



**1ST ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURE of
OLOROGUN (DR.) MICHAEL C. O. IBRU, OFR**
The Otota of Agbarha Kingdoms



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Dear Chief Mrs Cecelia Ibru,

RE: THE LATE OLOROGUN MICHAEL IBRU: MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

I write to convey condolences from my family on the recent passing of the patriarch of the Ibru dynasty, Olorogun Michael Ibru.

Although Olorogun Michael lived to a relatively old age, it is sad that he had to bow out at a time that not only his family but friends and associates would have wished that he lived a while longer. But then, the time he spent on earth was full of achievements. His life exemplified the quality of the Ibru dynasty known not just in Nigeria but all over the world.

Since I knew him and other members of his extended family in the mid-1960s, we related very well and I associated with the successes and progress of his family. His passing is a loss to Nigeria, particularly the business community.

Olorogun Michael was a leader in every sense of the word. He was a pathfinder who led other members of his family to success in business and community life. His success encouraged others to succeed. He was a beacon of hope in his community and beyond. He would be missed.

On behalf of my family, I pray that God, in His infinite goodness, grants you and your immediate and extended family the grace to live through the loss.

Kindly keep us informed about programmes for his funeral. We shall always keep you and the family in our prayers.

May the soul of the departed Olorogun Michael Ibru find peace with his maker.

Please accept our sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

Gen. Dr. Yakubu Gowon, GCFR