



Why conflict is rife in Africa – Danbazzau

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➤ The VC, Prof. Oloyede, Deputy Governor, Kwara State, Elder Kishira and Keynote Speaker, Lt. Gen. Danbazzau (rtd.)

The former Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Abdurahman B. Danbazzau, has identified why cases of insecurity and the accompanying losses are increasing in Africa, which he said has one third of global armed conflicts, while he has suggested ways of addressing the problem.

Lt. Gen. Danbazzau gave this insight in his keynote address, “Democratisation and Conflict in Africa”, delivered at the opening of the 2nd biennial International Conference of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, last Wednesday (September 7, 2011) at the University of Ilorin, where he revealed, quoting the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), that “Africa is the most conflict-ridden region of the World and the only region in which the number of armed conflicts is on the increase.”

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Oloyede knocks *Boko Haram*, condemns killings

Worried by the spate of violence in some parts of the country, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has condemned the killings perpetrated by the group known as *Boko Haram*, saying that such killings violate the principles of Islam.

Prof. Oloyede made the condemnation last Monday (September 5, 2011) while receiving the participants on the Certificate Course in Health Planning and Management and Health Information Management of the University Collaboration Centre who paid a courtesy visit to him.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, “I am a Professor of Islamic Studies and I can tell you that in Islam, saving a life is like saving the entire world while taking another life is like killing the entire humanity”, he noted. He therefore urged on those who have been saddled with the responsibility of saving lives to take it as a divine and sacred responsibility, adding that Nigerians need to be selfless in order to rescue the country from its precarious state. *(Contd. on page 4)*



HEALTH: The participants with the management team of the University

No peace, no progress, by Unilorin VC

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According to the Keynote Speaker, a PhD degree holder, 17 countries, including Nigeria, marked their 50th Independence Anniversary in 2010 but 50 years after their independence, “the state of affairs in Africa is not very positive, since the continent is perceived as being that with the largest number of coups d’état, civil wars and regional armed conflicts, and also the highest level of poverty.”

Lt. Gen. Danbazzau traced the causes of conflicts ravaging Africa to “a complex of factors or set of events which may include: the imbalance of political, socio-economic and cultural opportunities among different identity groups; the lack of democratic legitimacy and effective governance; the absence of vibrant civil society; and of course, the absence of effective mechanisms for non-violent conflict management of group interests.” He also identified “geopolitical factors such as ethnicity, religion, control over state power, resource allocation, resource control, citizenship, economic domination, corruption and bad governance, and even population growth, as some of the major factors to consider when discussing the sources of conflicts in Africa.”



WE: A group photograph of some of the dignitaries after the opening ceremony

He further posited that though the colonial heritage resulting from the partition of Africa at the 1884-Berlin Conference is blamed for conflicts in many African countries, cultural pluralism is neither synonymous with conflicts, as witnessed in the peaceful Malaysia, nor is cultural and linguistic homogeneity a condition for peace, as illustrated by Somalia, which is united by a single language and religion yet it is in turmoil. He also added that though it may sound absurd, research findings published in 2009 by Marshall Burke and his collaborator have revealed that “higher temperature increased the risk of civil conflict, and that the warming predicted by 2030 could cause a 54% increase in armed conflict in Africa, leading to 393,000 additional battle deaths.”

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who also chaired the event, in an addressed tagged “Peace Be Upon You”, lamented the spate and intensity of insecurity in Africa, despite the democratic experiments in much of the continent. He noted that “to make democracy devoid of conflict in Africa, my opinion is that our religious leaders, our media practitioners and our lawyers are a critical tripod that must reflect. I deliberately exclude politicians because without the collusion of the three, there is a limit to the harm they can wreck. If care is not taken, we are now at a terrible stage where religious authorities openly incite violence and confusion, raising the national blood pressure in the process; where the mass media distort truth and commit atrocious crimes with sentimental and bigoted reporting; where lawyers become lawless, playing to the gallery and dancing to the tunes of the highest bidder, not truth, with arguments that smack of evil intention and sheer buffoonery.”

While wishing that peace be upon Nigeria and citing Libya as a case study, Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Executive Secretary and National Coordinator of the Nigeria Inter-religious council (NIREC), advised that it is in Nigerians’ interest to maintain peace because foreign powers are watching to exploit the situation. “The essential thing is that in our world today, if we do not agree to maintain peace on our common patrimony, forces more powerful than we are will scatter us and take over what belongs to us. I use this opportunity to call on us all, particularly our mass media, our religious leaders and our opinion moulders, especially “the learned”, to introspect and allow peace to reign. Nigeria deserves peace and we all need peace to progress”, he said.

In her welcome address at the occasion, the acting Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr. Mrs. Felicia Olabisi Olasehinde-Williams, stressed that cultivating a culture of peace is a serious business and that was why her Centre is committed to nurturing “peaceful options in the face of interpersonal differences at every level of human relationship. The Director wondered why many nations in Africa are in crisis, remarking that “the fact that many of such nations are democracies makes the situation particularly worrisome because democracy is generally perceived as the best form of government judging by its in-built mechanisms for good governance expressed in rule of law, accountability and security all of which should make for peace.”

The high points of the occasion, which was attended by the Governor of Kwara State, Alh. Abdulfatah Ahmed (represented), senior State officials and dignitaries within and outside the University, included the presentation of a book, which contains the papers presented at a workshop organised earlier in the year by the Centre.

Unilorin: Breaking Barriers with Talent and Technology

Established some 36 years ago, it is now trite to say that the University of Ilorin has proved its mettle through its various achievements as a world class University and a pride to Nigeria. That three ranking bodies, including *Times Higher Education*, had ranked the University first in Nigeria over the past three years, until recently that it conceded the first position in one of the rankings to its parent University, only lends further credence to its being *nulli secundus* (second to none) in reality.

While the greatness of the University has continued to fascinate and astound many observers, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, under whose transformational leadership the achievements are blooming, leaves no one in doubt about his explanation for the achievements any time he is opportune to address the issue. The Vice-Chancellor believes, just as he was quoted to have said in an interview he granted a national newspaper last weekend, that the credit for the achievements of the University actually belongs to his predecessors, who laid a solid foundation for the University, and the University staff and students who make the dream possible through commitment and sacrifice. The human resources of the University therefore constitute the talent that is necessary for the emergence of a world class University, a strident point also emphasised by Dr. Jamil Salmi of the World Bank in the lecture he delivered on September 27, 2010 at a conference co-organised by the University of Ilorin in Abuja to mark 50 years of University education in Nigeria.

But apart from the abundant talents, technology is further assisting the University in achieving its mandate and breaking barriers across geographical borders. One aspect of the technological resources, which the University combines with its talents to promote training, was witnessed by many last Wednesday at the opening ceremony of the international conference of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin.

Though many people had heard about teleconferencing, only few people have seen it live and the participants at the conference could not but be impressed. As part of the conference, the participants actually “saw” and heard Prof. Earnest Uwazie, Director of the Centre for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, California State University, Sacramento, USA, make his presentation. They also connected easily with Dr. Marlyn Jones of the same University who presented a paper on “A Human Security Perspective on Violence against Women.”

What was clear to the participants, including many University staff, was that there would be no need to agonise if due to one reason or the other, especially last minute visa disappointments, one is not able to make a trip to an international conference. One can as well present one’s paper from the University of Ilorin and interact with conference participants anywhere in the world where the same technology is available through the teleconferencing facilities available in the University. It was for this reason and others that the Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatahi Ahmed, himself a product of the University of Ilorin, declared at the conference through his representative and Deputy Governor, Elder Peter Kishira, that “we love Unilorin”.

Lending further weight to the global sensation that the University of Ilorin has become, which those who do not travel much may not fully appreciate, the pioneer Director of the Centre, acclaimed as the “Face of Peace in Africa”, Prof. Isaac Albert, told the audience of a recent experience of his in Kenya. Prof. Albert had served as an international consultant to the establishment of a peace-based institution in Kenya and it was realised that only three Universities have peace programmes in Africa: the University of Ibadan, the University of Ilorin both in Nigeria and the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa. The conclusion reached there was that the Centre to be established would be patterned after that of the best, the University of Ilorin. Quite deservedly, Prof. Albert reported that he did not allow the glory to slip by as he announced that he was from Ilorin!

That is how the University attracts goodwill to Nigeria and breaks barriers all over the world through its commitment to the discharge of its triple mandate by relying on its abundant talents, its sophisticated technology and other training resources, which make many analysts believe that the University is a clear leader.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ❖ There are 54 bones in your hands including the wrists.
- ❖ All babies are colour blind when they are born.
- ❖ Every day, 2,700 people dies of heart disease.
- ❖ The reason why hair turns gray as we age is because the pigment cells in the hair follicle start to die, which is responsible for producing "melanin" that gives the hair colour.

Unilorin Business School is almost ready - DVC

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Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), appealed to the participants to imbibe the spirit of service stressing that leaders must learn to be servants and their focus should also be on service. He noted that the society would be better if everyone cleans his/her own corner and ensures that s/he does the right thing. "I don't care how much is being stolen but I am concerned about being faithful with the resources that have been committed to my trust," he remarked.

Emphasising the importance of the programme as a core requirement of the health sector, the Vice-Chancellor praised the Department of Business Administration for the professional way the programme was organised. He then thanked the facilitators for anchoring the programme and tasked the participants to be ready to adapt to whatsoever situation they find themselves. "According to research findings, 80 percent of what we learn in the classroom will never be required; it is our ability to adapt and be creative that will determine how far we go in our chosen careers", the Vice-Chancellor disclosed.

The Vice-Chancellor also said that the work force is well paid, though he agreed that government can still do better. He therefore called on workers to justify their pay and enhance their skills in order to maintain relevance. "People should be able to beat their chests that they have worked for their pay when they go to bed everyday", he advised. He also counselled the participants to justify Government's huge investment in the programme, concluding that "failure in a course is not failure in life".

In his own remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, told the participants that Unilorin Business School would commence soon, adding that the University is executing the UBS project in phases and that the first phase would be ready in the next six months. He said that the University is already developing some blocks for classes and offices, noting that a comprehensive structural layout of the Business School had already been drawn.

Earlier in his address, the acting Head of the Department of Business Administration, Dr. S. B. Isiaka, said the participants had been undergoing the programme for the past 12 weeks. He added that as part of the training requirements for the participants, working visits and field work were arranged to selected establishments, health institutions and hospitals to enable participants assess the state of the nation's healthcare delivery system. He then thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the University management for providing an enabling environment for the type of training the programme requires.

The participants included Prof. Ayo Ojuawo of the Department of Child Health and Paediatrics, Mr. Ali Ahmed, Ms. Hannatu Abdullahi, Mr. Balarebe Sanni, Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Mrs E. G. Oyekan, Mr. Abdullahi Umar, Dr. M. A. Aremu, Mr. H. O. Sholagberu, Dr. I. O. Adebara and Dr. O. O. Alabi.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the participants were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor-designate (Research, Training and Innovation), Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle; the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi; the Bursar, Mr. Ayodele Sijuwola and the Deputy Registrar (Vice-Chancellor Office), Mrs. Sabinah A. Oroge.

Alumni association holds meeting

The University of Ilorin Branch of the University of Ilorin Association holds its meeting this Thursday (September 15, 2011) at the Basement of the University Auditorium.

The meeting, which will update members on the outcome of the National Congress of the Association, will further address pertinent issues concerning the interest and welfare of members.

All members, according to a statement issued by the Association, are expected to attend the meeting.

WAEC mass failure is a big challenge - Don

The Director, Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. (Mrs.) N. Y. S. Ijaiya, has described the recent mass failure of Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE) students as a big challenge to teachers. Prof. Ijaiya made this assertion last Tuesday (September 6, 2011) during the opening ceremony of the maiden orientation programme for sandwich students that took place at the University Auditorium.

“A situation where the whole of the Nigerian secondary schools cannot score more than 31% in WAEC’s examination is a big challenge to the teachers and the training institutions to do more. Teacher education is incomplete if we emphasize knowledge alone. We need to develop the trainees’ attitude, upgrade their value orientation and demonstrate by example how to be good models to their own pupils. It is not the number years of training per se that matters but the quality of training experience”, the don stated.



Prof. Ijaiya making her presentation

Prof. Ijaiya affirmed that teachers should be at the forefront of the fight against examination malpractice because it makes nonsense of their work and therefore they should never be involved in it. She also added that teachers are best placed to educate the younger generation under their control about the dreaded HIV/AIDS if only they have adequate knowledge to give.

According to the Director, the Institute of Education provides in-service training for serving teachers to upgrade themselves and the Institute over the years had trained thousands of such teachers from all the States of the Federation. She added that the Institute also provides succour for candidates who cannot secure admission to regular programmes due to the limited spaces.

The Director noted that the orientation programme was intended to be part of the University quality assurance programme. “Orientation programmes are part and parcel of university tradition for ‘initiating’ so to say, new intakes into the ‘dos’ and ‘don’ts’ on the campus as a result of which such students learn what is expected of them. This helps students to conform to the rules and regulation, reduce mistakes and punishments...”, she said.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, thanked the Director for the manner by which she had been conducting the affairs of the Institute. He stated that teachers would be held responsible for whatever happens in the nation because the work force passes through them. He also added that the citizens of a country are no more than the by-products of teachers either in a formal or informal setting.



L-R: The Dean of Education, Prof. Olorundare; the VC, Prof. Oloyede, and the Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi at the programme

Prof. Oloyede charged sandwich students to take their studies seriously. He also advised them to ensure that they are of the same quality as their regular counterparts because they both have access to the same teachers. The Vice-Chancellor, who was impressed by the turn-out of the students in their thousands, described them as being “many and beautiful”.

He also described the University of Ilorin as a citadel of learning that provides equal opportunities to, and seeks quality from, all people regardless of ethnic, racial, religious or other considerations. His words: “We care about what you do and not where you come from. Don’t limit yourself. Take advantage of this programme to develop yourself and to see yourself as playing a key role in the world”.

In attendance at the opening ceremony were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi; Deputy Vice-Chancellor-designate (Research, Training and Innovation), Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle; Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi and Dean of Education, Prof. A. S. Olorundare.

Unilorin Alumni re-elect national leaders

...as Odedele promises completion of hostel project

The Congress of the University of Ilorin of Ilorin Alumni Association has renewed the mandate of its national leaders, who were first elected in 2007, at an election where delegates from the various chapters of the Association across the country, held last Saturday (September 10, 2011) at the University of Ilorin.

The Executive officers elected at the occasion are: Mr. T. A. Odedele, National President; Dr. (Mrs.) R. O. Oduwaiye, 1st National Vice-President, Dr. L. A. Yahaya, National Secretary; Dr. L. F. Oladimeji, Assistant National Secretary; Mr. I. T. Adesina, National Treasurer; Mr. O. A. Mohammed, National Financial Secretary; Mr. Wale Fashakin, National Publicity Secretary; Mrs. Mafe Yemisi, National Social Secretary; Dr. Musa Abdullahi, National Auditor I and Mr. Dele Adewumi, National Auditor II.

Speaking after the election, the National President, Mr. Odedele, appreciated the congress for the confidence reposed in him and his team as reflected in the democratically conducted election. He therefore charged his team members to continue to work for the progress of the University stressing that it is their pride that three of their members are the Governor of Kwara State and Vice-Chancellors of the University of Ilorin and Kwara State University.

Earlier in his address to the congress, Mr. Odedele said the Association had since its inauguration in 1981 contributed greatly to the University stressing that the Association is completing a Postgraduate Hostel in the University as part of contributing further to its growth. "Some of the modest achievements of the Association in recent time include the Student hostel being constructed by the Alumni Association, which has reached an advanced stage, provision of educational assistance to brilliant students and enlightenment programmes regularly organized for the students through the support of the Lagos State Chapter," he said. He also stressed that members should support the Association, saying "I admonish us to be more committed and represent our Alma mater positively in our endeavours. We are the image of the University and thus we must protect the integrity of the University of Ilorin, our Alma mater."

In his own report to the Congress, the Secretary of the Association, Dr. L. A. Yahaya, stressed that the Alumni had always enjoyed a good relationship with the University. "The relationship between the University Administration and the Alumni Association is very cordial. This cannot be divorced from the fact that the Vice-Chancellor is an Alumnus, who has been doing his best for the Association. There were no requests made by the Association that the Administration did not entertain..." he said.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented at the Congress by the immediate past President of the Association, Dr. A. Y. Abdulkareem, attributed the success of the University of Ilorin to the team of dedicated staff and students. He therefore called on members to continue work hard towards the progress of the University in their various areas of expertise. Prof. Oloyede, who was at a time the National President of the Association as well, stressed that the University Administration is open to advice and suggestions from the alumni while he also commended the efforts of the Association and wished the members fruitful deliberations.

In his goodwill message at the occasion, Dr. Abdulkareem in his capacity as the immediate past National President of the Association sought commitment and dedication from members urging the leaders to work on reviving the dormant chapters. The don said that the quality of the University could be seen in the personality of the Vice-Chancellor while he submitted that being an alumnus of the University must have contributed to his passion for the development of the University.

APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointments of the following academic staff:

Name	Department	Appointment	Effective Date
Dr. O.S. Balogun	Crop Protection	Acting Head	1 st August, 2011
Dr. O.T. Mustapha	Plant Biology	Acting Head	1 st August, 2011
Dr. T.A. Abioye	Nursing	Acting Head	1 st August, 2011

27th convocation ceremonies 'll be the best - Atteh

The Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, University of Ilorin, Prof. J. O. Atteh, has stressed that his team is committed to making the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin the best in the annals of the event. Prof. Atteh gave this disclosure after a recent meeting of the Committee.

Stressing that the ceremonies, which will begin in the morning of Monday October 17, 2011 with the Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing and end in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 25, 2011 with the Luncheon and Merit Award, will be conducted in such a way that they will be a befitting package for the Vice-Chancellor who had worked over the past four years to lift the University to an enviable status.

According to the Professor of Animal Production and former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, while all sub-committees have set to work on planning the event, the Convocation Lecturer is an expatriate Emeritus Professor of Medicine and a pioneer staff member of the University who will be unveiled soon.

No ID card, no access to Senate Building

As part of their measures to guard against security breach, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have made the use of staff and student identification cards compulsory. Visitors to the University are also expected to disclose their full identities and purposes of their visits before they can gain access to the University Senate Building, the second tallest building in Kwara State.

According to a statement signed by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, "the use of identity card by both staff and students for identification purposes to facilitate easy access to services within the University has become absolutely imperative. To this end, staff and students are hereby strongly enjoined to put on their identity cards not only for easy identification but also to prevent unauthorized persons from having access to a particular building or office in the University."

The statement adds further that "failure to put on an identity card will lead to the prevention of staff or students from gaining entrance into the Senate Building in particular and other areas of the University in general. Visitors to the University and particularly those wishing to enter the Senate building are from now on to be made to disclose to Security Officers their full identities, including purposes of their visit and the officers they have come to see by signing in and out of the building."

Unilorin hosts CIPM monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), Kwara State Branch, Ilorin, holds this Wednesday (September 14, 2011) at the Geology Auditorium of the University of Ilorin starting from 3:00 p.m.

According to a statement signed by a former State Secretary of the Kwara State Branch of the Institute, Mr. S. O. Ahon-Usi, members of the University community are cordially invited.

Law librarians' conference hold at Unilorin

The Nigerian Association of Law Libraries holds its 36th National Conference and General Meeting at the University of Ilorin Auditorium this week (September 11 – 16, 2011). The conference, themed "Law Libraries in the Information Age", holds each day beginning from 9:00a.m.

A statement signed by the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Mrs. Margaret Ninsin, adds that the opening ceremony will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, where the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, is expected to deliver a keynote address.

Ph.D. Defence

Name	Department	Thesis Title	Venue	Date and Time
Jibasen, Danjuma	Statistics	"Capture-Recapture Type Models for Estimating the Size of an Elusive Population"	Postgraduate Room, Statistics Building	Thursday, September 15, 2011 @ 10:00a.m.

LEST WE FORGET: MEMORIES OF 2011 ACADEMIC CAMP II



WORK: Prof. Olayemi, Prof. Joseph with (behind) Dr. Adisa, Mr. Obafemi and Prof. Olorundare, etc. reading

PLAY: Prof. Johnson and Prof. Adekunle playing ping pong

REST: The VC resting on his bunk after a tiring day

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Office/Department	Date of Birth
1.	Eyinla, Bolade O.	History and International Studies	12 th September
2.	Sanni, Mobolaji S.	Director, Works	12 th September
3.	Adeniran, Tinuoye M.	Mathematics	13 th September
4.	Ogunleye-Adetona Comfort I.	Geography and Environmental Management	13 th September
5.	Yahaya, Waheed B.	Statistics	13 th September
6.	Yusuf, Kamorudeen O.	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	14 th September
7.	Adeoti Johnson Olabode	Business Administration	15 th September
8.	Yusuf, Laro K.	Central Administration	15 th September
9.	Adeniran, James O.	Surgery	16 th September
10.	Ajiboye, Adeleke R.	Computer Science	16 th September
11.	Ayorinde, Kolade L.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)	17 th September
12.	Davies, Arthur E.	Political Science	17 th September
13.	Idowu, Amos S.	Mathematics	17 th September

Are you a staff member of the University? Do you also want Unilorin Bulletin to wish you a happy birthday? If yes, please send your details as shown above (surname, first name and initial of middle name with your Department/ Office and date of birth) to us a week before the expected date of publication. All requests are subject to space availability and are treated on a first-come first-served basis. You are entitled to a hard copy of the edition in which your name is published. Happy birthday to you!

LAUGH LINES

A Few Questions Begging for Answers

1. If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
2. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
3. Why is a person who plays piano called a pianist but a person who drives a race car not called a racist?
4. Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
5. If it is true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
6. What hair colour do they put on the driver's licences of bald men?
7. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?

Unilorin in the News

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- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Executive Secretary/National Coordinator of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has condemned the recent bombing of the United Nations Office in Abuja while addressing members of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) at a recent reception in Ilorin.
(‘VC condemns UN bombing’, ‘UNILORIN File’, *The Nation*, Thursday, September 8, 2011 p. 24).
- The Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, would begin a three-day bi-ennial international conference themed “Democratisation and Conflict in Africa” at the Auditorium of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Centre begins conference’, *The Nation*, same as above)
- The National Congress of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association would hold at the University Auditorium on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
(‘Unilorin Alumni holds congress’, same as above, see also, ‘Unilorin Alumni national congress holds Saturday’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, September 8, 2011, p25)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has strongly condemned the bombing of the United Nations office building in Abuja describing it as dastardly and unIslamic.
(‘Unilorin VC condemns bombings’, *New Nigerian*, Thursday, September 8, 2011, p.4)
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have constituted a management board under the Chairmanship of Prof. P. F. Olurinola to oversee the activities of the Drama Village and Lakeside facilities of the University, according to a statement signed by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi.
(‘Varsity constitutes Drama Village/Lakeside Management Board’, *Nigerian Tribune*, September 8, 2011, p. 25)
- The Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Dr. Abdulwaheed Olatinwo, has disclosed that before the end of 2011, Nigerians would reduce travelling abroad for medical treatment as his hospital would start providing renal transplantation and cardiothoracic services before the year ends.
(‘Teaching Hospital to start renal transplant’, *The Punch*, Thursday, September 8, 2011, p.14)
- The Former Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Abdulrahman Danbazzau, has cited ethnicity, religion, resource control and allocation disputes as some of the factors responsible for conflict in Africa while delivering his keynote address at the 2nd Biennial International Conference of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin.
(‘Poverty has increased insecurity in Africa’, *National Pilot*, Thursday, September 8, 2011, p.3).
- Some students of Nigerian universities and their parents have expressed their criticism of the poor university infrastructure in Nigeria with some opining that Nigerian universities are as expensive as foreign universities despite all the alleged poor facilities.
(‘Schooling the hard way’, *The Nation*, Thursday, September 8, 2011, pp. 29 - 30)
- Three students of the University of Ilorin have sampled the opinions of students on whether the Student Union should participate in partisan politics or not.
(‘Should Union leaders participate in politics?’ *The Nation*, Thursday, September 8, 2011, p. 34-36)
- Lt. General Abdulrahman Danbazau (Rtd) has submitted that bad governance of African leaders has resulted in conflict in the continent while delivering the keynote address at a conference held at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Dambazau knocks African leaders’, *The Herald*, Friday, September 9, 2011, p. 2).
- The Council Chairman of Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State has appealed for a collaboration between his Council and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital on manpower development, while receiving Students Health Planning and Management of University of Ilorin recently.
(‘Council Chair seeks ties with UITH’, *The Herald*, Friday, September 9, 2011, p.6)
- Dr. (Mrs.) F.A.O. Olasehinde-Williams, the acting Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, has noted that peace is a process that requires conscious and consistent efforts adding that there is need for Nigerians to come together and build a culture of peace at various levels of the society.
(‘Building culture of peace’, *The Herald*, Friday, September 9, 2011 p. 20)

Unilorin in the News

- In a three-page interview, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is also the Executive Secretary/National Coordinator of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has addressed questions on the state of the nation, university autonomy and expressed his views about the achievements of the University of Ilorin under his administration.
(‘Unilorin success story is a collective effort – Oloyede’, *Nigerian Compass*, Saturday, September 3, 2011, pp. 3 - 5).
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, has posited that the only way to rescue Nigeria out of the doldrums is by evolving a just and equitable system in the polity. (‘Only justice and equity will save Nigeria’, *The Nation*, Monday, September 5, 2011, p. 20)
- The third part of the 96th Inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin in which the inaugural lecturer, Prof. R.O. Lasisi, criticised Europeans for describing Africans as uncivilized and lazy, has been published. (‘The Image of Africa: Rhetoric and Reality of Afro-European Relations (iii)’ *National Pilot*, Monday 5th- Wednesday 7th September, 2011, p. 19)
- A Lecturer at the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Ilorin, Dr. Solomon A. Aje, has said that if Africa would adopt its three major spoken languages of Hausa, Arabic and Swahili as the official languages, the continent would be more united in solving its problems.
(‘Challenges before Hausa, Swahili and Arabic as African Languages’, *The Herald*, Monday, September 5, 2011, p. 14)
- Mr. Oloredo Jimoh, an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, is set to launch two books, *Vampires in the Empire* and *Press and Agenda Setting* on Saturday 17th September, 2011 in Iragbiji, Osun State.
(‘Unilorin alumnus launches books’, *The Herald*, same date, p. 16)
- While interrogating leadership crisis in Nigeria in an opinion article, a writer and employee of the *Nigerian Tribune* has made reference to what he called “the informed commentary of the University of Ilorin scholars” in a book in honour of Prof. Wole Soyinka published by Unilorin Press in 1994.
(‘Life: The Perpetual Leadership Question’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, September 5, 2011, p. 18)
- The international conference of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies on “Democratisation and Conflict in Africa” would hold between September 7 and 10 at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Centre holds second biennial conference’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, September 7, 2011, p.4)
- The University of Ilorin has held a five-day academic camp for management staff, professors and other Ph.D. supervisors towards evaluating the institution’s postgraduate programmes and creating a smooth and friendly environment between the postgraduate students and their supervisors.
(‘Unilorin evaluates postgraduate programmes’, *This Day*, Wednesday, September 7, 2011 p.42)
- Mr. Lukman Abiodun Olawoyin of the University of Ilorin is among the five beneficiaries of a PhD Scholarship sponsored by the Chinese government.
(‘Chinese scholarship for Unilorin don’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, September 7, 2011, p.18)
- A consultant neurologist of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Dr. Kolawole Wahab, has won a grant that is worth thousands of US dollars under the auspices of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) to conduct a research.
(‘Lecturer wins IASP grant’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday September 7, 2011, p.18)
- The Senate of the University of Ilorin has approved the re-naming of the Department of Electrical Engineering as Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering just as the Guidance and Counselling Centre has also changed to Unilorin Counselling and Human Development Centre.
(‘Centre rebrands as Department is renamed’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, September 7, 2011, p.19)

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Quotes of the Week

Whoever knows all things without knowing God – Great and Glorious– is not worthy to be called wise because he does not know the most sublime and highest of all things.

– Imam Al-Ghazali

Do more than is required. What is the distance between someone who achieves his goals consistently and those who spend their lives and careers merely following? The extra mile.

– Gary Ryan Blair