

Avoid Partiality in Order not to Ruin Democracy, Mimiko tells Security Agencies

The Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko has continued his campaign for a better future for Nigeria by challenging the security agencies again that the survival of democracy in this country depends on their impartial role in the forthcoming general elections.

Governor Mimiko who made this declaration at the end-of-year get-together of the State Security Service (SSS), Ondo State Command in Akure that “if we fail to get it right this time around, I am afraid the future of this our great nation, Nigeria will be seriously affected. But like the Director said, I am very optimistic that we will get it right this year if we are able to hold free, fair and credible elections. That will guarantee a better future for us and coming generations.

“I have no doubt in my mind that the whole world has shifted attention to Nigeria to see how we would do it. The job of making Nigeria great, a country we will all be proud of, is not that of a single class, the civil society must work with the security agents to bring sanity into our electoral system, also the security agencies must rise up to the situation by providing tight security both on land and water ways during the elections to prevent electoral marauders from scuttling the exercise.

“We have that confidence that you can do it. Always remember wherever you are posted to for your duty that we have no country other than Nigeria and no foreigner will come here to fix it for us. I am appealing once again that you should not work as agents of desperate and selfish politicians who do not wish this country well, but continue to justify your positions as security agents by being fair and just in all your official dealings” the governor advised them.

In his remarks, the State Director of SSS, Alhaji Ayo Adeleke noted that since there are expected security challenges in 2011 due to the transition activities, there is a need for synergy among all stakeholders such as INEC, Police, Military, Para-Military organisations and political parties to ensure the success of the exercises.

According to him, “the Service will provide stiff challenge to desperate politicians whose stock in trade is the use of arms and promotion of thuggery activities in order to win elections by all means. Also, the Service will continue to provide proactive intelligence and security consciousness training to the people to ensure a more secure environment and enabling atmosphere for individuals to conduct their lawful activities”.

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