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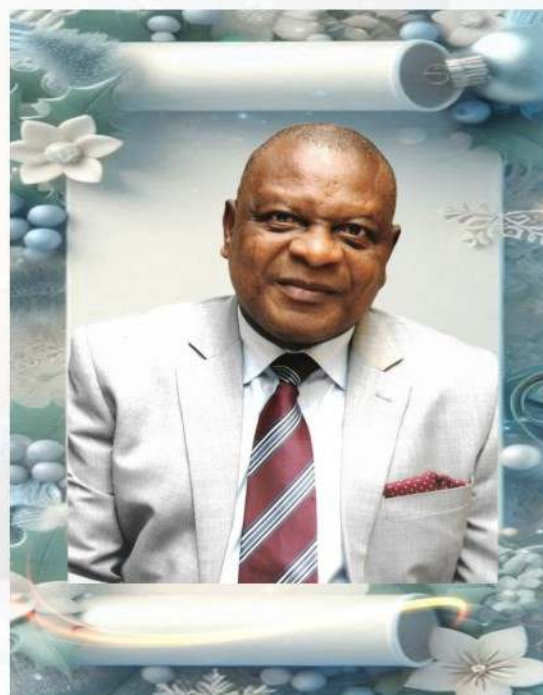
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Obituary **ANNOUNCEMENT OF LATE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, ENGR. SIR FRANCIS ORIAKHI, FNSE, FNIHTE, FNICE, FIMC**

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- A Rotarian.



EDITORIAL

Losing a cherished member of our Institution leaves a quiet space that words can rarely fill, yet remembering his kindness helps us find strength together. He had set up a lasting impact with shared grieve and enduring legacy, standing together and keeping memories alive.

The death of late National Chairman, Engr. Sir Francis Oriakhi, FNSE, FNIHTE, FNICE, KSM, which occurred on the morning of 18th July, 2026, in UK, shall remind us that we don't have a lasting home on earth. It is holy and beneficial thought to pray on behalf of our late Chairman, who had just died, so that he may be released from sin.

While we extend our deepest condolences to his beloved wife and children, we continue to pray for his peaceful repose and for God's consolation. May the soul of Francis and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in perfect peace. May they rest in peace. Amen!

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NSE PRESIDENT, ENGR. ALI A. RABIU, FNSE, F.ASCE, FAEng, FNIHTE, MFR, PRESENTING AWARD TO THE NASARAWA STATE GOVERNOR, HE ENGR. ABDULLAHI SULE



The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) has honoured Nasarawa State Governor Abdullahi Sule with its Presidential Merit Award for his administration's infrastructural and engineering-driven development initiatives across the state.

The award was announced by the NSE National President, Engr. Ali Rabiu, when he led members of the National Executive Committee on a courtesy visit to Governor Sule at the Government House, Lafia.

The visit followed the NSE's routine National Executive Committee meeting held in Nasarawa State and a two-day inspection of major projects executed by the Sule administration.

During the inspection tour, the NSE team visited several landmark projects, including the Mararaba

twin flyovers, Keffi flyover, Akwanga bypass and underpass, Faculty of Engineering at Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Wing Commander Abdullahi Ibrahim Vocational and Technology Institute, Isa Mustapha Agwai I Polytechnic and Diamond New Energy lithium plant in Endo.

THE ACTING NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, ENGR. DR. BOLA J. MUDASIRU, FNSE, FNIHTE, FNICE, RISES TO WAFEO LEADERSHIP AS ENGR. RABIU CALLS FOR STRONGER REGIONAL COLLABORATION

The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) is pleased to announce the election of Engr. Dr. Bola J. Mudasilu, FNSE, as Vice President (Anglophone) of the West African Federation of Engineering Organisations (WAFEO). The election took place at the just-concluded Biennial Conference of the Sierra Leone Institution of Engineers (SLIE), held in Freetown from June 16 to 19, 2026.

The event also featured a strong call by the President of the NSE, Engr. Ali Alimasuya Rabiu, FNSE, F.ASCE, FAEng, MFR, for stronger partnerships among national engineering organisations across Africa.

Engr. Rabiu, who was represented at the conference by Past President of NSE, Engr. Kashim Ali, FNSE, FAEng, mni, congratulated Engr. Dr. Mudasilu on his election and reaffirmed the Society's commitment to supporting his efforts in advancing WAFEO's mission of professional excellence, regional integration and engineering development.

Engr. Dr. Mudasilu, FNSE, is the Deputy National Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Highway and Transportation Engineers.

In his remarks at the event, Engr. Rabiu stated that, "As Africa continues to confront complex developmental challenges, the need for stronger collaboration among our professional bodies has become even more imperative.

He further observed that governments and institutions across the continent are increasingly seeking sustainable solutions to



critical issues such as food security, agricultural productivity, supply chain management, energy generation and distribution, urban development, climate resilience and the protection of lives and property.

These challenges present not only responsibilities, but also opportunities for Engineers to demonstrate leadership, innovation and ingenuity," he added.

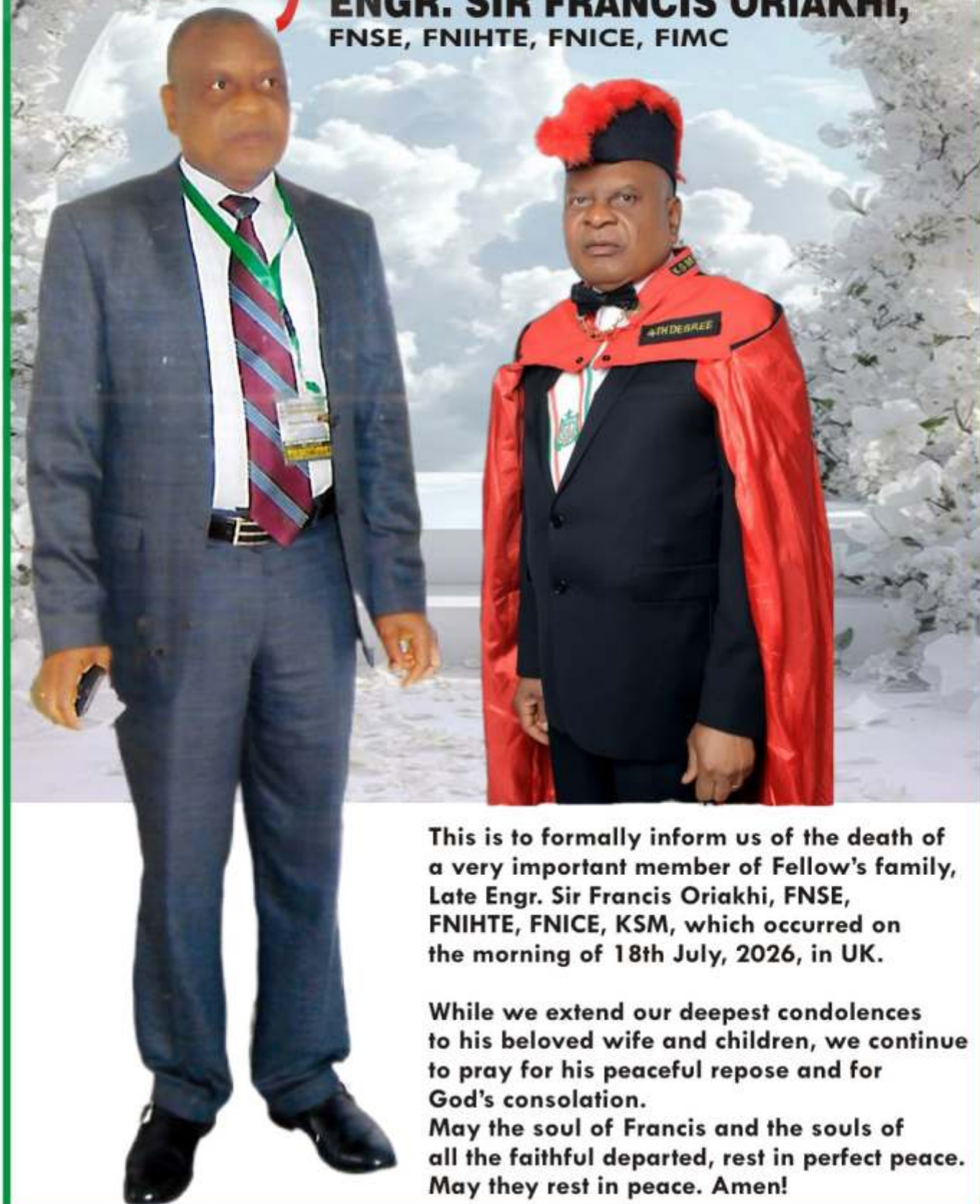


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