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## There'll Not Be Election Rigging In Imo - Ohakim

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Governor of Imo State, Ikedi Ohakim, has assured the people of violent-free election saying that there will be nothing like rigging in the state in future polls.

Ohakim gave the assurance in Lagos on Saturday during the 23rd edition of the Imo Day / Cultural carnival organised by the Imo State Towns Development Associations Lagos (ISTDAL).

The governor who commended the Tony Ohakwe-led association for promoting the rich culture of the state and bringing unity to the people through the carnival, urged the people to always remember where they come from.

"Very soon, election will commence. Nobody will ever rig election in Imo State again. If you have political ambition in Imo State, come back home. If you don't come there is no way you will participate."

He also assured the people of security of lives and property, saying that cases of violent crime such as kidnapping and armed robbery have been checkmated, while pledging to create more job opportunities for the youths.

Ohakim who used the opportunity to unveil ISTDAL Loaf, the bread produced by the association for commercial purposes, which will generate employment for thousands of Imo citizens in Lagos informed the gathering that his government has made buses ready for the people to enable them travel from Lagos State to Imo State for this year's Christmas celebration.

He charged the President General of ISTDAL, Mazi Ohakwe, to ensure that no one willing to travel with the buses is left out as the buses will take them to Imo State and bring them back free of charge after the festival.

The governor also disclosed that his government will hold a meeting with the president general of the association in respect of the youths so that those who require scholarship will be awarded while about 3,000 jobs will be provided for the unemployed.