

ONDO ORDERS MARKET CLOSURE...Last opportunity for market women and men to register

The Ondo State Government has ordered the closure of all markets in the State tomorrow Saturday, 5th February to enable full participation of market men and women in the Voters Registration Exercise.

In a statement yesterday, the Commissioner for Information, Mr. Ranti Akerele said this is to provide the final opportunity to those who are yet to register as a result of their economic and commercial engagements.

Akerele who said government wants full participation of residents said access to social services like education, health and the likes will be strictly based on the possession of the voters' cards by residents of voting age while younger ones will have to present cards of their parents or wards.

The State government had before the one week extension granted for the voters registration exercise across the country declared a day and half as work free days to avail residents of the opportunity to register or risk not enjoying social services.

Akerele said: "Government calls on Iyalojas, iyalajes and indeed all market leaders to mobilize their members to take full and final advantage of this opportunity and enjoins residents to do all necessary shopping today.

"Government regrets every inconvenience that may arise as a result of this closure as it is all in the interest of good governance and democracy in our State and country."

Signed

Mr. Ranti Akerele

Hon. Comm. For Information

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