

## **Ondo to spend 1billion compensation on Arakale dualisation**

The Ondo State Government is to cough out a whopping one billion Naira (N1billion) as compensation to owners of buildings to be affected in the dualization exercise of the Arakale Road project Akure in its determination to bring rapid development and attract investors into the State. The project is expected to kick off next week.

The State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko who made this disclosure in Akure on Monday while speaking on a live Television programme, Mr. Governor Explains, monitored in Akure disclosed that the dualization of the Arakale road, the second axial road in Akure, the State capital, would necessitate the pulling down of about eighty buildings to pave way for the project which is expected to complement the on-going Oyemekun/Adesida road project in the State capital.

While describing Akure as the mirror of the State, the outlook of which would determine the inflow of massive investments into the State, Dr Mimiko noted that his administration intend to create a State Capital which will be a pride to its peers in the country and attract investors thereby generating revenue into the State coffers.

The Governor explained that the State government was carrying out massive urban renewal projects across the State for the overall improvement of its aesthetic outlook as well as improved and easy traffic system.

He equally assured that apart from the two ultra-modern neighbourhood markets already built by his administration in Akure and the abandoned ones which were refurbished by his government, new markets of such aesthetic beauty would be built to accommodate market women in Akure and all over the State.

Mimiko who underscored his determination to make Akure a cynosure of all eyes and a veritable investors haven in Nigeria noted that the establishment of the multi-million naira Cultural events centre, called The Dome, the beautification of Akure, dualisation of the Oyemeku-Adesida-Oba-Ile-Airport roads, Arakale road dualization, construction of modern markets, establishment of modern auto mart, mechanic village among others are part of efforts to make Akure and indeed, Ondo State to drop the garb of a provincial State and bring investors into the State adding that there is a nexus between beautiful and friendly cities and the economy hence his resolve to make Ondo cities beautiful.

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