

Mimiko salutes Moslem on Eid-el kabir celebration, calls for greater sacrifices

As Moslems all over the world celebrate the Eid- al Adha commonly called Eid-el Kabir, the Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko has called on Moslem Ummah and Nigerians in general to use the occasion to pray for the development of the country as well as the peaceful co-existence of its inhabitants.

Dr Mimiko who, however, enthused that it was gratifying to note that the nation had enjoyed peace in the past year stressed the need for all and sundry to continue to live in peace and harmony in order to make Nigeria a great nation.

Governor Mimiko, in a release issued by his Chief press Secretary, Mr. Kolawole Olabisi in Akure on Monday, While appealing to all Muslims to sacrifice all personal weaknesses, limitations and vices with the symbolic slaughtering of the seasonal ram and not be carried away with the feasts and merriments that usually goes with such celebrations, saying that herein lies the very essence of the symbolic sacrifice of the rams.

His words: “Just as the meat from the sacrifice of Eid al-Adha is mostly given away to others, this act not only symbolizes our willingness to give up things that are of benefit to us or close to our hearts, in order to follow Allah's commands; it also symbolizes our willingness to give up some of our own bounties, in order to strengthen ties of friendship and help those who are in need. We do this in recognition of the fact that all blessings come from Allah, and we should open our hearts and share with others.

“Since this symbolism is in the attitude-a willingness to make sacrifices in our lives in order to stay on the Straight Path, this should be our stance always if we are to be a great people and a greater nation that we can all be proud of; one in which there will be love, unity, progress and development. This was the path laid for us by Prophets Ibrajhin (AS and Muhammed (SAW) and we can do no less if we are to be faithful adherent of their sacred teachings as laid down by Almighty Allah. On behalf of the good people of Ondo State, I wish our Moslem brothers and sisters happy Eid-el-Kabir celebrations.

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