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## A LEGEND, AN ERUDITE PROFESSOR, A SAGE LEAVES THE STAGE!

Prof Ardo Chimah Ezeomah had left a giant mark on the sands of time as he bows out of this divide. The Ardo in his titles is the Fulani people's recognition of their community leaders. An Umuahia boy became a Fulani leader.

The Ardo interfaces between the Fulani's and Government. The Fulani's so firmly accepted Prof's approach to nomadic education that the former believed strongly in Prof's representation with the government. This project has chance of bringing tribes together and overcoming intertribal suspicion.

Born on May 10, 1932 and died in September 2025 means the Ardo celebrated 93 Christmas in a clime with life expectancy of about 50 years. Prof Ezeomah, from his profile, had no dull moment.

From 1964 to 1967 he bagged B.A. Education (honors) from university of Nigeria Nsukka in History and English. From 1976 to 1980, he did his Ph.D program in university of Jos. His dissertation birthed nomadic education. His interest in the education of itinerant Fulani nomads earned him the recognition as ardo among Fulani communities. On February 7<sup>th</sup> 1990 he was appointed Director and head of research at the center for Nomadic Education in University of Jos. He was also appointed as pioneer/ inaugural executive secretary, national commission for Nomadic Education on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1990.

Among other accolades, he won the UNESCO UNDP Paul G. Hoftman international award in 1982 for outstanding significant, unique contribution to knowledge of how best to set up programmes of learning for nomadic families. This awards included \$5,000 cash prize, a citation and a plaque.

Prof. Ardo Chimah Ezeomah consulted extensively for UNESCO, UNDP, the British council. He published lots of papers and books attracting multiple awards. Death remains a common denominator such that as an erudite professor is lowered into the bowel of the earth, a fool is lowered same way. We are consoled that the memories and the marks of the wise are legacies mankind keep reaping the benefits generation after generation.

As Lions and Lionesses bid Prof. Ardo Chimah Ezeomah farewell, you are counted among those leaving remarkable legacies behind. Good nite Prof.

  
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