

Mimiko receives Ondo evacuated Corps members from North, urges them not to allow incident to dampen their patriotism

About 200 National Youth Service Corps members who are Ondo State indigenes evacuated from Bauchi State affected by post-election violence by the state government have arrived Akure, the state capital.

Receiving them at the Government House, the state Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko urged them not to allow the incident to douse their sense of patriotism and remain committed to fostering national unity and development'

According to him, "we thank God and I congratulate you on being able to get home safely. I also thank God that you were not victims, I have to also encourage you not in any way allow this to dampen your sense of patriotism in this great nation.

"Every country goes through her own difficult times, but I still encourage you to still appreciate the fact that Nigeria is a wonderful country, a great nation. Our manifest destiny is that Nigeria will be a leader of nations" Mimiko exhorted the youths.

The Governor equally applauded the President, Dr Goodluck Jonathan for the matured manner in which he had been handling the crisis, adding that "no matter how insurmountable the situation had been in the past, Nigeria had always come out more united and strong and I believe this will not be an exception"

Responding on behalf of the corps members, Mr. Fisayo Ogunmola commended the State government for its prompt response to the situation, a development which he noted had further re-invigorated their confidence in the government's concern for the welfare of its citizens.

His words: "We want to appreciate the government's quick response to our plight and the demonstration of its caring heart posture which had saved our future as the country's leaders." The State government, according to Ogunmola, in addition to other package, provided logistic support for their movement to their various destinations. He equally lauded Dr Olusegun Mimiko for ordering a comprehensive treatment of one of the evacuated youths, Miss Bolanle Elebiju who was injured in the fracas as well as another victim who is currently still receiving treatment in the North pending when he would be strong enough to be moved home.