, Ese-Odo, Ile-Oluji/ Okeigbo and Ilaje Local Government areas had dumped their parties for the LP. At the Idanre ceremony, the former PDP leaders namely: Chief Oloruntobi Akinlalu, Mr. Oyadare Ademola, an Engineer and Mr Wole Adeoti yesterday publicly renounced their membership of the PDP alongside thousands of their followers at a colorful occasion in Odode- Idanre.

Akinlalu, a former Chairman of Idanre local government also chaired the State Micro Credit Agency under the immediate past administration of Dr Olusegun Agagu, while Ademola was the vice chairman of the council under Akinlalu's administration.

According to Akinlalu and Ademola, while addressing the mammoth crowd that gathered to witness their sojourn into the LP, the Mimiko-led administration had in its barely two years in office shown unique love to the people of the state irrespective of their political affiliation, a trait they noted was the hallmark of true leadership and the groundswell of politics without bitterness.

They also enthused that they had followed with keen interest the frenzy with which the LP administration had embarked on numerous physical infrastructural development of the state, describing Governor Olusegun Mimiko as a man of wisdom, courage and knowledge, attributes, which they said, had translated to the unprecedented development of the state.

Among the Dr Olusegun Mimiko administration's achievements, which they said attracted them into the Labour Party were the mother and child hospital in Akure, which is the first of its kind in the state and which is already being replicated all over the State; asphalt overlay of the road linking Owena the council headquarters with Idanre, a project which they regretted was abandoned by the Agagu administration despite its utmost importance to the Cocoa producing community; construction of Amegbe bridge which had posed serious threats to the lives of the people and the on-going construction of neighborhood market in the town.

While receiving the decampers, the state chairman of Labour Party, Dr Olaiya, who was assisted by the Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, congratulated them on their decisions to join the moving train and assured them of equal opportunity in the party.

Dr Olaiya Oni, who described Labour Party as the party with genuine vision to liberate the people of the state from oppression and poverty, also described Idanre as the stronghold of the labour.

In his speech, Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko urged the party members both the old and new to be united and work as a family so that the party will emerge victorious in the forthcoming elections. The Governor disclosed that a contract for the construction of a dam that will service the Idanre Golf Course and adjoining communities had been awarded adding that his government would ensure that the people of Idanre and other parts of the State would have cause to rejoice by the end of his tenure as he was resolute that Ondo State gets its vibes back as a pacesetter in the nation.

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