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■ Prof. Abdulkareem

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has expressed total displeasure over the extension of the warning strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) by another 12 weeks, saying the development would further slow down Nigeria's progress.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who is the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Federal Universities, expressed this feeling in an interview with a national newspaper, Tribune Online, last Tuesday (May 10, 2022).

Prof. Abdulkareem said, "ASUU had originally been on a one-month warning strike and rolled the action over in the month of March for another two months before it now announced additional three months, all because the Federal Government did not yield to its demands, which all bother on the money".

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that students staying at home when they suppose to be in class studying, even for a day let alone for many months as the current case in Nigerian public universities, is not a good omen for any serious country.

He said that it was very unfortunate that it is the students who are directly affected by the academic disruption and their parents that will bear all the consequences of the development.

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Abdulkareem hails Oladiji's appointment as FUTA VC

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has expressed joy at the appointment of a Professor of Biochemistry at the University, Temidayo Oladiji, as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA).

In a statement made available

to newsmen in Ilorin by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice-Chancellor said that Prof. Oladiji's appointment is "a well-deserved recognition of the well-honed academic excellence and administrative acumen" of the UNILORIN don.

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Oladiji, UNILORIN don, appointed new FUTA VC

By Mustafa Abubakar

Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Ilorin, Adenike Temidayo Oladiji, has been appointed the new Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA).

This was announced by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University's Governing Council,

Ambassador (Dr.) Godknows Igali, who said that the Council ratified the appointment at its Special Meeting held last Thursday (May 12, 2022).

With the appointment, Prof. Oladiji becomes the University's eighth substantive Vice-Chancellor and the first female to hold the position.

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■ Prof. Oladiji

Abdulkareem congratulates Oloyede on Vanguard award

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has congratulated one of his predecessors in office, Prof. Is'haq Oloyede, on the award of excellence to be conferred on him by The Vanguard newspaper in Lagos this Friday (May 20, 2022).

In a congratulatory message signed on his behalf by the University's Director of

Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice-Chancellor described the award as "a well-deserved recognition of excellence and well-merited reward for selfless commitment to service to the nation".

Prof. Abdulkareem described Prof. Oloyede, who is the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), as a proud Ambassador of the University of Ilorin, saying that his public

service trajectory has shown him as a veritable go-getter and workaholic whose efforts geared towards national growth and development.

"The University of Ilorin is proud of your attainments so far and we wish you more laurels in the service to our fatherland", Prof. Abdulkareem said.

Unilorin students protest prolonged staff strike

By Abubakar Imam

As labour unions in the nation's university system continue with their industrial disputes with the Federal Government, some students of the University of Ilorin have staged a peaceful demonstration to express their displeasure with the inability of the Federal Government to honour its agreement with the unions, particularly the Academic Staff Union

of Universities (ASUU).

The students, who converged on the main gate of the University last Tuesday (May 10, 2022), expressed their dissatisfaction with the declaration of another 12 weeks of strike by ASUU, saying that it was the insensitivity of the Federal Government that was prolonging the strike.

Displaying placards with various

inscriptions, the students said, "We want to graduate, government should listen to ASUU and other demands of the unions".

They explained that they would stop at nothing towards ensuring that concerned stakeholders resolved the matters amicably and in the interest of present and future generations of citizens of the country, warning that the forthcoming general elections may not hold if the campuses remained shut.

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Prof. Abdulkareem, who described Prof. Oladiji as "one of the most hardworking lecturers of the University of Ilorin", pointed out that "her appointment to head another Federal University is a veritable confirmation of the pre-eminent status of our university in the comity of Nigerian universities".

The Vice-Chancellor said that as someone who is "100 percent full-blooded Unilorite, having had all her academic degrees and working career at the Better by far University", he is confident the Prof. Oladiji "would make a very outstanding success in her new position".

While congratulating the new FUTA Vice-Chancellor on her appointment, Prof.

Abdulkareem enjoined her to go into her new assignment with the well-known spirit of probity, selflessness, discipline and uncompromising student-centred policies that have been associated with the University of Ilorin and have mainly accounted for its outstanding successes over the years".

Oladiji, UNILORIN don, appointed new FUTA VC

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She succeeds Prof. Joseph Fuwape, whose tenure ends on Monday, 23rd May, 2022.

According to a letter of appointment personally signed by Ambassador Igali, Prof. Oladiji's appointment, which takes effect from Tuesday May 24, 2022, is for a single term of five years.

Prof. Oladiji, who is also the first female Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Sciences, was born on 27th April, 1968. She hails from Ora Igbomina in Ifedayo Local Government area of Osun State.

She attended Christ Anglican School, Ijumu-Oro, and Iludun Oro Nursery and Primary School between 1972 and 1977. She also attended St. Claire's Anglican Grammar School, Offa, from 1977 to 1982.

Prof. Oladiji holds a B.Sc Biochemistry (Second Class Upper Division) from the University of Ilorin (1988); MSc. Biochemistry, University of Ilorin, (1991) and Ph.D Biochemistry, University of Ilorin

(1997).

The erudite scholar joined the services of the University of Ilorin in July 1992 as Assistant Lecturer and was appointed a Professor in September 2011.

She has over 29 years of continuous service in the university system. She has held various positions and served on almost all University Committees as Chairman and Member.

She has also served in various capacities, including Head of Department; Sub Dean of Faculty; Deputy Director, Centre for International Education; Director, Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT); Director, Central Research Laboratory; Dean, School Of Basic Medical Sciences (Kwara State University); Dean, School of Life Sciences and Member, Governing Council, Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa and Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Ilorin.

A prolific researcher with over 100 publications, Prof. Oladiji has won many

distinctions and awards, which include University's Merit Award, Certificate of Merit and scholarships, among others.

She is a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science and Fellow, Nigerian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

She has served as Member of various Scientific Committees at the National Universities Commission (NUC), Tertiary Education Fund (TETFund), and has been an external examiner in over 20 universities in Nigeria and outside the country.

She is a Member of Professional Bodies such as the West Africa Research and Innovation Management (WARIMA), American Society of Nutrition, Organization for Women in Science for Developing World (OSWD), Science Association of Nigeria and Nigerian Society for Experimental Biology.

She is happily married and blessed with children.

Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Nafiu Mikhail Olugbemiro	Biochemistry	May 15
2	Mudi Baba Ogbeide	Works: Electrical/Telecom	May 15
3	Ehinmidun Joseph Sunday	Security Division	May 15
4	Abdulrasaq Funmilayo Y	Security Division	May 15
5	Ogundele Abraham Olushola	Registry	May 15
6	Adewole Israel Babatope	Physics	May 15
7	Abikoye Christiana Oluwakemi	Computer Science	May 15
8	Ogundele Veronica Titilayo	Registry	May 15
9	Martins Emmanuel Oladele	Bursary	May 15
10	Salako Rachael Abosede	Registry	May 15
11	Awosejo Anges	Registry	May 15
12	Oladosu Mubarak Opeyemi	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	May 15
13	Zubair Abdul Hakeem	Arabic	May 15
14	Olajugba Janet Fadekemi	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	May 15
15	Ibrahim Abdumumin	Anatomy	May 15
16	Abdulraheem Abdullateef Gbolahan	Security Division	May 15
17	Sanni Tunde Abdulraman	Educational Technology	May 15
18	Agbede Veronica Iyabo	Registry	May 15
19	Salaudeen Yusuf Oladipupo	Registry	May 15
20	Akoh Elejo-Gabriel	Registry	May 15
21	Adewoye Tunmise Latifat	Chemical Engineering	May 16
22	Alasinrin Shehu	Civil Engineering	May 16
23	Isa Bayo	French	May 16
24	Abdullahi Abdulrasheed Ajao	Pharmacognosy & Drug Development	May 16
25	Mokuolu Olobunmi Ajike	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	May 16
26	Lawal Maryam Opeyemi	Animal Production	May 17
27	Aduagba Lateefat Kikelomo	Microbiology	May 17
28	Adesina Kikelomo Temilola	Gynaecology & Obstetrics	May 17
29	Ayoku Abubakar Amori	Registry	May 17
30	Afolayan Taiwo Kafilat	Registry	May 17
31	Olutu Olanrewaju Thomas	Mathematics	May 17
32	Jimoh Idris Mohammed	Social Science Education	May 17
33	Fadile Kikelomo Bamidele	Registry	May 17
34	Iheme Obinna Kenneth	Geology & Mineral Sciences	May 17
35	David Susan Mosebolatan	Pharm. Microbiology & Biotechnology	May 18
36	Owoyele Bamidele Victor	Physiology	May 18
37	Oluwaniyi Omolara Olusola	Industrial Chemistry	May 18
38	Taiwo Shade Victoria	Bursary	May 18
39	Okon David Udoh	Security Division	May 18
40	Abdulwahab Rafiu	Adult & Primary Education	May 18
41	Isiaka Yinusa Eleja	Academic Planning Unit	May 18
42	Otonekwa Faith	Registry	May 18
43	Adeleke Olawumi Abike	Biochemistry	May 18
44	Awolola Gbonjubola Victoria	Industrial Chemistry	May 19
45	Sanni Yahaya Ojivo	Geology & Mineral Sciences	May 19
46	Egwu Ben	Registry	May 19
47	Bello Hammed Abiodun	Estate Management	May 19
48	Saka Amuda	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	May 19
49	Sunday David Abayomi	Security Division	May 20
50	Abikan Raliat Ranti	Registry	May 20
51	Muhammed Abubakar Yinusa	Sociology	May 20
52	Adeniyi Raphael Babatunde	Mathematics	May 20
53	Ogbu Sunday Abo	Vice-Chancellor's Lodge	May 20
54	Ajayi Babatunde Tope	Security Division	May 20
55	Suberu Haruna Ibrahim	Security Division	May 20
56	Olorunnimbe Oladele Michael	Religions	May 20
57	Abdulrahman Tunde	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	May 20
58	Ogbede Jessy Ayodele	Bursary	May 20
59	Makanjuola Alfred Bamiso	Behavioural Science	May 20
60	Busari Babatunde Murtala	Works: Civil/Building	May 20
61	Olukun Ganiyat Abimbola	Registry	May 20
62	Amoloye Hikmat Omodesola	Health Services	May 20
63	Ekemode Damilola Emmanuel	Registry	May 20
64	Ajiboye Temilade	Mechanical Engineering	May 20
65	Amura-Yusuf Wasilat Olaide	Registry	May 20
66	Adebayo-Bello Serah O.	Central Admin: Office	May 21
67	Aiyepoku Bamidele Peter	Biochemistry	May 21
68	Oyeyemi Tunji	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	May 21
69	Ajiboye Olubukola Oluyemisi	Library & Information Science	May 21
70	Adekilekun Azeef Lateef	Arabic	May 21
71	Eyimonnye Mathew Ochelewo	Security Division	May 21
72	Ekunrin Yannife Adeola	Academic Planning Unit	May 21
73	Mustapha Abdulkabir Adeola	Registry	May 21

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He said it would not be out of place if the Federal Government could, by all means even if it will involve

borrowing, to look for money and address ASUU concerns permanently.

He, therefore, advised both the Federal Government and the leadership of

ASUU to resolve the crisis for normalcy to return to the nation's ivory towers.

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The students added that the indifference of the concerned authorities to the disputes and the attendant negative impacts on the students and their parents might compel them to extend the protest to major places like the Government House, International Airport, Kwara State House of Assembly and the Kwara State Commands of the Nigerian Police and the Department of State Services, among other strategic government locations across the Kwara State capital, just to draw the attention of members of the public to their plights.

The peaceful protest, which was

conducted under the watchful eyes of the officers and men of the Nigerian Police and the Man O war to ensure that it is not hijacked, was witnessed by the Dean, Student

Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. M. T. Yakubu; the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. K. J. Oyewunmi and the Director of Academic



■ **The protesting students**

Planning, Prof. Arosanyin, among other senior members of staff of the University.

Oloyede, ex-UNILORIN VC/JAMB CEO, bags another award of excellence

By Kunle Akogun

This Friday, May 20, 2022, in Lagos, drums would be rolled out, cymbals would chime sonorously, heads would turn in another superlative celebration of excellence as one of Nigeria's most respected newspapers, The Vanguard, honours Prof Is'haq Oloyede, one of the prides of the nation's most sought-after citadels of learning, the inimitable University of Ilorin.

Even though the frontline newspaper is honouring the former UNILORIN Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), one of the criteria that qualified him for the award of the 2021 'Public Sector (Education) Icon' was his achievements while serving as Vice-Chancellor of the Better by far University!

At the award ceremony, which holds at the Eko Hotel and Suites, Prof. Oloyede will be standing on the dais with other prominent Nigerian achievers that include captains of industries, politicians, bankers, and big players in the country's political and economic spheres.

In the letter of award signed by the Editor of The Vanguard Newspaper, Mr. Eze Anaba, the JAMB Registrar was informed that "this award is in recognition of your exceptional contributions to nation-building, particularly in the education sector, where you not only made a name for yourself, but also made Nigeria proud. You achieved fame since 2007 when you became Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. Your tenure is outstanding in the annals of the university because in just five years, you transformed it and made it the most sought-after university in Nigeria".

Mr. Anaba continued, "... as Registrar/CEO of JAMB, your achievements in reorganising and

cleaning the proverbial Augean stable, coupled with unprecedented financial prudence, which saw remittance of funds back to federal coffers, are indeed worthy of commendation. These, and more, which space do not permit us to list in this letter are what commend you for this award".

The newspaper editor further explained that "the history of a united Nigeria will not be complete without a copious mention of your dedication and commitment to our fatherland", adding that "the philosophy of this award is to recognise and celebrate Excellence, National Pride and Service to Humanity".

This award is a brand new feather to Prof. Oloyede's over-decorated cap of honours. And it doesn't come as a surprise to the watchers of the erudite Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence's legendary records of selfless service to humanity.

Before now, Prof. Oloyede has received scores of awards in recognition of his sterling achievements in public service. These include the National Productivity Order of Merit (NIPOM) award (2019); The Sun Newspaper's Public Service Award for 2018 "for being an exemplary public servant with zero tolerance for corruption and setting up a new order of transparency in the running of JAMB"; Leadership Newspaper award for JAMB as



■ **Prof. Oloyede**

"Government Agency of the Year, 2018", among several others; as well as special parliamentary commendation by members of the House of Representatives (2019).

No wonder he was reappointed for another term of five years in 2021 at the expiration of his first term.

To be sure, this erudite scholar is fast becoming the face of the new Nigeria we all fervently pray and yearn for! And as the country begins another frenetic search for new set of leaders come 2023, it would not be out of place to recommend the Oloyede magical persona as a veritable template for an ideal new national leadership. For, his entire public service life is full of great lessons for incumbent and aspiring leaders!

So, as he walks up the dais this beautiful Friday evening to be adorned with the garlands of honour, we congratulate this outstanding Unilorite on his attainments so far. We pray for more powers to his elbow in the firm belief that he still has more to offer Nigeria and humanity in general.