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Press release

Canuk joins millions of Britons in mourning Queen Elizabeth

On behalf of 200m Nigerians, the Central Association of Nigerians in the UK (Canuk) joins millions of Britons to mourn the country's monarch Queen Elizabeth II who passed away on Thursday, September 8 2022.

This afternoon, Queen Elizabeth passed away at her Balmoral Castle in Scotland, bringing an end to 70 years of ruling the British people. During this period, she also doubled as the head of The Commonwealth, the grouping of 52 former British colonies, of which Nigeria is a key member.

Born in 1926, Queen Elizabeth was crowned monarch in 1952 at the tender age of 26 and became Britain's longest-ever serving monarch. She witnessed a total of 15 prime ministers during her reign, and her last act as queen was to receive Boris Johnson's resignation and invite his successor Liz Truss to form a new government.

Canuk joins the queen's family members in mourning her passing and hopes they find the fortitude to bear the loss. Moving forward, Canuk has nothing but the best wishes for the new monarch King Charles III as he takes over the reins of power.

As the representative body of the Nigerian community in the UK, Canuk will as usual, be at the service of the British government when the burial and coronation ceremonies are planned. Above all, Canuk also looks forward to working with King Charles as he ascends the throne.

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Note for editors

The Central Association of Nigerians in the United Kingdom (CANUK) was formed by the Nigeria High Commission in the United Kingdom in 2005 in recognition of a clear need to

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unite the various Nigerian groups under one umbrella organisation. This ensures that the welfare, views, and community interests of Nigerians in the United Kingdom are represented in a harmonious and organised manner and creating a forum through which their voice could be heard.