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## Why we suspended strike -- UILORIN SSANU, NASU

By Abubakar Imam

Leaders of the University of Ilorin Chapters of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU) have given reasons for last Wednesday's suspension of the industrial dispute that resulted in the closure of all federal universities in the country for five months.

Speaking on a popular *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* programme, 'Table Talk', last Thursday (August 25, 2022), the union leaders, Comrade Naheem Olusola Falowo, SSANU Chairman, and Comrade Ibrahim H. Suberu, NASU Chairman, explained that the decision to suspend the protracted industrial dispute for two months was informed by the need to give the Federal Government some time to implement the agreements it reached with the university workers.

Comrade Falowo opined that since the government accepted to put machinery in motion for the onward implementation of all the eight-point demands before it, in addition to two others, it would be unwise of the unions to continue with the strike.

The SSANU Chairman, who is a staff of the Bursary Department of the nation's most sought-after University, explained that the government also accepted to work towards a remarkable improvement in the welfare of staff of state-owned universities as demanded by the unions.

Speaking in the same vein, Comrade Suberu of NASU said that the Federal Government equally promised in the agreements voluntarily signed with the unions to implement the agreed percentage increment in the salaries of university staff without any exception as from September 1, 2022.

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■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem



■ L-R: Comrades Falowo, Suberu and Alabi during the radion programme

## Let's work harder, Akogun charges Directorate staff

By Abubakar Imam



■ Mr Akogun

As non-teaching staff members of Federal Government-owned universities resumed duties after five months of industrial action, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, has advised staff members of the Directorate to put the experience of the industrial dispute behind them and work harder like never before.

Mr. Akogun gave this charge last Wednesday (August 24, 2022) while addressing the staff at a meeting he held with them at the Directorate Conference Room.

Welcoming the staff back to the campus and their duty posts after what he called "a fairly long break", Mr. Akogun noted that members of staff of the University and particularly of the Directorate needed to thank God for sparing their lives and granting them good health throughout the period.

The Director said that the Corporate Affairs Unit is an important arm of the University as both members of its internal and external publics depend on it for verifiable and authentic information about the University and all it represented.

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Comrade Suberu, who works at the Security Unit of the University, also disclosed that the government has also approved the release of the sum N50 billion for the payment of earned allowances. He added that the unions were assured that the money would be shared among federal government-owned universities for onward payment to all their staff members and without any form of discrimination in its disbursement between the academic staff and their non-teaching counterparts as witnessed in the past.

The NASU Chairman pointed out that the sustained efforts of the unions also eventuated in the federal government's realisation of the absurdities that have characterised the implementation of the Integrated Personnel Payment Information System (IPPIS). He added that one of the successes of the strike was that the government was now poised more than ever before to have a rethink on the IPPIS as it has empowered a Committee chaired by the Minister of Communication and Digital Economy, Prof. Issa Alli Pantami to harmonise the payment platforms jointly proposed by SSANU and NASU and the one put

forward by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) towards the replacement of the controversial IPPIS in the interest of industrial harmony and protection of national resources being siphoned by unscrupulous officials through the IPPIS.

In his own contribution, the Public Relations Officer of the Joint Action Committee of the Unilorin's based trade unions, Mr. Oluwasegun Alabi, said that another significant take-home of the suspended strike was the issue of teachers of university primary schools that was also captured and resolved in the agreements entered into between the unions and the Federal Government.

The trio, who reviewed the experiences of stakeholders, particularly university employees through the five months that the strike lasted, said that the declaration of the strike and the subsequent actions were justified. While saying that the poor state of things in the nation's ivory towers and the increasing attenuation of the economy and its consequences on the workforces of the nation's public owned universities compelled the unions to embark on the strike, he explained that the aggregate of public opinions since the suspension of

the strike confirmed the righteousness of the decision.

While urging their members to be optimistic of better days ahead, the union leaders expressed the conviction that the government would ensure a faithful implementation of the agreements without delay.

The trio also thanked their members for the sacrifices they made and for the understanding displayed throughout the protracted industrial dispute that forced them to remain at home for almost half of the year.

While thanking their members and the leadership of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) for the support given the university workers in the course of the strike, the union leaders said that the trade unions and their leaders should be proud of what they were able to achieve with the strike. They said that the unions were in no way disappointed or humiliated and that their members should work and walk like real champions with many laurels ahead of them for keep.

They nevertheless urged their colleagues to take their duties with total seriousness, saying that the unions would always be there to protect their interests.

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While noting that the online version of the **UNILORIN BULLETIN** was consistently produced on weekly basis throughout the period of the strike, Mr. Akogun commended the Head and staff of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** for offering skeletal services for a significant period of the strike.

The Director, who acknowledged the fact that the strike was not against the management of the University as there was no friction between the authorities of the institution and staff, expressed the hope that members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities [ASUU] would also suspend the strike to give the Federal Government the benefit of the doubt towards implementing the agreements reached.

The renowned journalist encouraged staff members to be up and doing in their responsibilities, saying that

the gains of hard work were many, exciting and beneficial to whoever embrace it.

Mr. Akogun, while saying that the weekly **UNILORIN BULLETIN** would be vigorously improved upon in terms of content, quality and size as there is always improvement in every endeavour, directed that the radio station should commence broadcast without further delay.

The Director thanked the University management for extending the privilege of on-the-job training and retraining to staff of the Directorate.

Responding on behalf of staff members, the Station Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3FM**, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) commended the Director for his infectious humility, exciting professionalism and other outstanding leadership qualities, which

made the Directorate to be continuously relevant even during the five-month strike.

Mr. Ibrahim also congratulated the Director on the renewal of his appointment by the University's management, adding that he and his colleagues were grateful to the authorities of the University for rewarding the hard work of their boss.

The foremost broadcaster assured the Director that he and his colleagues in the **UNILORIN BULLETIN** and **UNILORIN 89.3FM** are prepared to offer their best at all times as he assured that they would not let the Director and the University management down at all times in the discharge of their responsibilities and personal conducts within and outside the University.





# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Kolawole Kayode David	Finance	Aug 28
2	Salawu Bashiru	Sociology	Aug 28
3	Segun-Busari Segun	Otorhinolaryngology	Aug 28
4	Oba Abdulmumini Adebayo	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Aug 28
5	Ogunlade Israel	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Aug 28
6	Abdulraheem Abdulazeez Adewuyi	Accounting	Aug 28
7	Saka Waheed Tunde	Works: Civil/Building	Aug 28
8	Ehinmidun Abigail Bose	Registry	Aug 28
9	Onumayin John Onotu	Registry	Aug 28
10	Yusuf Kareem Adisa	Registry	Aug 28
11	Alfanla Mansur Adeleke	Registry	Aug 28
12	Adeniyi Fausat Tunrayo	Registry	Aug 28
13	Owolabi Elizabeth Taiwo	Registry	Aug 28
14	Abdullahi Jamiu Bayo	Registry	Aug 28
15	Tejideen Toyin Olayinka	Sociology	Aug 28
16	Ibrahim Muhammad Abdullahi	Library	Aug 28
17	Jimoh Abdulrahman	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Aug 28
18	Ismail Nimotallahi	Registry	Aug 28
19	Ogunlaiye Banke Grace	Registry	Aug 28
20	Mahmud Abdulwahab	Centre For Open & Distance Learning	Aug 28
21	Oba Shuaib Olowo	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Aug 28
22	Ajadi Abdullateef Abiodun	Veterinary Pathology	Aug 29
23	Orire Ismaila Oloyede	Geography & Environmental Management	Aug 29
24	Adelufosi Janet Bola	Registry	Aug 29
25	Afolabi Timothy Olawaju	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Aug 29
26	Sadiq Rafat Mosunmola Modupe	Registry	Aug 29
27	Flourish Josephine Augustina	Registry	Aug 29
28	Imam-Tamim Muhammad Kamaldeen	Islamic Law	Aug 29
29	Alasinrin Sikiru Yusuf	Agronomy	Aug 29
30	Abdulkareem Jamiu Saadullah	Arabic	Aug 29
31	Nallah Qudus Ali	Registry	Aug 29
32	Oladokun Joel Babatunde	Security Division	Aug 30
33	Adebanji Motunrayo Olufunke	Registry	Aug 30
34	Olalusi Kehinde Ademola	Performing Arts	Aug 30
35	Aun Isaac Iortimbir	Business Administration	Aug 30
36	Olalusi Taiwo Adebisola	Performing Arts	Aug 30
37	Lawal Rukayat Damilola	Registry	Aug 30
38	Arikewuyo Olawale Abdulgaffar	Mass Communication	Aug 30
39	Adebayo David Obafemi	Counsellor Education	Aug 30
40	Babalola Bisola Temitope	Information & Communication Science	Aug 31
41	Alli-Oluwafuyi Abdul-Musawwir	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Aug 31
42	Ameen Khadijat Saka	Science Education	Aug 31
43	Amos Bitrus	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Aug 31
44	Adeniyi Oluwafemi Gbolabo	Health Services	Sep 01
45	Muhammed Saheed	Unilorin Zoo	Sep 01
46	Ishola Saliu	Security Division	Sep 01
47	Kadiri Ismaila Bolarinwa	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Sep 01
48	Oladipo Toyin Tawakalitu	Registry	Sep 01
49	Abdullahi Ali Arazeem	Sociology	Sep 01
50	Akor Sunday Joseph	Sociology	Sep 01
51	Bankole Tawakalitu Bolanle	Library	Sep 01
52	Alabi Modupe Evelyn	Central Admin: Office	Sep 02
53	Mathew Tunde Shola	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 02
54	Gbadeyan Tanitoluwa Oluwatobi	Procurement & Maintenance Suport	Sep 02
55	Jimoh Wasiu Adeyemi	Aquaculture & Fisheries	Sep 03
56	Adebayo Adenike Victoria	Registry	Sep 03
57	Hammed Sulyman	Works: Mechanical	Sep 03
58	Mustapha Rukayat Jumoke	Works: Estate	Sep 03
59	Yahya Abdufatai Adisa	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 03

**The University Board of Health encourages you to visit the University Health Services for medical check-up on your birthday. Thanks**

## Book on Prof. Adedimeji for presentation Sept. 3rd

A new book, 'The Meteoric Rise of a Dynamic Academic', written in honour of a Professor of English at the University of Ilorin, and Vice Chancellor, Ahman Pategi University, Mahfouz Adedimeji, will be presented to the public this Saturday (September 3, 2022).

A statement by the Organising Committee said that the event will take place at the NUJ Press Centre, 28, Offa Road, GRA, Ilorin, by 10 00 a.m.

Members of the University community are cordially invited to grace the occasion



■ Prof. Adedimeji



*The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yakubu (3rd left), in a group photograph with the visiting UAM Tillers, match officials, organisers and some members of UNILORIN Team*



## UNILORIN Warriors beat UAM Tillers to clinch HiFL Q-final ticket

By Temitope Omoniyi

**T**he University of Ilorin Football Club, UNILORIN Warriors have secured a place in the quarterfinals of the ongoing Higher Institutions Football League (HiFL) after a two-all draw with UAM Tillers of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi.

In the reverse fixture played at the Federal University of Agriculture Stadium, Makurdi, UNILORIN Warriors secured a famous away win after Mustapha Ogungbenro's 14-minute goal sealed a comfortable 1-0 victory.

In the tension soaked round-of-16 second leg fixture played last Wednesday (August 24, 2022) at the Main Bowl of UNILORIN Stadium Complex, the Better by Far Boys came from two goals down to seal a 3-2 aggregate win over the Tillers. John Ago and Unite Amodu had put the Tillers 2-0 ahead before Jamiu Mujeeb pulled one back for the Warriors through a penalty after the visiting team conceded a foul in the box. A brilliant header from Ogungbenro Mustapha in the 59th minute ensured the match ended in a 2-2 draw.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, represented by the Dean

of Student Affairs, Prof. Musa Yakubu, at the stadium with other sport fans in the University community to cheer the Better by Far boys to victory.

Other dignitaries that watched the match included the Chairman of UNILORIN Sport Council, Prof. Omodele Eletta; and the Acting Director of Sport, Dr. Tajudeen Ibraheem among others.

In a post-match interview, Coach Isiaka Gambari of UNILORIN Warriors was full of praises for his team's fighting spirit. He pointed out that the Better by Far boys were resilient in their pursuit of victory even when they were two goals down.

The goalkeeper of the visiting UAM Tillers, Jacob Targema, emerged the Most Valuable Player of the match and was presented with a Man of the Match plaque.

UNILORIN Warriors are expected to engage ATBU Brave Hearts of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi in a one-leg quarterfinal match to be decided on a neutral ground on Wednesday, September 1, 2022.

The league is organised by Pace Sports and Entertainment Marketing in partnership with the Nigerian Universities Games Association (NUGA).