



Boko Haram: NIREC, Muslim Community condemn bombings



LEADERS:L-R: ES, Prof. Oloyede; Co-Chairmen, Pastor Oritsejafor and Sultan of Sokoto with President Jonathan and Governor Ahmed at a recent NIREC forum

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Both the Nigeria Inter-religious Council (NIREC) and the University of Ilorin Muslim Community have condemned in strong terms the bombing attacks on St. Theresa’s Catholic Church, Madalla, near Abuja, and other parts of the North during the Christmas period.

Addressing a section of the media last Monday (December 26, 2011), the Executive Secretary/ National Coordinator of NIREC, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who spoke on behalf of the Council, condemned the bombings, to which *Boko Haram* claimed responsibility, saying that such actions are contrary to the teachings of Islam.

According to Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), no religion supports the killing of innocent people as *Boko Haram* does. He then urged the Government to use all the resources at its disposal to bring the perpetrators of the heinous acts to book. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Unilorin sets new date for WAUG

As the preparations for hosting the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) gather momentum by the day with more projects completed, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have suggested a new date for the games.

The shift in the date is against the backdrop of the clash of the previous date with the 22nd Ghana Universities Sports Association (GUSA) games which will begin later this week at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana. The ongoing strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) in some Nigerian public universities is also a secondary factor.

The University has proposed a new date of March 27 - April 7, 2011 which the Executive Council of WAUG will consider at its meeting scheduled to hold this week at the University of Ilorin. *(Contd. on page 4)*



ALL HANDS ON DECK: Prof. Ayorinde, Mrs. Olowoleni, Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Olayemi and Prof. Fakunle at a recent WAUG meeting

Oloyede, Oladosu task government on security

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NIREC further urged security agencies in particular to curb the high incidence of insecurity in the country while urging them to work more closely together in order to protect the lives and property of Nigerians. The Council also tasked religious leaders to pray for peace in Nigeria.

Meanwhile, the University of Ilorin Muslim Community has also denounced *Boko Haram* and its unwarranted bombing campaigns in the country, especially the recent attacks on Christian worshippers during the last Christmas celebrations in Madalla, Niger State and other parts of the North.

In a sermon delivered last Friday (December 30, 2011), the Chief Imam of the Community, Prof. AGAS Oladosu, strongly condemned the notorious religious sect, *Boko Haram*, and the bombing attacks it launched against some churches during the Christmas day. He described the perpetrators as callous, heartless and barbaric.

While condemning suicide as an abomination in Islam, Prof. Oladosu quoted the Prophetic saying which states that anyone who commits suicide would realise in the afterlife that s/he will continue to suffer the pains and pangs of the act and will experience same eternally in Hell. He said life is sacred in Islam and on no account should it be taken unjustly.

Speaking further, the Chief Imam emphasised that those that carried out the atrocities cannot be Muslims because even in a war situation, the *Shariah* (Islamic law) defines churches and synagogues as sanctuaries which must not be attacked, adding that women and children must also be spared in the framework of war rules of engagement in Islam. He noted that those killed on Christmas day were harmless, unarmed and were innocent citizens who had no premonition that evil men were plotting to kill them.

Quoting chapter 41 verses 34 and 35 of the Qur'an, which enjoins Muslims to repay evil deeds with good deeds even to an avowed enemy because good deeds and evil are not the same, Prof. Oladosu prayed for peace and the repose of the lost souls while he besought God to console their families. He stressed that unfortunately, the loss of family members is a life-long pain that the families of the deceased would bear.

The Chief Imam also criticized the government for its seeming inability to stem the tide of insecurity in the country. He wondered that if the government could not hold the national celebration at Eagle's Square in 2011 as done in 2010 because of concerns about security, what would ordinary people do.

In a similar development, President Goodluck Jonathan last Friday as well argued like other right-thinking Nigerians that the bombing campaigns launched or claimed by *Boko Haram* are not religious because "no religion asks its followers to throw bombs to kill people they don't even know".

President Jonathan made the remarks while receiving the condolence message of the President of Niger Republic, Mr. Issoufou Mamadou, brought to the State House by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic, Mr. Mohame Bazoum, in connection with the lives lost during the Christmas day bombings.

Dr. Jonathan said both Muslims and Christians were victims of the explosives planted by *Boko Haram* and called for a concerted effort by all well-meaning Nigerians to bring the problem under control. He also vowed that the Government would decisively fight the "group of evil-minded people who want to cause anarchy to the end."

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As Another Year Unfolds For Unilorin...

In a text message signed and sent to various staff of the University at the end of the past year last Saturday (December 31, 2011), the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, appreciated all members of staff for their contributions to the greatness of the University. "This is to sincerely thank you for your contribution towards the uplift of the University. Your hard work, dedication and commitment no doubt contributed to the great level attained by the University. While pledging a continued sincere and purposeful leadership, I urge you not to relent in your efforts in the coming year. I wish you a happy and prosperous year ahead. Thank you," he said.

That the University of Ilorin has attained significant heights in the comity of universities, in Nigeria and beyond, in recent years is a fact attested to by all those with eyes. Several Nigerians and other nationals who came to the University have reasons to laud the achievements of the University, which is gaining strength and growing in leaps and bounds with every passing day. This development is why various people affiliated one way or the other to the University are proud of the institution.

Though it may be surprising at first that a certain character who shoots widely and wildly, as contained in a recent campus publication that one may not even dignify by naming, the University has not made any progress. In fact, in the warped thinking of the person in question, the period between 1997 and now is a period of retrogression for the University. The blind can as well deny the existence of the sun though he feels it. For the University of Ilorin as well as its leadership, what John Turner once said is very apt in this context: "If I walked on water, people would say it is because I couldn't swim!"

While *Unilorin Bulletin*, which is also heckled, may not wish to join issues with the shenanigans of a desperado whose writings the late Senate President, Chuba Okadigbo, would have referred to as "the rantings of an ant", it is only important for the community to be wary of the antics of a man whose grouse is motivated by selfish ambition, crave for relevance and fame under the smokescreen of expired unionism/activism. It is only unfortunate, a manifestation of the signs of the scriptural end time perhaps, that blatant falsehood and embellished half-truths have become the stock-in-trade of someone whose calling should have otherwise required a measure of academic objectivity.

As another important year unfolds that promises to be challenging with several interests coming to the fore for the soul of the alma mater, it is quite assuring that the challenges ahead will be overcome by the University. Being God's own University, the alma mater has always emerged from various challenges stronger and better. The year 2012 will also not be a difference because despite the promised fluttering and gyration ahead, a leaf detached from the parent tree that feeds it is doomed to fall.

Like the mythological phoenix, the University will be challenged, perhaps shaken with renewed vigour in the months ahead, but it will emerge afterwards, reborn afresh, better by far anyhow the events unfold as its history attests to. It is a leading University in the country by all standards and the doubting Thomases will soon realise that the leading position is both online (webometrics) and offline (full accreditation status:100%).

As another year unfolds for the University and many interesting things lie ahead, *Unilorin Bulletin* also thanks the various stakeholders, including that one burning with envy, who hides under the mask of "UNILORIN 49", a buzz-word of sort that has expired with re-absorption, thinking that the enlightened community does not know that the so-called "authentic leadership" has morphed into one man, the interviewer and the interviewee. What the reveller, who seems paranoid about this publication, does not know is that many lecturers are not opposed to ASUU in principle, they are only opposed to the one personified by a tramp who seeks to hoist himself with his own petard, whose sole idea about unionism is self help, career-wise or financial. Sample: "If you would like to make a financial contribution, please feel free to do so...(fine *bara*?) Place your contribution (sic) in an envelope and address it to..."

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The human eye blinks for an average of 4,200,000 times a year.
- Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women.
- More people in China speak English than in the United States.

Unilorin holds matriculation for freshers this Thursday

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The highlights of the academic calendar for the remaining part of the 2011/2012 academic session approved by the University Senate at its 223rd meeting that held last Thursday (December 30, 2011) are as follows:

- Matriculation - Thursday, 5th January 2012
- End of Harmattan Semester Lectures - Friday, 20th January, 2012
- Commencement of Harmattan Semester Examinations - Monday, 23rd January, 2012
- End of Harmattan Semester Examinations - Saturday, 11th February, 2012
- Commencement of Rain Semester Lectures (6 weeks) - Monday, 13th February 2012
- Senate - Tuesday, 14th February 2012
- Mid-Semester Break (WAUG) - Saturday, 24th March to Saturday, 7th April 2012
- Continuation of Rain Semester Lectures (9 weeks) - Monday 9th April to Saturday 9th June 2012
- Senate - Tuesday, 10th April 2012
- Commencement of Rain Semester Examinations - Monday, 11th June 2012
- Senate - Tuesday, 12th June 2012
- End of Rain Semester Examinations - Saturday 23rd June 2012
- Commencement and End of Marking of Examinations
Scripts and Computation of Final Year Results 2011/2012 - Monday, 25th June to Saturday, 7th July
- Faculty Board of Examiners (to consider final year Results) - Monday, 9th to Friday 13th July 2012
- Business Committee of Senate (to consider final year Results)- Monday, 16th to Friday 20th July 2012
- Special Senate to Consider Graduating
Students' Results and End of Session - Friday, 27th July 2012
- Faculty Board of Examiners to Consider
Goodstanding Results - Monday, 30th July to 3rd Friday, August 2012
- Business Committee of Senate to Consider
Goodstanding Results - Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th August, 2012
- Senate - Tuesday, 14th August 2012
- Special Senate to Consider Goodstanding Results - Wednesday, 24th August 2012
- Commencement of 2012/2013 Session - Saturday, 22nd September 2012

Unilorin starts PDDE programme this session

The long-awaited Post Doctoral Diploma in Education (PDDE) programme begins this year at the University of Ilorin.

The programme is meant to assist lecturers with Ph.D. in tertiary institutions to acquire relevant competencies to make them to become professionally trained teachers.

The programme will be run on distance learning basis with courses offered through online instruction (online downloadable forms) and mobile digital forms (CD, DVD, mobile applications, etc.)

According to the advertisement of the University (see the full advert on page 9), the deadline for the completion of online application form is January 31, 2011 while the deadline for the submission of supporting materials is February 10, 2012.

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, at the Occasion of the Courtesy Visit of the University Delegation to the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at the Government House, Ilorin.

Your Excellency, we are here today on behalf of the entire University of Ilorin community to express our hearty congratulations to you on your recent election and assumption of office as the Executive Governor of Kwara State. We say, “welcome into the office” and we wish you a successful and fulfilling tenure.

Your Excellency, we are particularly delighted to be here today because you are one of our own as an alumnus of our great University of Ilorin. Indeed, you have scored a first, in the sense that you are the first alumnus of the University to be elected as Governor of Kwara State. We are very proud to be associated with you.

As a Federal University located in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, the University of Ilorin has been very lucky to enjoy the goodwill of the government and people of Kwara State right from inception. Kindly permit me to recall just a few of the acts of generosity extended to the University by your predecessors.

In 1976, the then Military Governor of Kwara State, George Inih, bequeathed what has turned out to be the greatest endowment to the University when he allocated a vast area of land for our Main Campus. More recently, Governor Mohammed Lawal began the construction of a hostel donated to the University by the state government but could not complete it. The immediate past Governor, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki, not only completed and handed it over to the University, he also built a Staff Club for us; donated a big commuter bus for the transportation of our students; dualized the major road leading to the University; and ensured its regular maintenance as a priority road throughout his tenure.

Apart from Governor Saraki’s large-hearted disposition to the University, his second-in-command is also one Deputy Governor we will never forget. A good bridge builder and father figure, he was ever present at our ceremonies and he never violated our culture of punctuality, despite his high office. I want to use this opportunity to thank Chief Joel Ogundeji and also welcome the new Deputy Governor, Elder Peter Kishira, into office.

Your Excellency, nothing preserves the memory of a man in the hearts of his fellow men better than honest and selfless service. We, therefore, beseech you to give your best in your present capacity as the Governor of Kwara State, just as you did in your past positions. By the same token, we want to assure you of the support and cooperation of your Alma Mater. The University of Ilorin is blessed with intellectual and human resources which we will readily put at your disposal to ensure your success anytime such is needed. *Your success is our success* and at the end of your tenure, Sir, we want to be able to look back and say, “He was the people’s Governor and alumnus of the University of Ilorin.”

As a University, we are highly conscious of our environment and immediate community. For this reason, deliberate policies and programmes have been created to ensure the discharge of our corporate social responsibility to the society. Some of these programmes include the following:

1. The “affirmative action” in the admission process through the prioritization of candidates from the educationally disadvantaged areas of the state without lowering the standards. Through this process, the candidates of the identified areas are not subjected to the stiff competition for admission after meeting the minimum requirements.
2. The Greater Scientist project which is a science sensitization programme aimed at awakening the interest of secondary school students in science subjects.
3. The Town and Gown Project designed to improve the quality of service delivery in schools within the immediate environment of the University. Lecturers and students adopt a school where they organize activities, talks and competitions geared towards the achievement of the objectives of the project.

4. The Community-Based Experience Scheme, simply known as COBES. The scheme, which has attracted the attention and commendation of the World Health Organization, was originally introduced by the College of Health Sciences. It was extended to all the Faculties two years ago and provides a platform for our students to go out on extension programmes to rural communities where they interact with and educate the populace on matters ranging from health to agricultural practices. Just last month for instance, the COBES supervisory team of the Faculty of Agriculture was at the Special Royal Farms, Obo Ile, owned by the former Chief of Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Afolayan (rtd), who spoke glowingly of the project and the students.
5. The relocation of our School of Preliminary Studies to the Fufu end of our land, in collaboration with the Ilorin South Local Government Area. The relocation has assisted in bringing development to the community as the socio-economic standard of the people has received additional boost through the presence of our students in the community.
6. Provision of ICT training by our Computer Centre to the society.
7. Running of flexible programmes for working class people by our Institute of Education.
8. Contribution to the socio-economic development and tourism potential of Kwara State through the development of our lake side and revitalization of our Biological Garden. Quite a number of animals were acquired recently, including a full grown lion, a duiker, a camel, ostriches, parrots, pythons, crocodiles, peacock, monkeys, baboons, among others, which are currently attracting hordes of visitors to the zoo.
9. The contribution to the educational development of the State through both the University School and Unilorin Secondary Schools. The two schools continue to rank among the best and are open to all Nigerians.

Your Excellency, I am happy to inform you that your Alma Mater has become the toast of people, both locally and internationally. By any ranking in the world today, it is rated as the best University in Nigeria. However, as good as the picture may look, the University has its areas of need, which is why we want to plead that you kindly assist us in any way you can as you settle down in office. They include but are not limited to:

1. Power Supply

In the last couple of years, the University has become ICT-driven, which makes us highly dependent on power to sustain the system. To surmount the problem of power outage therefore, we therefore require a dedicated line from Osogbo estimated to cost two hundred and fifty million naira.

2. Right of Way

We require the Right of Way for two reasons, namely for the construction of a rail line to ease the transportation of staff and students; and for laying the fibre-optic cables of our ICT infrastructure.

3. West Africa University Games (WAUG)

The University of Ilorin is billed to host the next WAUG later this year. The immediate past Governor, Dr. Bukola Saraki, magnanimously promised us the use of the Kwara State Stadium facilities for the Games. While we are greatly appreciative of the gesture, we also pray the Government to assist us with the provision of some of the necessary infrastructure on our campus. Nothing is considered too small.

Although we have taken advantage of the occasion to present our requests to Your Excellency, the primary purpose of our visit is to deliver the goodwill message from our Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Benjamin Ikenchuku, Keagborekuzi, the First, The Dein of Agbor Kingdom; Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Alhaji Tukur Mani, and other members of Council, the Senate, Staff, and Students of the University of Ilorin – your Alma Mater.

While pledging our unalloyed support for Your Excellency's government once again, we wish you Allah's wisdom, guidance and protection you need to render selfless service to the people of Kwara State. As we say this prayer, we are praying for ourselves as well because we know and appreciate the fact that *your success is our success* at the University of Ilorin.

Thank you, Sir.

Get rid of the past offences, Chaplain tells Nigerians

Nigerians have been advised to get rid of all offences and mistakes of 2011 and look forward to a peaceful 2012. This was part of the new year message delivered yesterday (Sunday January 1, 2012) by the Chaplain, Chapel of Light, University of Ilorin, Dr. C. O. Ogunkunle.

According to the Chaplain, without forgetting the wrongs of the past, forward movement is impossible. Taking his text from 2 James 2: 19-22, Dr. Ogunkunle admonished Nigerians to deal with problems from the root just as Elisha went to the root of the problem of the city in the text. He also charged the Christian community to re-dedicate their lives to God and be fully consecrated to Him in the year just started.

Speaking on the theme of the month, "The New Vessel", Dr. Ogunkunle said it would require a good heart before one could be the kind of vessel that God requires. The Chaplain then led the congregation in a prayer session for the University of Ilorin and the nation at large.

Special prayers were offered especially for God to put an end to the *Boko Haram* mayhem ravaging the country while Nigerians were assured that "2012 will be a peaceful year".

The Chaplain thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for the proactive security arrangements he made and for ensuring that security personnel were on ground throughout the duration of the service.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was on the church ground, said that he had directed bomb experts to scan the area in order to ensure the safety of lives and property stressing that security is paramount because it is the first purpose of law.

Industrial Court is the arbiter, by NICN

The National Industrial Court of Nigeria is conferred with the exclusive jurisdiction over all labour-related matters, according to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, it has been emphasised.

A recent statement issued by the President, National Industrial Court of Nigeria, Hon. Justice B. A. Adejumo, a copy of which was obtained by *Unilorin Bulletin*, reiterates that the Constitution of Nigeria vests the power of hearing labour-related matters on the Industrial Court. Part of the statement reads:

"On 4th March, 2010, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, assented to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Third Alteration) Act 2010 (herein after referred to as the "Act").

"By virtue of Section 254C of the Act, National Industrial Court of Nigeria hereinafter referred to as "NICN" is conferred with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine labour, employment, trade unions and industrial relations matters and matters related thereto or connected therewith throughout the Federation.

"Despite the above stated position of the Act and the Constitution, matters concerning, related to or connected with Labour, Employment, Trade Unions and Industrial Relations are still being filed in other Courts that have no jurisdiction to hear and determine such matters.

"The consequence of the above is that the hearings of such subject matters are being unnecessarily delayed because eventually they may be transferred to NICN on grounds of lack of jurisdiction to hear such matters. This will invariably amount to waste of time, resources and delay of justice delivery to the parties.

"The objective of establishing NICN is to have a specialized court that will hear and determine Labour, Employment, Trade Unions, Industrial Relations and all other workplace related matters.

"The aim is also to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and the growth of the Nigerian Economy."

In line with the provision of the Act, it appears those who take labour-related matters to other courts apart from the NICN may just be wasting their time and resources.

Unilorin thrills children on Christmas eve

In line with its commitment to be an educational institution that touches the lives of the community, the University of Ilorin on Saturday, December 24, 2011, organised a children party at the Lakeside Resort of the University with great fun and excitement. The programme, which was organised by the Lakeside Management Committee in conjunction with the Home Economics Ventures, had children from within the State and outside in attendance.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who briefly graced the event commended the organisers for a good job and promised to provide more top class facilities to the resort. Also in attendance were the wife of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. (Mrs.) R. Oloyede, who was the grandmother of the day, while Mrs. O. Olayemi, the wife of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services) functioned as the mother of the day.



A cross section of the dignitaries at the event

The Chairman of the Lakeside Management Committee and Deputy Bursar of the University, Mr. Bashir Badmus, described the event as the first of its kind in the University. Speaking further, he said that “the University believes in all work and all play. Education is not complete without the appreciation of our cultural values. We want to produce graduates who excel academically, know how to relax and appreciate cultural values.”

Mr. Badmus noted that the Lakeside Resort is open to the public for picnics, marriage ceremonies, meetings, birthday celebrations, among others. He stressed further that the token being charged to use the resort and its attractions was not for profit but to augment the running costs. He disclosed that bodies like SEAP, Havilah School and Peculiar Microfinance sponsored the children party and thanked them for their donations.

The children party featured Games and Competitions, Party clowns, Costume characters, Music, Puppet shows, Horse ride, Canoe ride, horse ride, Santa Claus, Party plus, among other activities. Gifts were later presented to the children who excelled in various dancing competitions. The children later joined Dr. (Mrs) Oloyede and Mrs. Oyeyemi to cut the party cake.

The Unilorin Lakeside Resort was commissioned as part of the activities of the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University on Saturday October 22, 2011 by the President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, represented by the Honorable Minister of Education, Prof. (Mrs.) Ruqayyatu A. Rufa’i.

The resort has a convertible venue for all occasions along with facilities for water games, water view, horse and canoe ride among others.

Go and register, Unilorin tells students

All 300, 400, 500 and 600 level students of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, who are yet to complete their online registration, have been advised to do so between last Thursday (December 29, 2011) and Monday, January 9, 2012, or forfeit their studentships.

The directive was given by the University Senate at its 223rd meeting that held last Thursday and announcements to the effect had been made on the *Unilorin 89.3 fm* since the day.

The same message, as well as the message for the generality of students, has also been sent to the students’ e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers in order to ensure that the information reaches all the concerned students regardless of their location.

ADMISSION INTO THE POST DOCTORAL DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (PDDE) PROGRAMME IN THE RAIN SEMESTER OF THE 2011/2012 ACADEMIC SESSION

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the University of Ilorin Post- Doctoral Diploma in Education (PDDE) programme.

A. Programme Objectives

The Programme is designed, particularly, among others: to assist Lecturers who are Ph.D. holders in tertiary institutions to acquire relevant competencies in various teaching skills, interpersonal relationships, lecture room management, pedagogy, gender sensitivity, students' assessment, and higher institution administration. The Programme is also designed to qualify them to be registrable with the Teachers Registration Council, Nigeria (TRCN) as professionally trained teachers.

B. Admission Requirements

Ph.D. or its equivalent (e.g. Fellowship of appropriate Colleges of Health/Medicine)

C. Duration of Programme

The P.D.D.E. shall be run on a distance learning basis which shall normally last for a minimum of one calendar year (two semesters) and a maximum of two calendar years.

D. Course Delivery System

Courses will be offered through online instruction (online downloadable forms) and mobile digital forms (CD, DVD, mobile applications, etc) for students pursuing the PDDE programme. Final examinations will be based on resident examination within the Main Campus of the University and designated Centres. However, the University may make changes in policies and procedures for course delivery and examinations at any time.

E. Application Fee

Application is ten thousand naira only (₦10,000.00) payable as instructed in Section F of this advert.

For Further enquiries and support, please call **08033950774, 08077764779, 08032175411**.

For online support, send mails to codl.support@unilorin.edu.ng

F. Method of Application

For details on method of application, visit the University of Ilorin website: <http://www.unilorin.edu.ng> and click on the Unilorin Postgraduate Portal on the home page, or <http://www.unilorin.edu.ng/pgschool/>. Application Forms are to be completed on-line and will close on 31st January, 2012. Note that the latest date for the receipt of supporting documents is 10th February 2012.

Successful applicants would be notified by e-mail and GSM text.

Signed

Olufolake O. OYEYEMI (Mrs.)

Registrar

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Office, Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Opoola, Rafiu B.	General Studies	31st December
2.	Adimula, Isaac A.	Physics	1 st January
3.	Arosanyin, Janet O.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor's (MS) Office	1 st January
4.	Yahaya, Lasiele A.	Counsellor Education	1 st January
5.	Akanmidu, Adebisi R.	Religions	2nd January
6.	Ibiyemi, Tunji S.	Electrical Engineering	2nd January
7.	Bello, Johnson J.	Central Administration.	3rd January
8.	Jimoh, Abdulgafar A	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	3rd January
9.	Akanji, Musbau A.	Biochemistry	4th January
10.	Alimi, Adebayo E.	Computer Centre	7th January
11.	Sule, Bolaji F.	Director, NACHRED	7th January

MONEY MATTERS**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 23rd-29th

December, 2011

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Students Charges: Undergraduate	69,300:00
Students Charges: Postgraduate	52,600:00
December 2011 Personnel cost	351,130,749.39
ETF Capital grant	3,802,768.64
2011 4 th Quarter Capital	52,224,449:00
Staff I.D. Card	1,800:00
Printing of payslip	1,050:00
Verification of results	19,300:00
Total Receipts for the Period	407,302,017:03
PAYMENTS	
Payments to Contractors/Suppliers:	
Jadey International- Construction of WAUG Trent camp	15,174,081;53
Alh. Jimoh Folorunso- Construction of Peace & Strategic studies	28,957,528;86
Alh. Bashir Olaiya-Renovation of Volleyball court	3,773,719:04
Anchor maric – Refurbishing of indoor sports hall	14,991,815;98
Djanti Nig Ltd-Renovation of tennis court & old pavilion	23,704,098;88
Pro point Nig Ltd—Construction of Tartan track	41,387,725;17
Hybrid Engineering-Rehab of old pavilion	10,167,584;66
Bisrod Furniture- Supply & installation of seats/office furniture	17,823,057:54
Alh. Bashir Olaiya-Renovation of Volleyball court	8,960,641:29
Manna Construction-Renovation of Basketball court	4,479,966:41
Arnal Nig.- Supply of Heavy Duty Battery	170,000:00
Oaks Concept-Construction of Sandcrete Fence	2,173,834:06
Other Payments:	
Purchase Advance	277,493:00
Refund, Imprest, Hotel Expenses, Newspapers, etc.	2,886,672:60
Touring Advance	487,630:00
Various	1,300,000:00
Unilorin PGS- Installation of Additional TV to Senate Chamber	799,750:00
Total Expenditures for the Period	177,515,599:02

Signed

Ayo Sijuwola**Bursar****LAUGH LINES****On Ojukwu's Death, by Hon. Patrick 'Igodomigodo' Obahioagbon:**

The invitation to the Celestial Lodge of the Soul Personality of the irrefragible and sui generis Ikemba himself -Dim Odimegwu Ojukwu - brings again to focal hiceps and biceps the ephemerality of life. Beyond the state of lachrymoseism, his celestial ascension has and would continue to righteously bestir, I do hope however that we take immutable cognition of the fact that the fundamental issues which Ikemba confronted has now even coagulated and ossified into gorgon medusa. For Nigeria to progress, we must apotheosize our centripetal proclivities above our centrifugal excrescence...All hail the Ikemba.

"When beggars die;

They are no comet seen;

But Heavens themselves;

Blaze forth the death of Princes" (The Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare)

Students urged to complete registration tomorrow

“Students who have printed their registration forms on the University Portal but are yet to sign their forms in their Departments are advised to sign the forms in their various Departments not later than Tuesday, January 3, 2012 or the portal registration will be invalid and their studentship will lapse.

“Students are also to note that with effect from January 1, 2012, payments on the University Portal will be by the ATM system only with Master and Verve Cards.

“Heads of Departments and Faculty Officers are available to attend to students from December 30, 2011 to January 3, 2012 from 8:00a.m to 3:00p.m. daily,” a statement to the University students reads.

Unilorin in the News

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- The forthcoming 13th edition of the West Africa Universities Games (WAUG) has been postponed due to a clash with another sporting event in Ghana, a core partner with Nigeria in the games. (‘ASUU strike forces shift in West African Varsity Games’, *Nigerian Compass*, Thursday, December 29, 2011, p.3).
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have requested all post-graduate students who had over-stayed on their programmes from 2001 to date and who have interest in restoring their studentship to visit the University website for necessary information. (‘Court judgment: Unilorin recalls ex-PG students’, *Nigerian Compass*, Thursday, December 29, 2011, p.9).
- Mr. Areola Babajide, who is seeking admission to the University of Ilorin for a degree programme, has taken his case to the pages of a newspaper, while appealing for admission consideration. (‘Unilorin, offer me admission’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, December 29, 2011, p.16)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, and the acting Director of the Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf, Dr. (Mrs.) B.O. Olawuyi, have discussed strategies to aid learning among deaf students in the University while receiving the National Association of Deaf Students (NUDESA) University of Ilorin Chapter. (‘Unilorin boosts deaf students’ welfare’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.32).
- The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Deeper Life Campus Fellowship has held a symposium for its new members. (‘Deeper Life organizes symposium for freshers’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.33).
- Mr. Kolapo Abayomi, a 300 level student of Political Science and immediate past Chairman of the Independent Students Electoral Commission of the University of Ilorin, has declared that student unionism in the University is a model for other student unions. (‘Era of violent unionism gone’, *The Nation*, Thursday, December 29, 2011, p.30).
- The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students (NASS) has organised a memorable picnic at the University Biological Garden to orientate fresh students in the Faculty. (‘Faculty holds picnic’, *The Nation*, same date, p.32).
- The Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Lenrie Aina, and the Guest Speaker at the second workshop of the Faculty, Engr. Titi Omo-Ettu, have counseled students on how they can handle modern challenges. (‘Faculty holds workshop’, *The Nation*, same date, p.33).
- A veteran journalist and former Federal Commissioner, National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON), Alhaji Liadi Tella, has urged Mass Communication students of the University of Ilorin to have passion for their profession while addressing students of the Department. (‘Journalism confers privileges’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- The Post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (Post-UTME) debate which was championed by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has been identified as one of the memorable events of the year 2011. (‘Events that shaped the Education sector in 2011’, *The Punch*, Friday, December 30, 2011, p.40).
- The University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) has received the support of the Kwara State Government with a 800 KVA diesel generator donated by the government. (‘Kwara Govt approves ₦37m for generator for UITH’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday, December 30, 2011, p.5).
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius O. Abioje, has appealed to the President, Dr. Goodluck E. Jonathan, to adopt a referendum before he embarks on his subsidy withdrawal venture. (‘Jonathan, choose referendum’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p. 16).

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- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has charged the Federal Government on Food Security, Youth Development and National Security.
(‘VC faults govt priority on projects’, *The Punch*, Monday, December 26, 2011, p.13)
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius O. Abioje, has posited that the NYSC is an additional burden on parents in a public letter.
(‘NYSC is additional burden on parents’, *The Punch*, same date, p.18).
- The management of University of Ilorin has advertised an Invitation for Pre-qualification of private investors in the University of Ilorin Water Venture.
(‘University of Ilorin, Ilorin, *The Punch*, same date, p.32; *Daily Trust* and *Federal Tenders Journal*, same date)
- The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdul-Ganiyu Oladosu, has appeared in a group photograph with the Osun State Governor, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, and the Vice-Chancellor of Fountain University, Prof. Hussain Oloyede. (‘Photonews’, *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, December 27, 2011, p.11).
- The Kwara State Government has pledged to revamp the old site of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital for the new General Hospital. (‘Kwara to convert old Unilorin Teaching Hospital to General Hospital’, *Daily Trust*, same date, p.14, see also, *Nigerian Compass*: ‘Ahmed to spend N600m on Ilorin General Hospital’, Tuesday, December 27, 2011, p.6).
- While delivering his keynote address at a conference on Law and Sustainable Development in Africa organised by the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin recently, Prof. Isaac O. Albert of the University of Ibadan has challenged the nation to be concerned about the future generation.
(‘Don advocates sustainable development’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, December 28, 2011, p.29)
- A lawyer has called for the renaming of the University of Ilorin as Sheikh Alimi University.(‘Lawyer wants Unilorin named after Sheikh Alimi’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, December 28, 2011, p.4).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has emphasised that his University is committed to hosting a befitting 13th edition of the West Africa Universities Games (WAUG) while holding a meeting recently with some stakeholders.
(‘Unilorin committed to WAUG – Oloyede’, *The Herald*, same date, p.23).
- Dr. Pius O. Abioje of the Department of Religions at the University of Ilorin has lauded the position of the Sultan of Sokoto on the *Boko Haram* crisis.
(‘Sultan made my day at Christmas’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, December 28, 2011, p.20).
- The immediate past Chairman of Independent Students Electoral Commission (ISEC) and 300 level student of Political Science of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Kolapo Abayomi, has granted an interview in which he advised his fellow students on how to combine academic pursuit with leadership challenges.
(‘Campus’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, December 28, 2011, p.15).
- The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS) has held a reception in honour of their newly admitted members. (‘Association welcome freshers, introduces officers’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, December 28, 2011, p.16).
- The National Coordinator/ Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has insisted that *boko haram* should not be allowed to wax stronger in the country while condemning the Christmas day attacks.(‘NIREC condemns Christmas day attack on churches’, *Peoples Daily*, Thursday, December 29, 2011, p.10)

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Quotes of the Week

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.
- Robert Frost

Man seeks to change the foods available in nature to suit his tastes, thereby putting an end to the very essence of life contained in them.
- Sai Baba

Men in general are quick to believe that which they wish to be true. - Julius Caesar

Knowledge of the world is only to be acquired in the world, and not in a closet.
- Lord Chesterfield