

## **INEC Voters' Register: Governor Mimiko leads 5000 – man sensitization rally on One-Man-One-Vote**

Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko armed with leaflets, posters and fliers at the weekend led over 5,000 indigenes of the State on a rally to sensitize them on the need for massive registration at the on-going Voters Registration exercise which kicked off nationwide on Saturday. The Governor who personally distributed these educative materials to motorists, market women, traders and passers-by advised the people that massive voters registration and strict insistence on one man, one vote are potent weapons to fight electoral fraud which, he regretted, had been the major problem militating against credible elections in the country. The rally, which meandered through the major Streets of Akure the State capital, witnessed an unprecedented number of people who joined in the rally

Mimiko personally distributed awareness leaflets bearing messages like “Your vote must count in 2011” “Your vote is your power, register now,” “Work towards free and fair election, go out and register now” to market women, taxi drivers, commuters, artisans among others during the Voters Registration Sensitization Campaign.

Addressing the crowd at the Ilesha Road Motor Park, the Governor urged the people to disallow fraudulent politicians and charlatans from hijacking power by participating in the voters registration exercise as their voters' cards will empower them to freely choose leaders of their choice.

“This voters registration's advantages are not limited to possessing voting right, it is also a passport to getting more into the State coffers from the Federation Account since population remains one of the indices being used for revenue allocation to states and Ondo State people would be better for it if there is an improvement in our monthly earnings.

“You were all living witnesses to the unimaginable and unthinkable monumental fraud that was perpetrated in the 2007 elections when the dead and the living like the late Pastor Ayo Babalola, a man who died several decades ago, Mike Tyson, the American Pugilist, President Goodluck Jonathan, Governor Peter Obi, stones, candles, palm kernel, window blinds, human noses, trees, cups, and other ludicrous objects take the forms of human beings and voted in Ondo State through the fake Voters Register abracadabra, yet they claimed to have been voted for by you.

"As far as they were concerned, your votes did not count then. But let us tell them that; Never again will we allow those whom you did not vote for to rule us in this state. To checkmate a repeat of the fraud they perpetrated in the past, please go out and register en-masse, obtain voters cards, which is your power that you can use to bring about the desired positive change in the electoral system as well as governance in this country.

“The future of both the present and coming generations in Nigeria is in the hands of every individual. We must get it right this time around by insisting on the execution of our electoral rights which we can only actualise by massive registration in this nationwide exercise,” Mimiko said.

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