

Tributes to Enahoro in Benin City, Mimiko extols Enahoro, says he was the last of the true nationalists

In his tribute to the Late Pa Anthony Enahoro at the occasion of the Tribute to the late nationalist organized by the Edo State Government in Benin City, the Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko on Wednesday, described the late Enahoro "as a frontline nationalist, a pro-democracy activist and a cerebral tactician with a highly organized thought process".

Governor Mimiko who regretted the demise of Enahoro even at a ripe age recalled that he was a dogged fighter for the enthronement of true federalism and an advocate of an egalitarian society founded upon justice and fairplay as well as a firm believer in the sovereignty of the people as the organic basis for their contributions.

His words: "Pa Enahoro's contributions to political strategy, his documented expressions on extant political issues, his famed boldness and the intellectual vigour underscoring the clarity of his positions, have all ensured a body of work which generations of political historians must find significant in the democratic evolution of the country.

"His death, which sadly completes the total depletion of the rank of Nigeria's first generation of nationalists, is an irreparable loss to Edo State where he hailed from and a most painful one particularly to the people of Owo, where he spent his formative years and to Ondo State people in general where he fitted into the culture of activism and progressive politics characteristic of the people.

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