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UNILORIN VC: Prof. Oloyede

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The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has dispelled the rumour making the rounds in some quarters that he has resigned his Vice-Chancellorship describing it as the handiwork of mischief-makers. Prof. Oloyede made this clarification in Ilorin last weekend when addressing a section of the media.

Prof. Oloyede said he observed that soon after the well publicized international press conference late last December by the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), which he serves as an honorary Executive Secretary (ES), some people had started to speculate wildly and begun to make mischief out of his Executive Secretaryship of the apex inter-faith body in the country. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Stakeholders seek violence-free elections

Stakeholders in the Nigerian society have decried the violent dimensions of electioneering campaigns in the country just as they have suggested ways through which the elections taking place in April will be credible and violence-free.

The stakeholders, who include academics, judicial officers, security officers and religious leaders, did a critical appraisal of the political situation in the country and suggested the way forward especially as regards peaceful elections when they met last Wednesday and Thursday (March 9 and 10, 2011) at the University of Ilorin during a workshop on the prevention of electoral violence in 2011 elections in Kwara State.

The two-day workshop was organised by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin. *(Contd. on page 4)*



STAKEHOLDERS: Members of the Visitation Panel and officials of the University of Ilorin last Wednesday

Unilorin VC dispels resignation rumour

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Prof. Oloyede noted that his honorary appointment as the Executive Secretary of NIREC predated his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and there was no time he resigned his current appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the *better by far* University.

While it is unfortunate for people peddle the rumour that the Vice-Chancellor has resigned at the University of Ilorin, the only resignation he made recently was from his former office as the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) in order to pave way for the emergence of another Nigerian as the Secretary-General of the Ghana-based continental body.

PDDE to herald Open Distance Learning – Lawal

The Chairman of the University Committee on Open Distance Learning (ODL), Prof. R. A. Lawal, has disclosed that the Open Distance Learning programme of the University is on track as the third and final edition of the series of workshops organised for the training of academic as well as Information and Communications Technology staff of the University came to an end last Friday (March 11, 2011).

While speaking with *Unilorin Bulletin* at the end of the training workshop last Friday, Prof. Lawal noted that the ODL programme is expected to take off by the end of the year in the University with the Post-Doctoral Diploma in Education (PDDE) programme.

According to Prof. Lawal, who is a former Dean of Education of the University, the PDDE programme has already been designed into a courseware and it is from the courseware that the lectures that will be provided for students will be written. Prof. Lawal also disclosed that the programme has been approved by the Federal Government and the Teachers' Registration Council of Nigeria.

Speaking further, the Professor of English Education recalled that the ODL training started in November 2010 with about 600 academic staff who participated in the first stage along with some staff of the Computer Science and Information Technology (COMSIT) Unit during which the Vice-Chancellor addressed the participants on the need to open up because "It is an Open World". He said that the initial workshop was followed by the second stage which was held for over 40 academic and COMSIT staff last January. He added that the third and final stage of the workshop which involved selected academic staff and COMSIT staff of the University was held between last Monday and Friday (March 7 - 11, 2011).

Prof. Lawal, who is also a former Director of the University Institute of Education, further noted that part of the strategic plan of the University is to commence its ODL programme within the shortest possible time. He noted that an ODL programme requires technical expertise in four areas which include content (what to learn), pedagogy (how to learn it), ICT (which will facilitate communicating knowledge across distance when eye-to-eye contact is not possible) and management of the programme (which can be provided by senior members of staff).

Prof. Lawal also disclosed that three of the trainees have been selected for their outstanding performance and they now constitute part of the ICT technical crew for implementing ODL programmes. The selected lecturers are from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Department of Agricultural and Bio-Systems Engineering and the Department of Religions. He further remarked that though it was difficult for him to give an assessment of the workshop as an insider, the feedback he got from participants was that they were satisfied with the quality of presentations.

All the participants had intensive training from resource persons who were drawn from Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida University, Lapai, Federal University of Technology, Minna, and a private ICT firm.

The Chairman was confident that through the packages taught, which included Fireworks, Macromedia-Flash, Adobe-Dreamweaver, Moodle and Wiki, participants had hands-on experiences on how to design computer programmes which use text, video and sound facilities to deliver lectures and cultivate knowledge in prospective students of the Post-Doctoral Diploma in Education programme.

Why we are here in Unilorin - Visitation Panel

The 2011 Visitation Panel to the University of Ilorin, led by the former Vice-Chancellor of Ladoké Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso, Prof. Murtala Salau, has disclosed that the purpose of the constitution and deployment of visitation panels by the Federal Government is not to witchhunt anyone but to help institutions of higher learning established by the Federal Government to achieve the purpose for which they are established.

The Chairman of the panel noted this during a two-day tour of the University campuses including the Permanent Site, where the University has most of its structures, the Mini Campus, the College of Health Sciences and the School for Preliminary Studies near Fufu.

During the tour which took place last Wednesday and Thursday (March 9 and 10, 2011), the panel visited all the Faculties of the University, the Postgraduate School, the University School, the University Secondary School, the National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED) and other units of the University such as the University Biological Garden and the Library. The panel also met the University Staff Unions and the Student Union.



Chairman of the Visitation Panel, Prof. Salau, interacting with the staff Unions: ASUU, SSANU, NAAT and NASU

During the tour, the team met the staff of the University library processing 588 cartons of books donated to the University by a Non-Governmental Organisation in the United States known as Books for Africa. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, disclosed that the University only had to pay for the cost of shopping and clearing the books.

At the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Dean, Prof. P. F. Olurionla, told the team that University has committed 76 million naira to the laboratory of the Faculty and 19 million naira to its library so far in anticipation of the NUC approval.

The team also visited the Postgraduate School where the team saw the longest thesis in the archive of the Library, an 883-page PhD thesis entitled “A Study of Islamic Law as Contained in *Mukhtasar Khalil*”, which was submitted by the current Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, to the Department of Religions in 1991. The thesis was supervised by late Prof. I. A. B. Balogun.

While at the staff club, the Chairman of the club, Mr. Femi Oyetunji, said that the club is open to staff and guests of the University to have a taste of the University hospitality.

In his remarks at the end of the tour, the Chairman of the Visitation Panel, Prof. Salau, noted that the panel members had always observed the high standard of the University at every place they visited. He also indicated that the panel would help in assisting the University to achieve higher standards through its work while he commended the management and staff for their diligence.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ❖ With the granting of operating licences to four more universities last week, Nigeria now has 36 federal, 36 state and 45 private universities making a total of 117 universities.
- ❖ In 2003, the U.S. Government spent about \$2,000,000.00 on potato research.
- ❖ In West Virginia, if you run over an animal you can legally take it home and cook it for dinner.
- ❖ In Holland, you can be fined for not using a shopping basket at a grocery store.
- ❖ In India, people are legally allowed to marry a dog.
- ❖ In France, it is legal to marry a dead person – it is your funeral!
- ❖ The number of births that occur each year in India is higher than the entire population of Australia.
- ❖ Though an apple a day keeps a doctor away is a famous saying, apple seeds are poisonous.

VC, Akanbi, others chart way forward for credible polls

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Speaking at the opening ceremony of the event last Wednesday (March 9, 2011) the Vice-Chancellor, who was also the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, in an address captioned “No Smoke Without Fire”, decried the militarisation of the Nigerian politics and condemned bomb blasts that have rocked campaign rallies in recent times tracing the cause to lack of God consciousness. “I find lack of God consciousness as the bane of our polity. Few weeks before elections, there is violence at some parts of the country and campaign rallies which were where people would hear inspiring messages and manifestoes in the past are now turned to the centres of death and destruction. It is unfortunate that Nigeria has degenerated to the extent that we now turn campaign centres to war zones. The German Baron Von Clausewitz said that war is the continuation of politics by other means but we have curiously assailed his memory by turning our politics to the continuation of war by other means,” he said.

Explaining further, Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) said Nigerians need to practise their religions and love God: “As there is *no smoke without fire*, a relative truth perhaps like all ‘truths’, the root cause of the state of the nation which is characterized by violence is that the fear of God is lacking in us. We profess religion but we do not practise it. If we love God, we would love our fellow men regardless of our political differences,” he stressed.

In his paper, “Importance of Free and Fair Elections in Democratic Governance”, Hon. Justice Mustapha Akanbi (rtd) condemned “do-or-die” politics in Nigeria and underscored the importance of an educated electorate to the prevention of electoral violence. “The right to vote or pick a candidate of one’s choice to represent him or her in parliament is a fundamental right which must be jealously guarded or protected not only for the benefit of the individual voter but for the corporate existence of the nation,” he said.

While presenting his own paper, “Early Warning Signs of Political Violence in Kwara State”, the Kwara State Director of the Department of State Services, Mr. W. A. Ologba, admitted that “the primary responsibility of any legally established and responsible government is the defense and maintenance of national cohesion and integrity. Achieving this objective manifests when citizens are safeguarded from danger in their daily lawful pursuits; and the resources of the country are protected from infiltration and destruction.” He advocated the attitudinal change of Nigerians, Kwarans in particular, and a resolve to do what his right while he stressed that people, regardless of their positions, should be held accountable for their actions. He also identified the most potent threats to Nigeria’s national security after military coups as political violence which he said manifests in riots/rebellion, agitation for resource control, separatist agitation, terrorism, ethno-religious violence, insurgency, sabotage, assassination of prominent opposition figures, kidnapping, hostage taking as well as inter- and intra- party clashes.

While delivering his paper, “Prevention of Electoral Violence in the Conduct of Free and Fair Elections”, the Kwara State Resident Electoral Commissioner, Chief Timothy Ibitoye, noted that electoral management is a difficult process given that election administrators are often dragged into the disputes. He suggested that compliance with the code of conduct of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), effectiveness, impartiality and efficiency on the part of the security agents, transparency and fairness of the electoral officers, involvement of community and religious leaders, seeking legitimate means of seeking redress by the aggrieved parties and cultivating the spirit of sportsmanship by politicians are vital options against electoral violence.

In his own submission, the Kwara State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Peter Gana, whose paper was on the “Prevention of Electoral Violence in Kwara State”, identified weak penalties for perpetrators of electoral violence as causes of proliferation of election-related violence in Kwara State and in Nigeria just as he described the penalties as a motivation for offenders to continue in the crime with impunity rather than being deterred from engaging in violence. The Commissioner, who was represented by the Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) O. A. Durosinni, noted that, “the criminal or penal code of any nation spells out crimes and the award of punishment when the laws are violated. In Nigeria there is no specific legislation against certain electoral offences, but available laws in the penal code are associated offences like arson, assault and murder. The laws are not specific on certain offences like ballot box snatching, stuffing of boxes with papers and other offences committed during elections, where punishments are available they are very weak and cannot act as enough deterrents to electoral violence.” (See additional reports on page 9)

A RIGHT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the Inauguration at the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) at the University of Ilorin, Ilorin, on Monday, January 10, 2011

It is our immense joy and pleasure to welcome you all to this momentous occasion. I wish to especially, on behalf of the Council, Senate, management, staff and students of the University, welcome the distinguished world citizens, past and current Vice-Chancellors of West African universities to the University of Ilorin. I think it is just apposite that we are all converging here in Kwara, particularly the historic city of Ilorin, which is the confluence between the North and the South of the country, for this historic occasion. I warmly welcome you and wish you a happy and memorable stay in our dear University and community.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, permit me to start by saying that one irrefutable reality of today is that the world has shrunk from its Friedmanian large size to a tiny size on account of globalization, a term Ruud Lubers conceives as “a process in which geographical distance becomes a factor of diminishing importance in the establishment and maintenance of cross-border economic, political and social-cultural relations.”

In other words, I think Thomas Friedman is apt in his *The World Is Flat* (2005) by identifying three great eras of globalization. According to him, globalization 1.0 (1492-1800) shrunk the world from a large size to a medium size, with the linking of the New World and the Old World by Columbus; globalization 2.0 (c.1800-2000) occurred when national companies made the world shrink from a medium size to a small size; and globalization 3.0 (around 2000, still unfolding) is shrinking the world from a small size to a tiny size witnessed now in the dynamic force which is the power of individuals to compete and collaborate, irrespective of geographical boundaries.

As done in Europe which responded to globalization 3.0 with strategic geo-political collaboration resulting in the formation of the European Union and the creation of a common currency, Euro, and elsewhere, the dominant challenge of this era, if I may restate, is to associate, integrate, collaborate and network. It is against this background that I think our meeting today is long overdue and the formation of AWAU should have come before now. I say this because similar university associations exist in other regions of Africa.

For instance, there are the Middle East and North Africa Association for Institutional Research (MENA-AIR), Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA) and The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) for Northern, Southern and Eastern regions of Africa respectively. While acknowledging the old maxim that it is better late than never, I believe that our regional Universities are taking a bold step, indeed *a right step in the right direction*, through this meeting of you great minds.

If God's time is the best as it is, we are assured that it is God's plan that AWAU heralds the second decade of this decisive century in our region. I hope this will be a beginning of great things in the University system of our sub-region which profoundly shares many things in common. It will also deepen, at the intellectual level, what the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) should be committed to at the political and economic levels.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is well known, just as the immediate past Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities (AAU) and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mauritius, Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai, puts it, that there are challenges: “African universities face enormous challenges.... Africa inherited a higher education system that was a carbon copy of (that of) the powers that colonised it. Right from the beginning, Africa started on a wrong footing – well behind the starting line so to speak.”

In a similar vein, it is agreeable that, as Chris Brink, Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University, United Kingdom, and former head of Stellenbosch University in South Africa, submits, “the trajectory of higher education in Africa, particularly sub-Saharan, is quite depressing, and the prognosis is not particularly

good. Nor is the situation helped by the developed world mining Africa for human resources just as efficiently as it has been mining it for natural resources.” (See Phil Baty’s “No Contest” (2010) at <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2010-2011/Africa.html>)

However, my little problem with these fine submissions and others like them is that we cannot afford to keep on lamenting. I believe, as I stated in Abuja on May 8 2009, at the end of the 12th Conference of the Association of African Universities, that “it is not enough in our present age to lament *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa a la* Walter Rodney, it is rather crucial that we direct our energies towards how Africans can “super-develop” Africa...” and that “the problems confronting Africa can be addressed if there is cooperation with one another, learning from one another and supporting one another.”

This meeting should serve as another golden opportunity for us as West African universities to work more together in order to address our common challenges. As such, I take it as *a right step in the right direction* that we are meeting even if it is “behind the starting line” compared with other regional bodies and I hope that through constant engagement, we shall be able to solve our regional problems through our own intellectual resources especially when they are pooled together. Unity is strength and collaboration is key.

Distinguished and eminent academics, I wish you a pleasant stay at the University of Ilorin and I wish us happy deliberations on the strategies of raising our regional university system to a higher pedestal.

Once again, you are heartily welcome.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Unilorin receives Virginia State varsity delegates

The University of Ilorin is playing host to the a visiting delegation of Virginia State University (VSU), United States of America, this week. The team arrived Nigeria yesterday and was received by the representatives of the University at the Murtala Muhammad International Airport.

Members of the VSU delegation, who include Prof. Maxine Sample, Prof. Adeyemi Adekoya, Mr. Olurotimi Odeh and Ms Justina Osa, will be at the University for a week.

Today (Monday March 14, 2011), the team will pay a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, and later hold a bilateral meeting between the VSU and the University of Ilorin.

Tomorrow, the VSU delegation will hold meetings with the Faculties of Agriculture and Engineering & Technology. The delegation will also interact with the University Library and attend a reception in its honour by the Students Union of the University.

More interactions with various faculties and the Postgraduate School will be held between Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesday specifically, Prof. Maxine Sample will deliver a lecture to the University Community at the Auditorium starting from 3:30 p.m. while a symposium anchored by the visiting VSU team will hold on Thursday at the Auditorium at 3:30p.m as well.

A final meeting of the two universities will hold on Friday during which the blue-print on the collaboration of the two universities will be approved. In the evening of the same day, a reception in honour of the team will be hosted by the Vice-Chancellor at the University Dam Site.

On Saturday, the team will be taken on a tour of Ilorin city after which they will subsequently depart through Lagos to the United States.

Members of the University community are enjoined to be part of the activities.

Aregbesola to deliver lecture at Unilorin

Come this Wednesday (March 16, 2011), the Governor of Osun State, Mr. Rauf Adesoji Aregbesola, will be delivering a lecture on “One Man, One Vote without Implementation of Uwais Report: Myth or Reality?” at the University of Ilorin.

The lecture, organised by the Human Rights Chamber of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, will be taking place at the University Auditorium beginning from 10:00 am.

According to a letter co-signed by the President and General Secretary of Human Rights Chamber, Mr. AbdulGaniy Sahid Olaide and Idress Openiyi, respectively, highlights of the lecture will include the presentation of awards to distinguished Nigerians, including the Guest Lecturer and the prominent lawyer, Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, among others.

The occasion will be chaired by the former President of the Court of Appeal and pioneer Chairman of the ICPC, Hon. Justice Mustapha Akanbi (rtd.)

Unilorin solicits support for WAUG

The University of Ilorin has appealed to the Government, corporate organisations and Nigerians at large to support the University in its continuous efforts at making the country proud as it prepares to host the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG).

While speaking at the event of unveiling the logo of the Games last Thursday (March 10, 2011) at the Renaissance Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented at the occasion by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), who is also the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, said the University needs some N1.5 billion to host the Games.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, it is part of the determination of the University to make the Games a tremendous success that the support of well-meaning Nigerians was being sought. “In preparing for the Games, the University invited and co-opted well-meaning Nigerians with antecedents in sports and its administration into the Local Organising Committee. The University is conscious of her tremendous goodwill in the society and has therefore decided to solicit for financial and material support from credible organizations,” he said.

Also speaking at the occasion, the President of WAUG, who is also the Director-General of WAUG Secretariat, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasun Emiola, noted that the objective of the competition is to deepen integration and cooperation among the young scholars of the West African sub-region, who are the leaders of tomorrow.

Sports team vows to make Unilorin proud in Benin

Team Unilorin has promised to make the University proud at the 23rd edition of Nigerian Universities Games (NUGA) scheduled to be held from March 16 to 26, 2011, at the University of Benin just as the athletes of the University have been practising hard for the biannual sports fiesta.

The Team is expected to participate in eight categories of sports including Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Judo, Squash, Swimming, Taekwondo and Volleyball.

According to the Director of Sports of the University, Prof. A. A. Adesoye, the participation of the University team in the Games will also prepare the University athletes for the Games being hosted by University of Ilorin later in September, 2011.

According to a statement signed by the Athletics Coach, Mr. I. U. Olororo, a copy of which was made available to *Unilorin Bulletin*, all athletes and officials are in high spirits and are keen on being good ambassadors of the University in Benin while the Game lasts. The date of departure is date is March 16, 2011.

Update your congregation membership, staff told

Qualified members of the University community have been notified that they should update their records as members of the Congregation.

According to statement signed by the Deputy Registrar (Academic), Mrs. F. M . Olowoleni, the membership of the Congregation consists of “the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, full time members of the Academic Staff, the Registrar, the Bursar and every member of the Administrative Staff who holds a degree of any University, recognised for the purpose of this statute by the Vice-chancellor, not being an honorary degree.”

Members are to forward such information as their names, file numbers, status, functional phone numbers, e-mail addresses and qualification to the Academic Office not later than March 22, 2011.

Happy Birthday to You!

S/N	Name	Faculty/Department/Office	Date of Birth
1	Adedeji, Fatai A.	Registrar's Office	13th March
2	Alafara, Shafi H.	Library	13th March
3	Atabo, Martins S.	Economics	13th March
4	Eze, Christian O.	Security	13th March
5	Gbadamosi, Mudashiru	Security	13th March
6	Ogedengbe Racheal Y.	Arabic	13th March
7	Omomeji, Issa A.	Establishments	13th March
8	Oyelabi, Olusegun A.	French	13th March
9	Awolade, Joseph A.	Geology and Mineral Sciences	15th March
10	Fayeye, Joseph O.	Sociology	15th March
11	Muhammad, Bilikisu O.	Bursary	15th March
12	Usman, Enchezeyi H.	Establishments	15th March
13	Akande, Halimat J.	Radiology	16th March
14	Fadayomi, Raphael O.	Agronomy	16th March
15	Etejere, Patricia A.	Education Management	17th March
16	Fakeye, Olurotimi O.	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	17th March
17	Mustapha, Ahmed	Works/Civil	17th March
18	Olajide, Stephen B.	Arts and Social Science Education	17th March
19	Omotosho, Joshua A.	Counselor Education	17th March
20	Jimoh, Ayodele	Economics	18th March
21	Ajiboye, Mary O.	Health Services	19th March
22	Friday-otun, Joseph O.	Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	19th March
23	Ojuawo, Ayodele	Paediatrics and Child Health	20th March
24	Oyabambi, Lydia M.	Information and Protocol Unit	20th March

LAUGH LINES

A devoted wife had spent her lifetime taking care of her husband. Now he had been slipping in and out of coma for several months, yet she stayed by his bedside every single day. When he came to his senses, he motioned for her to come near him.

As she sat by him, he said, “You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you gave me support. When my health started failing, you were still by my side, you know what?”

“What, my dear?” she asked gently.

“You’re a goddamn curse!” the husband shouted.

Religious leaders, others caution against violence

Both the Chief Imam and Chaplain of the University of Ilorin, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu and Dr. C. O. Ogunkunle, have identified the roles of religion in curbing electoral violence in Kwara State particularly and Nigeria in general. The two leaders presented papers at the workshop held last week on curbing electoral violence in 2011 elections at the University of Ilorin.

In his paper, Prof. Oladosu identified the roots of various forms of violence as poverty, illiteracy, idleness, ignorance, faithlessness, Godless, materialism, impatience, selfishness, callousness, greed, corruption, injustice, lack of conscience, indecency/indiscipline, insincerity/dishonesty/lack of integrity, lack of contentment, misconception about the meaning of success in life, wrong philosophy of life/wrong world view, youth restiveness and total dissatisfaction with the general state of affairs, etc., abuse of power by Government by virtue of incumbency.” Dr. Ogunkunle also highlighted how religion can be used to guard against violence with appropriate Biblical references.

The Special Adviser on Women Affairs, Kwara State, Hajia Habibat Salman Saidu, who presented her paper on “Women’s Roles in Preventing Electoral Violence” observed that women are oftentimes the major victims of all forms of violence while Mallam Yusuf Ali SAN who addressed the participants on “Political Stakeholders and Electoral Violence” charged people not to take law into their own hands.

In her welcome address at the event, the Acting Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr. F.A.O. Olasehinde-Williams, noted that peace is not synonymous with the absence of conflict and emphasised the need for all Nigerians to keep their hands busy on promoting peace and curbing violence.

Unilorin in the News

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- The Management of the University of Ilorin has invited all stakeholders in the university education sub-sector to submit memoranda to the visitation panel.
(‘Visitation: Unilorin calls for memoranda’, same as above, p.18)
- The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, as the representative of the University at the Nigeria National Committee of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC).
(‘WAEC elects Unilorin to committee’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, March 9, 2011, p.23)
- The Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. A. B. O. Omotoso has disclosed that 83 per cent of deaths on account of non-communicable diseases affect youths while speaking during the University of Ado-Ekiti Health Centre week recently.
(‘Don raises alarm on youths, “UNAD FILE”’, *The Nation*, Thursday March 10, 2011, p.23)
- A newspaper editorial has quoted the Provost of the College of Humanities and Culture, Osun State University, Prof. Siyan Awofeso, to have said that the University of Ilorin has performed better than other Nigerian universities because the University has “succeeded in tackling rot, enthroned stable academic calendar and rid itself of cult-related challenges.”
(‘Nigeria and varsities ranking in Africa’, *Nigerian Compass*, Thursday March 10, 2011, p.10).
- The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, has counselled former Miss Seyi Obaleye and her heartthrob, Mr. Femi Bamigboye, on the secrets of a successful marriage during the wedding of the couple. (‘When Obaleye, Unilorin don, gave out daughter in marriage, “Pilot Rendezvous”’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th, March 2011, p.2)
- The University of Ilorin has unveiled the logo of the upcoming West Africa Universities Games to be hosted by the University between September 29 and October 9, 2011.
(‘Unilorin promises best WAUG’, *The Punch*, Friday March 11, 2011, p.74)
- The Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the 2011 West African Universities Games, Prof. Albert Olayemi, has said that the University needs financial support of the Government and the private sector to successfully host the international event.
(‘Unilorin shops for 1.5 billion for WAUG’, *Nigerian Compass*, Friday March 11, 2011, p.54)
- The Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the West African Universities Games, Prof. Albert Olayemi, has traced the history of the competition to 1965 when the first edition was held.
(‘Unilorin canvasses support for WAUG’, *The Guardian*, Friday March 11, 2011, p.55)

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- The Dean of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lenrie O. Aina, has advocated the establishment of a Ministry of Northern Education as a way of addressing the state of education in the country, particularly in the North.
(‘Don advocates Ministry for Northern Education’, *The Herald on Sunday*, March 6, 2011, p.2)
- The Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) is set to endow professorial chairs in law and taxation at the University of Ilorin.
(‘FIRS to endow UNILORIN professorial chairs’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, March 6, 2011, p.32)
- A retired Professor of Education at the University of Ilorin, Sheu Jimoh, has counselled politicians against whipping up religious sentiments.
(‘Don’t secularise politics, Sheu Jimoh warns politicians’, *National Pilot*, Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th March, 2011, p.4)
- The Federal Inland Revenue Service has announced that it will endow two professorial chairs in taxation and law at the University of Ilorin.
(‘FIRS to endow Unilorin professorial chairs’, same as above, p.11)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that the University has invested N80 million in the Department of Microbiology over the last three years.
(‘... commits 80m to Microbiology department’, same as above, p.16)
- Engineer Ibrahim Inuwa and Mr. Niyi Yusuf, guest lecturers at the entrepreneurship workshop organised by the University of Ilorin for its final year students, have charged the students on the imperative of creativity and entrepreneurship.
(‘Unilorin students charged on entrepreneurship’, same as above).
- The Federal Government visitation panel to the University of Ilorin has commended the University on its Information Technology infrastructure.
(‘Panel inspects Unilorin IT Facilities’, *Daily Trust*, Monday March 7, 2011, p.58)
- A private housing firm has announced that it will help potential home owners to obtain mortgage facilities to buy houses which are to be located near the University of Ilorin main gate.
(‘N1.1bn Ilorin estate gets underway’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, March 7, 2011, p.34)
- The University of Ilorin has advertised for admission into its various Institute of Education programmes.
(‘University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, pp.48&49 also in, *National Pilot*, same date, pp.8&9, *The Punch*, same date, pp.86&87, *New Nigerian*, same date, pp.18&19)
- The University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital has organised a free eye surgery treatment/programme aboard an aircraft in partnership with ORBLS International.
(‘Unilorin partners ORBLS, organizes free eye treatment’, same as above, p.51)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has described some of the criteria used to rank universities as disadvantageous to developing countries.
(‘Unilorin VC expresses doubt over African varsities ranking’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, March 8, 2011, p.7)
- Mr. Toheeb Biala, a 400 level student of Mathematics, who emerged as the best student at the National Mathematical Competition for University Students (NAMCUS), along with three of his classmates has done the University of Ilorin proud.
(‘Unilorin undergraduate leads maths competition’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, March 9, 2011, p.15)

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Quotes of the Week

The ultimate measure of a person is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy.

- Martin Luther King Jr

Freedom is the emancipation from arbitrary rule of other men – Mortimer Adler.

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

- Arthur C. Clarke