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FUDMA GOVERNING COUNCIL MOURNS DEATH OF AN EXTERNAL MEMBER, HON. BABA CHAI-CHAI

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The Governing Council and Management of the Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA), has expressed sadness over the passing away of Hon. Ibrahim Baba Chai-Chai, an external member of the Council, who died on Monday, 8th December, 2025, after a protracted illness at the age of 73.



Late Hon. Ibrahim Baba Chai-Chai

Hon. Ibrahim Chai-Chai was buried on the same day at Chai-Chai, Dutse Local Government Area of Jigawa State. Born on 17th January, 1952 in Chai-Chai, the deceased started his educational pursuit at Chamo primary school between 1961 and 1968 and was at KEDC between 1969 and 1974, for his Teacher's Grade II Certificate.

He held several positions, including as a Classroom Teacher and a Store Keeper, from 1974 to 1983 and Chairman of Dutse Local Government of the defunct Social Democratic Party (SDP), from 1987 to 1989 and Chairman, Dutse Local Government Council, 1996 to 1997.



The Ag. Provost of FUDMA CPCS, Dr. Jamilu Ajiya (1st left) condoling the family of late Hon. Ibrahim Chai-Chai

In 1999, Hon. Chai-Chai emerged as the Chairman of the All Nigeria Peoples' Party (ANPP) and was appointed Special Adviser on Political Parties in the Government of Jigawa State in 2000, before his elevation as Commissioner of Land and Environment between 2000 and 2003. He served as a Member of the House of Representatives in the National Assembly, from 2003 to 2007.

The late Council member was a National Ex-officio of the All Peoples' Congress (APC), representing the North-west zone. He was appointed Special Adviser on Due Process to the Jigawa State Governor between 2018 and 2019 and as Commissioner of Environment from 2019 to 2023. Hon. Chai-Chai was appointed an external member of FUDMA Governing Council by the Federal Government from June 2024 until his death.

Condoling with the family of the deceased, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, HE Ali Abubakar Jatau and. the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohammed Khalid Othman, expressed sadness over his death.

The duos, who were represented by a delegation comprising some Internal Council members led by the Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Bashir Aliyu Sallau, attested that "Hon. Ibrahim Chai-Chai lived an excellent life of hard work, dedication and commitment; a life of great accomplishment and thus, deserved our prayers for his soul to rest in peace".

They described the deceased as "a quite, humble, unassuming and indefatigable statesman, whose life trajectory positively affected the lives of many people.



The leader of FUDMA's delegation during the condolence visit and the Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Bashir Sallau (1st right), Ag. Director, University's Legal Unit, Barr. Mubarak Yakasai (2nd right) sympathizing with the relatives of the late Council member

"May the Almighty Allah forgive all his sins, admit him into Jannatul Firdaus and grant the family, people of Jigawa State and FUDMA, the courage and fortitude to bear the lost and be rewarded for enduring the pains of missing him", they prayed.

A brother to the deceased, Alhaji Bashir Baba Chai-Chai, who received the delegation in Chai-Chai, expressed gratitude to both the FUDMA Council and Management for sympathizing with the family, wishing the stakeholders of the University, Allah's blessings and guidance in all their undertakings.

The University's delegation later presented some food items to the family of the deceased on behalf of the Council and Management. Other members on the delegation include the Ag. Provost, College of Professional and Continuing Studies (CPCS), Dr. Jamilu Lawan Ajiya, and the Ag. Director, University's Legal and Industrial Relations Unit, Barr. Mubarak Auwal Yakasai.

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