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Another Algiers '90 hero Abdul Aminu dies in Kano

BARELY one week after Herbert Anijekwu died in an auto crash in Lagos, another member of the silver-winning Super Eagles squad to the 1990 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in Algeria, Abdul Aminu also gave up the ghost in Kano on Thursday.

The late defender had since been buried according to Islamic rites in Kano.

Aminu once featured for the old Kano State Academics alongside Shola Akinwale which lost to Oyo State in the 1984 final of the Manuwa Adebajo Academics cup.

He began his career with FIAT football Club of Kano

and later Bank of the North (BON) FC also of Kano before he teamed up with El-Kanemi Warriors.

A graduate of Accounting from the Bayero University Kano, Aminu had a brief stint with a club in Kuwait before he hanged up his boots. He was the team manager of Kano Pillars until his demise.

One of Aminu's former teammates, Akinwale, while praying for the repose of the soul of the former international, said in a tribute that "this is a loss to Nigerian

football family."

It will be recalled that Anijekwu, a former Rangers defender died in Lagos on his way home from his office at Young Shall Grow Transport Company where he worked as Transport Manager when the commercial vehicle he boarded was involved in a fatal

accident along Badagry Expressway penultimate Wednesday in Lagos.

The duo were discovered by the Dutch tactician Clemens Westerhof in 1989 and were able to make the squad to **Algiers '90** which lost 0-1 to the Desert Warriors of Algeria in the final.

World Cup, my priority -Ogu

SUPER Eagles midfielder, John Ogu has vowed to ensure that Nigeria qualifies for next year's FIFA World championship in Brazil.

Having been named in the 23-man list of players to battle for shirts ahead of the first leg play-off fixture against Ethiopia, Ogu will hope to help Nigeria get past the Wolves Antelope in

the World Cup playoff are good formidable teams. None should be written off. Respect all of them.

"My Biggest Priority is to qualify my Country to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. GOD Bless Nigeria," Ogu tweeted.

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