

He said while they struggled for electoral success, they should also consider the well being of the country after the elections.

The Sultan used the occasion to call for recognition and compensation to be given to persons who suffered incapacitation in the course of service to the nation.

Earlier, the NYSC Director-General Olawumi had told the Sultan that the security of corps members was paramount to the scheme, and appealed to the Monarch to help in sensitizing members of the public, especially politicians, to ensure the safety of the corps members before, during and after

the election would be

## PDP gov candidate decries growing violence in Sokoto

From Eric Moya Sokoto

**S**OKOTO State Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) gubernatorial candidate, Senator Abdallah Wali, has expressed concern that despite the peace accord signed by all parties, political violence in the state had continued unabated.

Senator Wali, who spoke at a forum with correspondents in the state, lamented the failure of the accord to produce the desired result was due to the fact that people had not seen sufficient punishment for political violence.

He therefore said that if

elected into office he would work with security agencies to bring to book perpetrators and sponsors of political violence in order to put an end to the ugly trend in the state. He said that he personally signed the peace accord to underscore his abhorrence for political violence in its entirety.

He lamented the recent killing of one of party's drivers in Sabon Birnin Local Government Area and vowed that it would be part of the job of his government to bring such people to justice.

Wali was also of the view

that lack of deterrence accounted for why corruption was thriving in the country assured that his government would try to reduce corruption by bringing culprits to book.

He enjoined people would shun political violence and corruption if they see others languishing in jails on account of such crimes.

Wali maintained that he has no doubt about the chances of President Jonathan Goodluck winning next Saturday's presidential election, adding that the president had done well enough to deserve a second term in

office.

He said that challenges such as the Boko Haram insurgency were not peculiar to Nigeria and that President Jonathan who had the tough luck of facing the challenge was adequately addressing it.

He, however, admitted that the emergence of APC as a formidable opposition party was a welcome development because it had put an end to the days when it was easy to predict which candidate and party would win the election.

He charged the people of the state to vote and ensure the re-election of

voiceless people.  
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ty for the mass of our people."

President Jonathan because of his good policies and support to the state.

He added that they must work hard to encourage a president who encouraged people to vote for people of their choice.

Wali said that the six-weeks' postponement of the election had turned out to be a blessing to all, saying that "today we are better placed than we were two weeks ago."

According to him, the messages were able to sink down to the people and there had been increasing daily positive reactions.

The Sultan told the DG about a standing directive

Command, the DG