

Mimiko commissions N350 million community projects as activities marking his second anniversary enter second week

Community projects worth over Three Hundred and fifty Million naira (N350million) were on Monday commissioned by the Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko in continuation of the activities marking his administration's second anniversary.

These projects which were part of the Quick Win Confidence building projects of his administration and those done by Interim caretaker Local Government Chairmen in communities in Akure South, Idanre, Ondo East and Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo local government areas of the State elicited so much joy from the people of these communities who trooped put in their thousands to witness the commissioning and show their appreciation to the Governor.

The confidence building projects were executed by the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operative Services under the 3is Initiative which Mimiko described as an innovative means of evolving the grassroots participation in governance.

Speaking at the commissioning of the projects, Mimiko told the benefiting communities that the determination of the present government to drive the wheel of development from the community level was based on its bottom-top approach in making Ondo State a model to her peers in the sub-region.

According to the governor, "for many years, we have shared the vision that we can take this state to the next level with the determination that we can do it, dint of hard work, being focused and above all, with prayers for direction by the Almighty. With all these grassroots development-based programmes, designed in a way that gone are the days that government will from the seat of power determine and dictate the type of infrastructure to give to the communities without knowing what they actually desire, Ondo State will in no distant future become the benchmark for community development in Nigeria.

"Whatever efforts any government is making in whatever form to gain public acceptance, at end of the day, what matter most is the welfare of the people, That is why I am appealing to our people to ensure that there is peace in the land before, during and after the general elections in April 2011. This country will be better for it if all stakeholders in the electoral process especially INEC, security agencies and others make serious efforts and be truly committed to ensuring credible elections that will earn Nigeria a position of respect in the comity of democratic nations" he said. Mimiko also performed the commissioning and ground breaking of five other projects in Ondo West and Ile Oluji-Okeigbo local government areas. In Ile Oluji/Okeigbo, where the Governor commended the Caretaker chairman of the Council, Mr. Niran Akinniyi, A Surveyor for completing meaningful developmental projects including the construction of the N75million Ile-Oluji Housing Estate, the redevelopment of the Odolua market, the Okeigbo Motor Park as well as the Ayegbaju/Oja Oba road and the Oduduwa lane 3 roads among others saying that real developmets was now at the grassroots.

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