

Ondo Chides PDP, Says Attacks On Projects Reek Of Malice And Fear

The Ondo State Government on Sunday berated the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) over blanket criticisms of its projects saying that the development was borne out of malice and alarm at the spate of developmental projects already put in place by the Dr Olusegun Mimiko's administration within such a short time in office.

According to the State Government, within a space of seventeen months, Ondo State is on a daily basis being transformed from a back-of-the-beyond State into a modern one by the present administration to the consternation of the PDP which, despite billions of Naira at its disposal, planned for over two years of its administration without anything to show for it.

The PDP, which is the main opposition party in the State, had in recent times engaged in criticisms of the State government especially on the construction of roads within Akure, the State Capital describing them as a waste of public funds and rather expensive.

But a release issued by the Chief Press Secretary to the Ondo State Governor, Mr. Kolawole Olabisi wondered why those who have now suddenly become the devil's advocate failed to convert the golden opportunity they had during their ill-fated tenure in office when the State benefitted from much more money than is now available by turning Ondo State into an el Dorado of sorts.

Says Olabisi: "Isn't it a thing of shame that the PDP has consistently shown, by its fly in the ointment action and infantile antics, that its leadership in Ondo State are still dazed by their defeat at the Court of Law which quashed their stolen victory and gave it to the democratically elected Governor of the people almost two years on? Or how could a bunch of people wake up and start criticising what is being hailed from far and wide if not that they are afraid that given the developmental projects being daily put in place by a visionary administration, their chance of ever rigging election, which is their hallmark, is being sealed for ever?"

"Let us remind them and let it be known that for their legitimate four years and the additional illegal two years that the PDP was in office under Dr Olusegun Agagu, it was more planning and less action in terms of replicating these planning in concrete and physical terms for the long suffering people except, of course, as paid advertorials on the pages of newspapers and on the screens of television sets; where good roads, electricity, food production were shown while water flowed ceaselessly in taps while in

reality, nothing worked despite billions of Naira that were alleged to have been spent on such phantom projects.”

While sympathising with the opposition party which its described as now populated by jobless people having lost out, the release urged them to allow the present government to pull the state out of the mess that they mired it in saying that “it beats imagination that the construction of modern roads in Akure, the State capital, which is the window through which investors who are now showing interest in the State would see the State, the building of ultra-modern markets and construction of the biggest events centre in the country in the State capital aside from other developmental projects all over the State should be a thing of joy and be hailed by all and sundry rather than being maligned and politicised by some people who are belly aching over lost opportunities.

“In any case, we are not surprised, this is true to type. During their recent rally in Ondo State, they told the whole world that they were shocked that Dr Olusegun Mimiko could win at the law court and they vowed to capture the State in the next election. This is their plan but the people of Ondo State are not animals that could be captured and caged at will. We have seen by that admission that they are still dazed and are now jittery that their plans of rigging election is being truncated by good governance. What is needed at this time is the collective support of everybody irrespective of political affiliations to come together and lift Ondo rather than blanket criticisms occasioned by malice and fear. Ondo State needs prayers and not virulent attacks on those who are doing everything to make it a must destination by investors and tourists alike. Enough is enough.”