

## **POLL WINNERS IN ONDO STATE GET INEC CERTIFICATE OF RETURNS**

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) yesterday in Akure presented Certificates of Return to 34 out of the 38 winners of the last month's State and National Assembly elections in Ondo State.

The Commission assured that the remaining four, who could not make it to the ceremony, will get theirs at another date.

Performing the ceremony at the Commission's headquarters, INEC Chairman, Prof. Attahiru Jega, represented by a National Commissioner, Mr. Deji Atoyebi described the event as another important part of the electoral process.

There is an urgent need, according to Jega, for INEC to heed the yearnings of the electorate for an increase in the number of polling units across the country, adding that Ondo State which he said had fully participated in its programmes will not be left out.

His words, "during the just-concluded general elections, Ondo State performed creditably well and nicely. There is no doubt that the people of this state are politically matured and they have displayed the maturity throughout the election period".

In his remark, the State Resident Electoral Commissioner, Mr Akin Orebiyi expressed delight that the poll that produced the certificate recipients was globally acclaimed free, fair and credible.

Orebiyi who believed that the current performance level can be improved upon, reiterated INEC determination to address all the identified flaws in future elections.