

24/02/2009

CONGRATULATIONS GOVERNOR OLUSEGUN MIMIKO

May I on behalf of my political associates, supporters and progressive democrats nationwide, congratulate Governor Olusegun Mimiko of Ondo State for the affirmation of his election by the Appeal Court Benin.

In this uncertain Do-or-Die political culture, where as the Appeal Court observed, the Electoral Commission, instead of remaining an independent and impartial umpire descended into the arena, lost aura of neutrality bestowed on it by the Constitution; we are obliged to commend Governor Mimiko and his great party, Labour Party for their resilience, perseverance and non-violent democratic diligence deployed in recovering the stolen mandate.

We also congratulate the Hon Justices for affirming the decision of the court of first instance, thus serving the cause of justice, demonstrating uncommon courage and candour in rekindling the vanishing hope of Nigerians on the judiciary.

We salute the good people of Ondo State who remained law abiding in the captive months of the army of occupation, evidenced by the wild jubilation that followed the pronouncement.

Finally, my candid appeal is that since we have no other country we can call our own except Nigeria, taking into cognizance that democracy has been adjudged the best form of government and its core ingredient being one man one vote; we should as a matter of urgent national importance fast forward Electoral Reforms via Constitutional Amendment.



Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.