

## **Mimiko offers assistance to rainstorm, fire victims**

Ondo State government on Thursday commiserated the victims of the Wednesday's rainstorm and fire outbreak in Akure the state capital and assured them of adequate assistance and compensation to mitigate their loss.

The state Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, who stated this on Thursday during a sympathy visit to the affected areas along Oke-Ijebu, Araromi and Owe-Akala, thanked God that no life was lost to the incidents.

Accompanied by the Deji of Akure, Oba Adebisi Adesida, Dr Mimiko advised the people to always unplug their electrical appliances from the socket to avoid power outbreak, especially owners of shops attached to residential buildings.

He assured that the State Emergency Management Agency has been directed to take inventory of the number of houses and property destroyed in order to facilitate government's assistance to the victims.

His words 'Because of the recent fire disaster and the rainstorm, we've come to empathise with our people that were involved and suffered some loss in term of materials in this fire incident, one here and the other at Araromi. We thank God that no life was lost to this disaster and we also seek the opportunity to advise our people to ensure that at the end of the day, especially shops that are attached to residential buildings. When they leave their shops, they do not only put off the light at the socket, they should also remove the plug from the socket because we have found out that occasional surge can actually lead to spark'.

'Yesterday, there a wind storm that affected quiet a number of property and a lot of that so we went round also to sympathise with our people. I want to assure you that I've instructed the State Emergency Management Agency to swing into action so that we can compensate them for the losses that they incurred and also to advise our people to plant more trees because this will ultimately serve as wind breaker and protect our environment' said the governor.

While speaking, Oba Adesida advised the people to avoid storing petrol and other inflammable products at home.

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