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Abiodun “Aremson” Aremu: SWL Tribute

The death of Comrade Abiodun “Aremson” Aremu is a big blow to the Nigerian left and working-class people. The Socialist Workers League (SWL) shares in this pain. For decades, Aremson was active in movements of resistance and struggle against the military dictatorship and the civilian face of capitalism in Nigeria. He was a leading anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist fighter who inspired generations of activists.

Aremson was a friend of the SWL. We have invited several leading figures on the Nigerian left to speak at our public programmes, including the public symposium we organise as part of our annual National Convention programmes. It is noteworthy that Aremson was the only one whom we invited on several occasions.

This is not surprising. Our cordial relationship with him extends for decades as a political tendency, even before our transformation to the SWL in 2011. We were one of the few organisations that were affiliates of the two coalitions of the left which Aremson provided leadership to over the last two decades i.e., the United Action for Democracy (UAD) and the Joint Action Front (JAF).

These have been tumultuous times for the working masses. We have faced waves of attacks. And against all odds, our class has stood up against the capitalist bosses and their state. In all those moments, Aremson would always be found at the barricades, providing leadership.

We will miss Aremson. Our heart goes out to his family. And we urge that his death ignites rededication to the quest for unity and unambiguous revolutionary struggle on the Nigerian left.

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