

Akoko royal Fathers pays solidarity visit to Governor Mimiko over LP Chairman's resignation

Traditional Rulers and some representatives of Akoko North East Local Government Area of Ondo State including the traditional ruler of Oni's home town, Ise Akoko, yesterday paid solidarity visit to Governor Olusegun Mimiko over the resignation of the former Chairman of Labour Party in the State, Dr. Olaiya Oni.

The former Chairman at the weekend announced his resignation from the position in one of the National Dailies accusing the State Governor of not carrying him along the scheme of things in the State.

But in their swift reactions to the actions, his people from his town, Ise-Akoko in Akoko North East Local Government converged on the Governor's Office to make their position known on the matter.

Addressing the crowd at the presence of the Governor and other Leaders of the Party, the Alauga of Augua Akoko, Oba Samuel Kehinde Agunloye stated that the decision of the former chairman was not the political agenda of the people of Akokoland. He said; "Dr. Olaiya Oni did not carry us along. We've come to assure the Governor that we are solidly behind him".

In his comment, another royal father from the area, the Oluboropa of Iboropa Akoko, Oba Emmanuel Babalola stated that the former chairman and the Governor are their sons but that the resignation of Dr. Olaiya Oni from the Labour Party was not supported by the royal fathers and the people of the council.

The Monarchs who said he had spent 15 years on the throne of his forefathers noted that no Governor has performed like Governor Olusegun Mimiko in Akokoland and in the State as a whole.

He stressed that the outstanding achievements of the Governor in the area which he said include, the real reconstructions of Ugbe-Iboropa-Ise Road were unprecedented. In an interview with Journalists, the Onise of Ise-Akojko, Oni's town, Oba Adegbenro Omola highlighted that the former chairman has no follower ship in any part of the council adding that his resignation was a welcome development as it would lead to the rapid development of the ancient town and Akokoland in general given the tendency of the former LP Chairman to block such developments in the past.

Omola noted that the community did not benefit from his position as he virtually blocked all projects that were meant for the town, adding that he never visited the town since he was made the LP Chairman.

The Royal father pledged the loyalty of his subjects to the administration of Governor Olusegun Mimiko which he said had rescued Ondo State from a state of total collapse in the last two and a half years.

The Council Chairman of the Party, Chief Michael Babalola highlighted the achievements of the Labour Party administration to include constructions of Neighbourhood Markets, Basic Health Centres, Mega Primary Schools in the area within its short spell in office .In his remarks, Governor Mimiko thanked them for their visit and while thanking Dr Olaiya Oni for services rendered to the people of the State and wished him well in his future endeavors’.