

Mimiko flags off N2billion Ikare roads projects....charges Youth Corps members over conducts during election

The Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko on Wednesday excited the people of Akoko area of the State as he flagged off the long abandoned Ikare-Ugbe-Ise;Akoko road at a whopping sum of two billion naira (N2billion) with an assurance that his administration would not relent in putting in place projects that would impact on the socio-economic development of the people of the State.

Specifically, Mimiko who was in Akoko North West/North East in continuation of the campaign for Saturday's election in the State where he led the candidates of his Party, the Labour Party, on the electioneering tour s of the area was emphatic that as the people could see in the last 24 months since he came into office, his government would continue to improve the welfare of the people by making the best choices for them within the available resources.

“Until poverty is defeated in our State in such a way that all the students have access to quality and affordable health care and education, we will not relent in our efforts in actualizing our set objectives”.

Addressing the crowd at the rally which preceded the flag-off ceremony, the Governor told the people that the party had carefully selected credible candidates to vie for various positions in next election asking them to vote en-mass for the candidates of the Labour Party.

Governor Mimiko who later led the train to Irun, Ogbagi, Ise, Oke-Agbe and other towns and villages in the two LGAs ended the campaign process in Ikare-Akoko where he reeled out the achievements of his two-year old government, these achievements, he said should encourage the people to endorse LP candidates in the fast approaching April polls.

Mimiko said: “We, in less than two years, have built new roads, new hospitals and a regional market that is the envy of all. We have completed the Alpha 3D company initiated by the Adefarati Government and abandoned by the Agagu government which is a veritable platform not only for wealth creation but for the employment of many of our unemployed youths. We can do more and are ready to do more.

“But we need a legislative arm that is filled with people with the right political understanding of the goals we seek to achieve to make people-friendly laws. We need senators who will not be self-centered or busy with playing destructive politics but finding the right avenues to help deliver on the promises of democracy. The PDP has no history of producing such legislators and cannot be trusted to produce them in the next election. So we must vote them out. In any case most of them did not win in the last election.”

Speaking specifically on the Tomato processing Factory in Arigidi- Akoko, the governor said when completed it will provide employment for hundreds of people in the area and as well take

thousand others who will be part of the Tomato out growers initiatives of the government out of the poverty level.

Mimiko who has been at the head of his party's campaign in Odigbo, Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo, Idanre, Ifedore, Ese-Odo, Irele, Ose, Owo, Ondo East, Ondo West, Akoko South West, Akoko South East as well as Akoko North-East and North-West Local Government Areas of the State has taking every opportunity to point at the achievements of his two-year old government which he says far exceeds all that was achieved in the six years under the PDP in the State.

While formally presenting the party's candidates to the people in all the locations, the Governor said the LP candidates as opposed to their opponents are people who have shown remarkable capabilities in championing the cause of the people as can be attested to by the respect accorded them by the people.

He did not fail to ask the people to eschew violence adding however that they must be ready to vote and defend their votes.

In a related development, Governor Mimiko charged the corps members assigned to election duty to resist temptation from unscrupulous politicians who might want to buy their conscience. According to him succumbing to such temptation would spell doom for the future of the country.

He stated this in Ikare Akoko during the closing ceremony of the orientation course for the 1630, 2011 batch 'A' of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) deployed to the state.

The Governor, who maintained that the successful conduct of the election depends on the commitment and faithfulness of the corps members as unbiased umpires, expressed confidence that they would not fail the country.

His words 'Politicians will no doubt tempt you with their money but it is your responsibility as patriotic citizens of this country to resist their temptation. The future of Nigeria is in your hands as leaders of the future and as dependable ally in the nation's democratic processes. So you have to do everything possible to ensure that we have credible elections in April'.

'You have an important role to play in ensuring successful conduct of the forthcoming general elections as INEC relies on corps members as unbiased umpires in ensuring that we have free, fair and credible elections. I am confident that you will not fail our common posterity' said the governor.

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