

TOWARDS REVIVING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SYSTEM IN OYO STATE

The Democracy and Human Rights Programme (DHRP) of the JDPC, Ibadan has within the past four months attended the Justice of the Peace (JoP) meetings at different local government areas in Oyo State wherein they sensitized the JoPs on their roles at the different local government areas for a better administration of justice in those communities.

The JoPs used such occasions to express the fears and challenges they encounter in their day to day work of efficiently promoting peace and justice. They are agitating for better recognition at State level, need for regular attendance, need for their agenda to include report of cases handled by members in their communities, welfare of their members to be adequately catered for. They also want to be recognized and their opinions respected at different police stations within their local government area.

The Justices of the Peace have also raised the necessity of a centre from which they can carry out their roles instead of making use of their respective houses/homes. JDPC officials allayed their fears by encouraging them to work hard and make use of what they have, for justice does not lie in an edifice but rather in their actions and ability to give right decision in any case. They were assured to be accompanied on some advocacy visits to stakeholders. They were given the assurance that they will attract recognition for themselves once they carry on their duties effectively and ensure documentation of their activities.

The JoPs at the various Local Government Areas in the state participated actively during the recently concluded 2015 general elections by observing the elections voluntarily in some local government in Oyo state both during the Presidential/National Assembly elections and Gubernatorial/State House of Assembly elections.



SOME OF THE JOBS DURING THEIR MEETING AT AKINYELE LOCAL GOVT.





JDPC OFFICER SENSITIZING SOME OF THE JOBS AT IDDO LOCAL GOVERNMENT