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UNILORIN hosts 37th CVCNU Conference

By Kunle Akogun and Mubarak Oladosu



■ Prof. Ezemonye



■ Prof. Haruna

No fewer than 105 heads of universities across the country will this week converge on the University of Ilorin as the 37th Annual Conference of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU) gets underway.

The Conference, slated to hold in the University Auditorium between Monday, August 17 and Thursday, August 20, 2026, under the Chief Host, Prof. Lawrence Ezemonye, the CVCNU Chairman, will be co-hosted by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Secretary-General of CVCNU, Prof. Andrew Haruna.

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Egbewole elected into IACL EXCO

By Abubakar Imam

In another fascinating recognition of his professional worth, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has been elected into the Executive Council of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL). The election was one of the major highlights of the just-concluded World Congress of Constitutional Lawyers held in Bogotá, Colombia.

This was disclosed in a statement, dated August 8, 2026, by the Secretary-General and Treasurer of the Association, Prof. Francesco Biagi, a



■ Prof. Egbewole,

copy of which was made available to UNILORIN Bulletin.

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UNILORIN holds reception for Oloyede

By Mubarak Oladosu

All is set for a special homecoming reception being organised by the management of the University of Ilorin in honour of its 8th Vice Chancellor, Professor Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, who has just concluded a ten-year tour of duty as the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). The reception is slated for this Monday (August 17, 2026).

This was contained in an Internal Memorandum dated August 11, 2026 and issued from the Office of the Vice Chancellor and sighted by UNILORIN Bulletin.

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Handle children with care, AbdulRaheem-Mustapha charges Police

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Public Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Mariam Adepeju AbdulRaheem-Mustapha has appealed to officers and men of the Nigeria Police Force to always handle children brought before or apprehended by them for any offence with caution, professionalism and restraint, saying that children should

be handled in a way far different from how adult suspects are handled.

Prof. Mariam Adepeju AbdulRaheem-Mustapha made the appeal last Thursday (August 13, 2026) while delivering the 305th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Children in the Cage, Justice on Trial", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. AbdulRaheem-Mustapha

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Egbewole hosts UNILORIN's Law School prodigies

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has hosted the University's graduate who emerged as the overall best graduating student at the Nigeria Law School, and 15 other first class graduates of the Law School, commending them for recording a historic academic feat.

The UNILORIN Alumni from the Faculty of Law recently distinguished themselves in the latest Bar Final Examinations conducted by the Nigerian Law School, with 16 University of Ilorin graduates obtaining first class honours. One of them, Mr Adeniyi Israel, emerged as the overall best graduating student.

The 16 first class graduates are Barakat Ebunoluwa Ogungbe, Abdulazeez Abdullah Abayomi, Abass Barakat Adeola, Mubarak Ahmad Owoade, Boluwatife Oni-Kayode, Glory Oladipo, Oyedele Oluwakiite Dorcas, Nneoma Mbalewe, Adeniyi Isreal, Ademiju Omotomiwa, Joel Victor Akoji, Adeowu Fareedah Adedoyin, Abdulmaleeq Nana Aisha, Kamaldeen Akanni Olatunde, Oyewunmi Mariam Oyenike, and Oba Rahmat Aduke.

Receiving those he called “wonderful alumni” last Monday (August 10, 2026), in his office, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the graduates on behalf of the Senate, Council, Management and the entire University community, describing them as worthy ambassadors of the institution.

Prof. Egbewole, who, urged the graduates to sustain their academic excellence and remain connected to their alma mater, stated that obtaining first class honours should be regarded as a means to greater accomplishments rather than an end in itself, urging them to build on their success and make meaningful contributions to the legal profession and the society.

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria also encouraged the graduates to become mentors to younger students of the University, stressing that their exceptional performance could motivate younger generations of Unilorin students to emulate them and strive for similar academic excellence.

Speaking earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Bashir Adeniyi Omipidan, described the achievement as unprecedented in the history of the University. He noted that all 16 graduates who obtained first class honours at the



Nigerian Law School represented a significant milestone for the University, particularly because UNILORIN produced the overall best, second overall best and fifth best students in the examination.

Prof. Omipidan said that the achievement reflected the quality of training and preparation provided by the Faculty of Law and the determination of the graduates to excel despite the demanding nature of legal education.

While 13 of the first class law graduate joined the meeting online, three of them, Boluwatife Oni-Kayode, Kamaldeen Akanni Olatunde and Oba Ramat Aduke, were physically present at the meeting.

Responding on behalf of the graduates who participated virtually, the overall best graduating student, Mr Adeniyi Israel, appreciated the Vice Chancellor and the University Management for the reception, describing the opportunity to be hosted by the Vice Chancellor as a rare

privilege.

Also speaking, Mr Kamaldeen Akanni Olatunde, who was among those physically present, described the reception as an honour to be invited back to their alma mater.

Reflecting on their experience at the Nigerian Law School, Kamaldeen, who served as the Chief Justice of the Students' Union, said the journey was challenging but became more manageable through the support and camaraderie among the students. He added that many of the graduates stayed together during their time at the Law School, helping one another through the demanding academic journey.

According to him, the challenges encountered at the Law School were made easier by the solid academic foundation they received from the University of Ilorin, noting that their lecturers at the Faculty of Law had adequately prepared them for the demands they faced.

Egbewole encourages new Provost, Deans, Directors to do things differently

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged newly elected/appointed Provost, Deans, Directors and Deputy Directors in the University to do things differently by challenging existing practices, embracing innovation and seeking more efficient ways of delivering services.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Monday (August 10, 2026), in his address titled “To Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected ... Leadership, Responsibility and the Transformation of Our University”, delivered at the Orientation Programme organised for the newly appointed University leaders by the Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT) at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor said innovation was not limited to technology, as it involves thinking differently, developing new solutions and continuously improving existing systems.

He challenged the new Unit heads to regularly review their processes, identify gaps and ask what could be done differently and better, urging them to move beyond the conventional argument that “this is the way we have been doing it”. According to him, leaders should examine whether processes could be simplified, services delivered more efficiently and better outcomes achieved with fewer resources.

Prof. Egbewole disclosed that the immediate past Directors had submitted records of their activities and achievements during their three-year tenure, adding that his review of the reports showed evidence of leadership and commitment by them.

On human capital development, Prof. Egbewole called for greater investment in people, stressing that leadership positions should not be regarded as platforms for claiming superiority over other members of staff.

He urged the leaders to recognise the abilities and contributions of their colleagues, noting that effective leadership



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Prof. Oloyede

involves bringing people together and creating an environment where everyone could contribute meaningfully to institutional development.

While advocating teamwork, the Vice Chancellor cautioned against “ego tripping” and “territorial ambition”, as he urged the participants to see their responsibilities as collective institutional assignments. He said that no University unit could operate effectively in isolation, charging them to make their appointments count through service, collaboration, innovation and measurable improvements.

In his welcome address, the Director of the Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Prof. Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede, described the leadership training programme as a deliberate investment in leadership capacity, stating that the quality of leadership directly determines the quality of the institution.

Prof. Oloyede said the training was designed to sharpen participants' understanding of their roles, refresh their perspectives on governance and equip them with practical tools to navigate the complexities of university administration.

He noted that the programme was particularly significant as the University pursues the Vice Chancellor's Vision 1:10:500, pointing out that its attainment

required not only hard work but also strategic thinking, collaborative leadership and a shared sense of purpose.

The CREDIT Director, who commended the Vice Chancellor, for leading the proceedings with a reflective session aimed at driving the vision to fruition, however, reminded the participants that leadership was not about titles or positions, but about service, influence and impact.

He urged them to embrace their responsibilities with courage, integrity and a shared determination to succeed, stressing that each leader had a role to play in shaping the future of the University.

In his remarks, the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, charged the Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and other administrators to strictly adhere to University laws, regulations and approved communication channels in handling staff matters.

He urged them to process staff requests promptly and cautioned against withholding official requests, stressing that no individual has the authority to prevent a staff member from leaving the University once all requirements have been met.

The Registrar further urged the administrators to properly preserve institutional records and ensure compliance with leave regulations, including sabbatical and leave of absence. He reminded newly appointed officers that leadership appointments carried significant responsibilities that must be diligently discharged.

Meanwhile, the Director of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), Prof. Sidiqat Aderinoye-Abdulwahab, has appealed to the newly appointed University leaders to support the institution's digital transformation agenda through collaboration, continuous improvement and effective adoption of its ICT systems.

Prof. Aderinoye-Abdulwahab urged the new leaders to encourage staff and students in their respective units to fully utilise the University Portal, E-Learning and Memo Manager, while ensuring that ICT-related requests and challenges were channelled through IT Officers and the COMSIT Help Desk.

She noted that proper feedback would enable the Directorate to measure performance and continuously improve its services.

The don also called on the new leaders to release staff for COMSIT training programmes to strengthen digital capacity and support the Cybersecurity Unit in promoting safe and responsible use of ICT resources. She stressed that the success of the University's digital transformation depended on the active support and collaboration of its new leadership.



■ Prof. Aderinoye-Abdulwahab



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Prof. Michael Faborode



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Dr David Olom Nkpe



Prof. Chris Piwuna



Prof. Lawal Bilbis



Prof. Sagir Abbas

UNILORIN hosts 37th CVCNU Conference

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A major highlight of the Conference, themed "Building Resilient Universities for Nigeria," will be the keynote address by Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

Other speakers include Prof. Emeritus O. Jegede, Prof. Comfort Ekpo, Prof. Michael Faborode, Prof. Emeritus Musibau Akanji, Prof. Chris Piwuna, Prof. David Nkpe, Prof. Lawal Bilbis, Prof. Sagir Abbas, and Prof. Kenneth Oguzie.

The Conference will feature plenary sessions and interactive workshops on sustainable financing models, institutional governance and

autonomy, integration of Artificial Intelligence, human capital competitiveness, and campus welfare.

The Chairperson of the Conference Local Organising Committee (LOC), Prof. Taibat Moji Bakare-Odunola, told **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Wednesday (August 12, 2026), that the Conference would showcase the values that stand UNILORIN out in the community of Nigerian higher education institutions.

The LOC Chairperson, who is also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), at the University of Ilorin, pointed out that the entire University community has been fully mobilised to host Vice Chancellors and academic leaders from across Nigeria.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola noted that the Conference is a strategic platform to showcase UNILORIN's academic

excellence, administrative stability, and enduring culture of peace.

She said, "The entire University community is fully mobilised for this historic event", adding that, "It is a platform to showcase our research breakthroughs, seamless operations, and the values that define us as the 'Better by Far' university."

The LOC Chairperson disclosed that the five-day conference would bring together Vice Chancellors from federal, state, and private universities, alongside policymakers, researchers, and development partners.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola also disclosed that security arrangements had been perfected while excellent transportation arrangement has been made for the comfort of the Conference participants

Unilorin welcomes Oloyede home

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According to the memorandum, which was signed by the Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor Office, Mrs. Azeezat Q. Ibrahim, the programme is being organised to celebrate Prof. Emeritus Oloyede's distinguished contributions to the University and his outstanding 10-year tenure as Registrar and Chief Executive

Officer of JAMB.

The ceremony, which holds at the University Auditorium beginning from 10:00 a.m., will also feature the presentation of the Award of Excellence to some distinguished Nigerians, recognition of Distinguished Alumni and Unilorin Ambassadors, as well as an investiture ceremony for deserving individuals.



Prof. Emeritus Oloyede

Handle children with care, AbdulRaheem-Mustapha charges Police

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The Inaugural Lecturer, who is also a Member of the Governing Council of the University, advised that every Police Command should operate trained Child Police Unit that would monitor arrest, interview, referral and diversion procedures.

The don also encouraged the harmonisation and implementation of the Child Rights Act across all states as she said that courts and agencies should adopt one enforceable national standard in the best interests of the child.

Prof. AbdulRaheem-Mustapha, who is also the founder of the Network for Vulnerable Persons in Nigeria (NVPN), said that no Nigerian child should enjoy fewer protections because of state boundaries. She said that minimum safeguards must apply nationwide.

Functional Family Courts, according to the Inaugural Lecturer, should also operate in child-friendly spaces with trained personnel and compulsory social inquiry reports.

Prof. AbdulRaheem-Mustapha, who was also a pioneer Member of the Governing Council of Abiola Ajimobi Technical University, Ibadan, also said that diversion should be the normal response for suitable minor cases through counselling, education, restitution, community service and family conferencing.

The seasoned legal luminary also advised that no child should be detained with adults. She stressed the need for custodial centres to provide education, healthcare, psychosocial support and reintegration plans for all their inmates.

The Inaugural Lecturer, who is also a Consultant to the National Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies, Abuja, said that birth registration and



■ **The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. AbdulRaheem-Mustapha (left), last Thursday**

reliable age determination must become justice priorities as she also said that schools, religious bodies, traditional institutions, NGOs and professional associations should create local protection and reintegration networks.

Prof. AbdulRaheem-Mustapha equally advised stakeholders to ensure that Nigeria establishes a national child justice database to track arrest, detention, diversion, trial delay, release and re-offending.

She also said that young female offenders require dedicated borstal institutions or equivalent gender-responsive rehabilitation programmes whenever necessary.

Child protection budgets,

according to the Inaugural Lecturer, must always be ring-fenced, publicly reported and independently monitored.

Speaking on personal experience, Prof. AbdulRaheem-Mustapha encouraged well-to-do individuals to render assistance to those who need their assistance, particularly younger ones. She said that she is what she has become through the sacrifices and efforts of those who mentored her in the course of her life.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was attended by Principal Officers of the University, friends, relations, colleagues and students of Prof. AbdulRaheem-Mustapha from far and near.

Egbewole elected into IACL EXCO

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Prof. Egbewole, who is also a Member of the Nigerian Body of Benchers, would hold the position from 2026 to 2030.

In his reaction to the development, a former Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Azubuike Onuora-Oguno, described the election as a reflection of Prof. Egbewole's longstanding contributions to Constitutional Law

scholarship and his unwavering commitment to advancing constitutional jurisprudence through robust scholarship.

He added that the election was a testament to the confidence that the international constitutional law community has placed in the leadership and vision of Prof. Egbewole.

Prof. Onuora-Oguno, who is also a specialist in International Human Rights Laws, said that the Vice Chancellor has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication to strengthening constitutional

discourse across Africa and beyond.

He added that recently, his leadership in successfully hosting the ANCL Biennial Congress at the University of Ilorin provided an important platform for scholarly engagement, collaboration, and the advancement of constitutional governance on the continent.

He, therefore, congratulated the Vice Chancellor on the remarkable achievement and wished him every success as he assumes the important international responsibility.



UNILORIN holds seamless 2026 post-UTME exercise ...as 15,344 candidates register

By Mustafa Abubakar
and Maryam Abdullahi

The University of Ilorin has successfully conducted its 2026 Post-UTME screening exercise, with a total of 15,344 candidates registered for the exercise.

The screening, which was conducted over three days, from Thursday, August 13, 2026, to Saturday, August 15, 2026, recorded 6,000 candidates on the first day, 6,000 on the second day, and 3,344 on the third day. The exercise was widely described as seamless, with its smooth conduct attributed to meticulous planning, early preparation, effective coordination, strategic deployment of technology, and the commitment of staff and volunteers.

Speaking during an assessment tour of the CBT Centre venue of the screening exercise, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), who monitored the exercise, said the early preparation and coordination of the University team, headed by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Taibat Moji Bakare-Odunola, were central to the smooth commencement and conduct of the examination.

Prof. Egbewole described the process as well organised and well coordinated, commending the officials responsible for the exercise.

He said the preparation of the University was deliberate, noting that officials were already on ground hours before the scheduled commencement.

The Vice Chancellor said, "We were all here by around 6:30 a.m., despite the fact that the exam was supposed to start

at 9:00 a.m. This is to make sure that there is no problem that the examination is seamless, and we start at the dot of 9:00."

In her remarks, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Taibat Moji Bakare-Odunola, disclosed that officials were on ground as early as about 6:30 a.m., well ahead of the scheduled 9:00 a.m. commencement time, to ensure that all arrangements were in place before candidates began their examinations.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor described the smooth conduct of the exercise as another demonstration of the University's "Better by Far" standard and the value it places on efficient service delivery to prospective students.

She noted that the success of the exercise was the result of the collective efforts of the University Management, academic and non-teaching staff, security personnel, medical teams, ICT personnel and other officials involved in the screening process.

Also speaking, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, expressed satisfaction with the organisation of the exercise, describing the process as "progress upon progress."

Prof. Adeyemi commended the arrangement from the University gate, saying that candidates were entering the campus without unnecessary rush.

He said that biometric verification and other processes were carried out by trained personnel, while security personnel, medical officers and staff members were also on ground to supervise the exercise.

Prof. Adeyemi described the

organisation as a good development that could serve as a model for other universities.

"I think this is a very good one, and other universities can emulate this," he added.

On his part, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Technology and Innovation, Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, also expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the exercise.

Prof. Etudaiye described the process as orderly and organised, saying, "As you can see, everything is proceeding very orderly, in a very organised manner."

He explained that preparations began from the point candidates entered the campus, where they went through security checks and other biometric processes.

The immediate past Director of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, attributed the smooth conduct of the exercise to the University's increasing integration of ICT into its admission and examination processes.

Prof. Jimoh, a Professor of Computer Science, said the achievement should be credited to the current leadership of the University for creating an enabling environment for seamless ICT integration.

"Whatever milestone we achieve here should be credited to the current leadership of the University. The management has paved the way for seamless integration of ICT in a way that will improve our processes as a university," he said.

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UNILORIN holds seamless 2026 post-UTME exercise

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He explained that the University's technology-driven process began from the application stage and continued through examination.

“From application to examination, applicants apply seamlessly. As we speak, their identity is validated as they are coming in, through name validation,” he said.

Prof. Jimoh said the University had also moved beyond the traditional process of asking candidates to bring physical documents for verification.

According to him, the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) validates candidates' identities, while their O' Level results are validated through the relevant examination bodies.

“As we speak, their O' Level has been validated by the examination bodies, be it NECO, WAEC or NABTEB. So, we have passed the stage of, 'Go and bring your card, let's check,'” he said.

Prof. Jimoh said the University of Ilorin was setting the pace in ICT integration, adding that candidates were scheduled in a manner designed to prevent rowdiness at examination venues.

Looking ahead, Prof. Jimoh disclosed that the University had tested the possibility of conducting an AI-enabled examination.

He said the platform had been tested and was functional, but management decided to pause its full deployment because of concerns over the digital divide.

According to him, the solution requires full internet access and stable connectivity throughout the examination.

He explained that candidates would not be able to proceed with the examination until the network was stable enough to capture the required coordinates, effectively providing a mechanism for monitoring the examination remotely.

He said the University was conscious of the possibility that candidates in rural areas and communities with inadequate internet access could be disadvantaged.

“For that reason, we said we know that Nigeria has not gotten there. Some are in the villages, and those people can be deprived,” he said.

Prof. Jimoh said management therefore decided to continue testing the solution with smaller numbers of candidates before considering wider deployment.

He said the decision reflected the University's concern for inclusivity and fairness.

Also speaking, the new Director of COMSIT, Prof. Sidiqat Aderinoye-Abdulwahab also expressed satisfaction with the smooth conduct of the examination.

Speaking on the factors responsible for the seamless exercise, she linked the success to the “Better by Far” philosophy and the value attached to the institution's processes, adding that “the value of the University is the simple magic.”

In his comment, the Chairman/Director of the Computer-Based Test (CBT), Prof. Adeyinka Tella, said that the early preparation in ensuring the smooth commencement of the examination contributed to the success recorded.

He said that the “Better by Far” standard was reflected in the organisation of the exercise and the attention given to details before candidates commenced the test.

He also noted officials' presence as early as 6:30 a.m., despite the examination being scheduled for 9:00 a.m.





EGBEWOLE MONITORS CONDUCT OF POST-UTME TEST

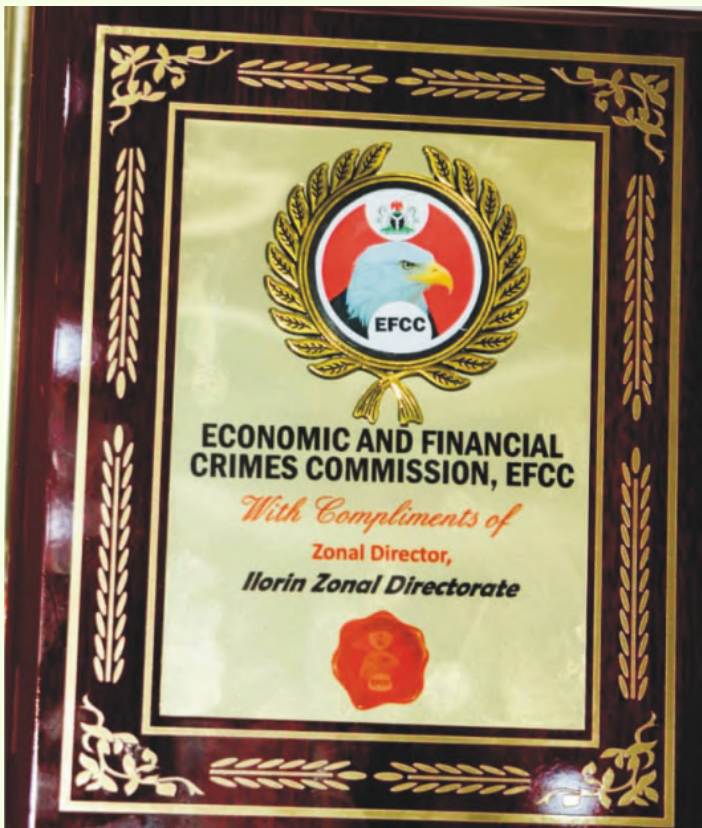


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EFCC, ILORIN ZONAL OFFICE PRESENTS AWARD TO EGBEWOLE



Photos by Afeez Agbaje



Egbewole bags SOSAN Fellowship

**By Tajudeen Babamale
and Muizdeen Adewole**

The Social Studies Educationists Association of Nigeria (SOSAN) has conferred its honorary Fellowship on the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of education in Nigeria and his support for the Association.

The conferment was the major highlight of the 42nd Annual National Conference of the Association held at the Main Auditorium of the University of Ilorin last Tuesday (August 11, 2026).

Speaking while receiving the National Executive Council and Elders of SOSAN, who visited him in his office ahead of the Conference, Prof. Egbewole commended the Association on choosing the University of Ilorin as the venue for the important national gathering.

The Vice Chancellor also commended SOSAN on its commitment to nurturing young minds and providing opportunities for emerging academics to participate in significant scholarly engagements.

While describing Social Studies as a discipline that encompasses the totality of the affairs of the society, Prof. Egbewole said the relevance of Social Studies goes beyond the classroom, as research and scholarship should contribute to addressing societal challenges and improving national development.

He also charged members of the Association to demonstrate through their activities the values they teach, particularly in the conduct of elections, noting that elections should not be treated as a do-or-die affair. He urged academics to provide positive examples for the wider society.

The Vice Chancellor, however, expressed optimism that the Conference would produce resolutions capable of further developing academic systems, processes and procedures, as well as contributing to the advancement of society.

Earlier in his remarks, the outgoing National President of SOSAN, Prof. AbdulRaheem Yusuf, appreciated the University of Ilorin for hosting the Association's 42nd Annual National Conference, commending the University's warm reception, support and excellent facilities.

Prof. Yusuf, who teaches at the Department of Social Sciences Education,

University of Ilorin, reaffirmed the commitment of the Association to promoting Social Studies, citizenship, peace and values education as indispensable instruments for building responsible citizens and strengthening national development.

He said that Social Studies education remains critical to developing citizens who understand their responsibilities to the nation and are equipped to contribute meaningfully to

peaceful coexistence and sustainable national development.

He also commended the University of Ilorin on its enduring commitment to scholarship and for creating an enabling environment where academic associations could thrive.

Prof. Yusuf disclosed that the 2026 Conference was particularly significant because it coincided with the election year of the Association.

Reflecting on his tenure as National President, Prof. Yusuf applauded the University of Ilorin

and particularly the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the encouragement and enabling environment that allowed him to serve both the University and the wider national academic community.

He noted that the modest achievements recorded by SOSAN during his tenure were made possible through the support of institutions and leaders committed to academic excellence, adding that the University of Ilorin had remained exemplary in this regard.





UNILORIN hosts SOSAN Conference on education, heritage, national resilience

By Muizdeen Adewole
and Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin hosted the 42nd Annual National Conference of the Social Studies Educationists Association of Nigeria (SOSAN) last Tuesday (August 11, 2026), bringing together scholars, educators, researchers and practitioners to interrogate how education, citizenship, and cultural heritage can strengthen the nation's resilience and drive sustainable development.

Declaring the hybrid conference open at the University Auditorium, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described academic platforms as critical spaces where scholarship must confront the most pressing challenges of the society. He charged the participants to produce ideas that move beyond the ivory tower into policy and practice.

Prof. Egbewole situated the Conference theme in the University's mandate, stressing the inseparable link between education and culture.

He said, "Cultural values and norms determine how knowledge is transmitted and received", noting that any education that ignores culture produces citizens who are literate but rootless."

He reaffirmed the commitment of UNILORIN to programmes that promote cultural awareness, preserve the nation's heritage, and position the University as a hub for research with measurable societal impact.

The Vice Chancellor further urged universities to align research agendas with national needs, noting that impact must be the new benchmark for scholarship in a time of insecurity, economic pressure and eroding civic values.

In his welcome address, the

National President of SOSAN and Head of the Local Organising Committee, Prof. Abdulraheem Yusuf of the Department of Social Sciences Education, University of Ilorin, said the gathering was more than an academic exercise. It was, according to him, "a convergence of minds committed to national transformation, patriotism and responsible citizenship."

Prof. Yusuf noted that the Conference theme was a moral call at a time Nigeria faces insecurity, economic hardship, declining civic values, youth restiveness, environmental challenges and widening social divisions. He stressed that Social Studies was conceived to produce informed citizens, not informed spectators, adding that "our task is to raise citizens who think critically, act responsibly, respect diversity, uphold justice and place national interest above selfish ambition."

On national resilience, he argued that it means more than survival. "It is the courage to rise after setbacks, to remain united despite differences, and to turn adversity into progress. Education must deliberately nurture integrity, compassion, discipline and hope," he said. He also defined citizenship beyond voter cards and passports, linking it to service, honesty, respect for the rule of law, environmental responsibility, community participation and peaceful coexistence.

Prof. Yusuf, who is the immediate past Director of the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, warned that while globalisation must broaden Nigeria's horizons, it must not erase its identity, and he charged delegates to build collaborations and research that can influence government policy.



Prof. Egbewole

Setting the intellectual tone for the Conference, the Keynote Speaker, Prof. Dauda Adeyemo Ariya of the Department of Social Science Education, University of Jos, called for a deliberate return to Nigeria's indigenous governance, civic values and knowledge systems as resources for development.

Prof. Ariya said Nigeria must look beyond conventional policy fixes and recover organising principles that sustained communities before colonial disruption, while adapting them to contemporary institutions, technology and modern knowledge. "This is not a call to return to the pre-colonial past", he said, adding that "it is an appeal to draw from our history and indigenous knowledge to craft solutions suited to present realities."

The don linked the country's development difficulties to a crisis of identity and weak intergenerational transmission, and positioned education as the main instrument for passing civic values and national identity across generations. He urged that indigenous knowledge be treated as a development asset, especially in agriculture, environmental management, local innovation, traditional apprenticeship and community responsibility.

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Oloyede reflects on legacy, integrity

By Isaac Lewu

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has reaffirmed that integrity, transparency and selfless service remain the enduring values that should guide leadership in public institutions.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), stated this during an interview on an *Arise TV News* programme monitored by *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The former Vice Chancellor reflected on his decade-long stewardship at JAMB, his leadership philosophy and some defining moments in his public service career.

The distinguished scholar said his greatest satisfaction in office came from safeguarding the credibility of



■ Prof. Oloyede

Nigeria's admission process through fairness, accountability and strict adherence to due process.

Prof. Oloyede disclosed that the most painful aspect of his tenure was not dealing with candidates involved in examination malpractice but confronting parents who deliberately aided their children to cheat during examinations.

According to him, such actions

undermine the moral foundation of the society by introducing young people to dishonest practices at an early stage of life and threatening the nation's future.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also a former Chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, noted that advancements in technology would continue to improve transparency, monitoring and operational efficiency in Nigeria's admission system.

Reflecting on public service, Prof. Oloyede said he has no immediate plans to write an autobiography, explaining that recounting every personal experience could reopen old wounds and revive issues better left in the past.

He observed that while he admired those who document their life stories, his disposition towards complete openness made him cautious about publishing accounts that could unintentionally create unnecessary divisions.

UNILORIN hosts SOSAN Conference on education, heritage, national resilience

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Prof. Ariya proposed a "Nigerian Civilisational Renewal Framework" built on six pillars: Educational Reset, Civic Renewal, Ethical Leadership, Local Innovation, Economic Productivity and Cultural Confidence. He also called for the modernisation of the traditional apprenticeship system to complement classroom learning, and for increased investment in indigenous research.

Flowing from that broad agenda, the lead paper presenter, Prof. Bilqees Olayinka Abdul-Raheem of the Department of Social Science Education, Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, made a case for the integration of Social Studies, Citizenship Education and Heritage Studies as a strategy for building national resilience.

In her paper, titled "Social, Citizenship and Heritage Studies for National Resilience, Civic Responsibility and Sustainable

Development," Prof. Abdul-Raheem argued that insecurity, ethnic and religious tensions, economic hardship and weak national cohesion cannot be resolved by security and policy measures alone. "Sustainable solutions must also address the values we instill through education, how citizens are raised, and the narratives that shape their understanding of Nigeria," she said.

Prof. Abdul-Raheem introduced a "Three Stones" framework: Social Studies provides critical thinking, Citizenship Education drives responsible action, and Heritage Studies provides cultural connection. She likened the model to the traditional three-stone cooking stand, stressing that stability requires all three. Anchoring her argument on Transformative Learning Theory, Social Capital Theory and Systems Theory, she said that the integrated approach can promote individual transformation, community resilience and national development.

She faulted the current

fragmentation of the three subjects across primary and secondary schools, and recommended a single compulsory programme from primary through senior secondary, with regular reviews to reflect emerging issues such as insurgency, corruption, ethnic relations, climate change and inequality.

Linking the proposal to the Sustainable Development Goals, Prof. Abdul-Raheem explained that Heritage Studies can preserve indigenous farming and food-storage techniques, Social Studies can help learners understand the structural causes of poverty, while Citizenship Education can mobilise responsible action.

She further advocated a shift from rote learning to transformative pedagogy, improved teacher preparation and welfare, stronger community participation, and comprehensive curriculum reform. She urged policymakers to treat education as an investment in the future of the country.

UNILORIN, RUDN Varsity sign MoU on election monitoring, academic collaboration

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin and RUDN University, formerly known as Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen academic and institutional collaboration, including joint monitoring of the 2027 general elections in Nigeria.

Speaking during the MoU signing ceremony in his office last Monday (August 10, 2026), the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said the partnership would expand existing areas of cooperation in election monitoring, academic research, staff and student exchanges, leadership development and postgraduate education.

He noted that the University's Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) was already undertaking activities relating to the 2027 general elections and that collaboration with RUDN would complement those efforts.

Prof. Egbewole identified study tours, leadership development programmes, staff and student exchanges, joint research, publications and co-supervision of postgraduate students as areas that could be developed under the partnership, while urging the two institutions to identify critical Centres and Departments that could serve as focal points for sustained collaboration and establish dedicated teams to drive the implementation of the MoU.

The Vice Chancellor also observed the importance of reciprocity, noting that UNILORIN was prepared to contribute meaningfully to the success of the partnership rather than remain a passive beneficiary.

In his own remarks, the representative of RUDN University, Dr.



Mustapha Muhammed Jamiu, said the MoU would formalise and expand an existing relationship between scholars of the two institutions.

Dr Jamiu, who is an Associate Professor of Communication, Media and Journalism Studies at RUDN University, explained that his longstanding relationship with scholars at the University of Ilorin has resulted in significant research collaborations, including at least three Scopus-indexed papers co-authored with Prof. Lambe Mustapha and Prof. Rasaq Adisa of the Department of Mass Communication, with other joint research projects currently ongoing.

He added that RUDN had jointly organised an international conference with the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences of UNILORIN, with the proceedings currently undergoing publication. He described these activities as evidence of an already established academic relationship that would now be strengthened through the formal MoU.

The RUDN don also disclosed that three UNILORIN alumni had benefited from fully funded scholarship opportunities at RUDN University through programmes and mentorship initiatives, including a former UNILORIN Student Union Secretary, Mr Usman Adeyinka Adebayo,



who secured a fully funded Master scholarship at RUDN after participating in its mentorship programme and is expected to commence the programme in September.

Dr Jamiu, however, added that the partnership would create greater opportunities for academic mobility, research collaboration, election monitoring, postgraduate education, leadership development and other areas of mutual institutional interest between UNILORIN and RUDN University.





Olowoleni advocates spousal support for women's career growth

By Temitope Omoniyi

The immediate past Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Dr Folaranmi Modupe Olowoleni, has urged men to actively support their wives' career aspirations to enable them reach the pinnacle of their professions.

Dr Olowoleni made the call last Wednesday (August 12, 2026) while receiving a high-powered delegation of Deputy Registrars of the University, led by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, who paid her a congratulatory visit at her residence to celebrate her 65th birthday and official retirement from the services of the University.

Expressing profound gratitude to her husband, Dr Francis Rotimi Olowoleni, for his steadfast

encouragement throughout her career, the former Registrar emphasised that spousal backing remains a vital pillar for women aspiring to leadership positions in the public service.

She commended the Registrar, Mr Alfa, for establishing the tradition of honouring retired administrative leaders.

She also advised university administrators to remain politically neutral and stressed that career administrators must stay above board and refrain from allowing partisan politics to compromise objective decision-making.

Speaking during the visit, Mr Alfa described his predecessor as a paragon of professional excellence, firmness, and diligence. He specifically praised her for pioneering key administrative modernisations during her tenure, including

the implementation of the University's online transcript application process.

Some Deputy Registrars in attendance equally paid tributes to Dr Olowoleni, describing her as a thorough, fair, and exceptionally smart administrator who left an indelible mark on university administration.

Dr Olowoleni, who marked her 65th birthday and retirement on April 19, 2026, served as the Registrar and Secretary to the Governing Council from 2018 to 2023. She holds the distinction of being the University's second female Registrar and the first to hold a PhD since the inception of the University. She succeeded Mr Emmanuel Dada Obafemi in 2018 before handing over to Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa in 2023.

Be careful with fraudsters, UNILORIN warns admission seekers

By Abubakar Imam

The Admission Officer of the University of Ilorin, Mr Abdulkareem Kunle Sanni, has warned candidates who applied for admissions into the University and their parents, guardians and other stakeholders to be careful in order not to fall prey to fraudsters.

Mr Sanni, who is a Principal Assistant Registrar, stated this last Tuesday (August 18, 2026) while featuring on 'Table Talk', a current affairs programme of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**. The programme was anchored by Mr Abdulkadir Yinka Saliu (Magaji Nda).

The Admission Officer, who spoke extensively on preparations for the just concluded Post-UTME screening test, affirmed that admission into the University is a highly organised and automated process as he explained that no one would be asked to pay before being offered admission for any course of



■ Mr Sanni

study.

Mr Sanni explained that admissions would be granted to only those who are qualified based on the aggregation of their performances at Ordinary Level, UTME and Post-UTME.

He similarly enjoined parents, candidates and other stakeholders to

disregard any unauthorised information as he said that any information that is not disseminated on the University website and official communication channels should be ignored.

Mr Sanni, however, urged those who are not clear with any information or issue to feel free to engage his office on such matters as he assured that adequate responses would be made available.

In addition, Mr Sanni, who described members of staff of the Unit as being among the best that the University of Ilorin is blessed with, said that the Admissions Office would remain open for physical interactions with admission seekers between 8:00a.m. and 3:30p.m. every working day of the week.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for providing the Admissions Office with enabling environment needed to enhance service delivery.

He also assured stakeholders that he and his colleagues in the office would remain ready to offer their best.

UNILORIN alumna elected USTECH Deputy Vice Chancellor

By Mustafa Abubakar

An alumna of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Foyeke Ibimilua, has been elected Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Research) of the University of Science and Technology (USTECH), Ikere-Ekiti.

Prof. Ibimilua, who graduated from the Department of Geography, University of Ilorin, in 1997, has established herself as a distinguished academic and administrator.

Her election to the position follows her distinguished tenure as Dean of the School of Social Sciences, where she demonstrated exemplary leadership, academic excellence, integrity, innovation and a strong commitment to

the advancement of teaching, learning and research.

Her emergence as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Research) is a recognition of her proven competence, visionary leadership and commitment to institutional development.

A congratulatory message celebrating her election described the elevation as a well-deserved recognition of her accomplishments and prayed for greater wisdom, strength and divine guidance as she assumes the new responsibility.

It further expressed optimism that her tenure would bring unprecedented academic advancement, groundbreaking research and greater impact to USTECH, the academic community and beyond.



■ Prof. Ibimilua

Okoro charges Muslims on rewards, consequences of good, bad deeds

By Mustafa Abubakar

Professor at the Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Hussein Kehinde Okoro, has charged individuals to be mindful of their deeds, stressing that every good or bad action has consequences in this world and the hereafter.

Prof. Okoro gave the admonition penultimate Sunday (August 9, 2026) while delivering a lecture, titled "The Reward for Good and Bad Deeds in this World and Hereafter" at The Companion Non-Elective Conference held at the Late Mustapha Akanbi Library, Ilorin.

He explained that good deeds are those that bring peace and tranquility to the soul, while bad deeds cause uneasiness in the soul and chest, noting that individuals possess an inner witness that makes them conscious of the nature of their actions.

The don stated that good deeds include fulfilling responsibilities, honouring parents, keeping promises and trusts, showing kindness, helping others and maintaining good relationships.

He added that acts of kindness, generosity, courtesy and other positive contributions should not be underestimated, noting that even seemingly small good deeds are recognised and rewarded.

Prof. Okoro further explained that bad deeds range from major sins to minor wrongs, stressing the need for individuals to avoid actions that cause harm, injustice, dishonesty or suffering to others.

He particularly emphasised the



■ Prof. Okoro

importance of taking responsibility for wrong actions, seeking forgiveness and making amends with those who have been wronged.

According to him, good deeds attract rewards both in this world and the Hereafter, including peace, increased provision, love of Allah and people, and protection from calamities.

He added that rewards for good deeds in the hereafter could be multiplied from tenfold to 700-fold and beyond, while bad deeds could result in uneasiness, hardship, loss of blessings, punishment and regret.

Prof. Okoro supported his message with verses from the Qur'an, including Surah An-Nahl 16:97, which promises a good life and reward for

righteous conduct, and Surah Az-Zalzalah 99:7-8, which teaches that whoever does an atom's weight of good or evil will see it.

He also cited Surah Al-An'am 6:160, which states that a good deed is rewarded tenfold while an evil deed is recompensed only with its equivalent, underscoring the principle of divine justice.

The don drew from the sayings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), including the teaching that no good deed should be regarded as insignificant. He encouraged individuals to follow a bad deed with a good one that can erase it and to maintain good character in their dealings with others.

Quoting Umar ibn Al-Khattab, Prof. Okoro urged individuals to "call yourselves to account before you are called to account", encouraging regular self-assessment and correction of shortcomings.

He also cited Ali ibn Abi Talib as encouraging individuals to do good without belittling any act of righteousness, noting that no good deed is lost with Allah.

Stressing the principle of "Al-Jazaa' min jinsil 'amal", "the reward is of the same type as the deed", Prof. Okoro explained that helping others, covering people's faults and showing kindness attract corresponding rewards, while arrogance and other negative conducts have their consequences.

He noted that no good deed is wasted, as even a smile, removing harm from a road or offering a kind word can constitute *sadaqah* and would be recorded.

Adeyemi, Jawondo pay tribute to late Awobuluyi

By Abubakar Imam

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, last Tuesday (August 11, 2026) at the Faculty Board meeting joined the rest of the academic world to eulogise the pioneer Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Oladele Awobuluyi.

Speaking at the event, the Deputy Vice Chancellor described the founding Dean of the Faculty as "our father, teacher, mentor and icon of Linguistics and Yorùbá language."

Prof. Adeyemi recalled that the deceased taught him and his contemporaries many courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, recalling that he also assisted him in typing his Ph.D. thesis free of charge.

He added that the deceased was the foundation Dean of Arts and Social Sciences before it was separated as he was also the first Inaugural Lecturer in the annals of the University.

Prof. Adeyemi added that the late scholar was a meticulous, critical and deep researcher and the pioneer teacher of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages at the University, who also authored great works.

While describing him as the 'Chomsky' of African Linguistics, he said that the deceased was also very



■ late Prof. Adeyemi

prominent in literary criticism, saying that his work on chain folktales, and other Yorùbá chants are pathfinders in the Linguistic analysis of Yoruba oral Literature.

According to the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Awobuluyi, was "a genius, a great administrator and a peaceful man" whose love for scholarship was unique.

He added that despite his retirement from the services of the University in 2001, Prof. Awobuluyi remained strongly attached to the University and was still writing and publishing books.

On his part, the Dean, Prof. Jawondo described the death of Prof. Awobuluyi as a great and irreparable loss

not only to the Faculty and the University but also to the entire humanity.

Prof. Jawondo explained that the late scholar was one of the most distinguished founding fathers of the University whose sacrifices made the institution what it is today.

He added that apart from delivering the first Inaugural Lecture of the University, the late scholar also worked with others to train many outstanding scholars of linguistics who subsequently impacted on the University and humanity in several ways.

While saying that the late Prof. Awobuluyi's name would continue to occupy a pride of place in the annals of the University, the Dean said that the pioneer Dean would remain an unforgettable personality in the annals of the University.

The Dean sympathised with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and members of his management team as he also sympathised with the family, associates and students of the late scholar.

Others, who spoke, similarly eulogised the late scholar as they also saluted the outstanding contributions of a former Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf, who also died earlier in the year.

They all prayed to God to grant the University and others who are bereaved the fortitude to bear the demise of the two former Deans.

Kuranga loses father

By Abubakar Imam

The death has been announced of a prominent Islamic scholar and community leader, Shaykh Sa'adu Adebayo Kuranga. Shaykh Kuranga, who retired from the Kwara State Judiciary as an Upper Area Court Judge, died last Wednesday (August 12, 2026) at an advanced age.

The deceased, who until his death was the Imam of the Alege Quarter Mosque, Adabata, Ilorin, was the father of a former Director of Academic Planning of the University of Ilorin and one-time Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH).

The burial of the deceased, which was performed on the same day at his residence in Ilorin, was presided over

by the Chief Imam of Ilorin, Shaykh Muhammad Bashir Dasuki Al-Fulani, who was assisted by many other Principal Imams and senior Muslim clerics.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, led many dignitaries from within and outside the University to the solemn event. These include the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa and a former Head of the Department of Religions, Prof. Abubakir Imam Ali-Agan, among others.

Shaykh Kuranga was survived by many other children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including a Judge of the Ilorin High Court, Justice Nureni Kuranga; the Registrar of the Kwara State Sharia Court of Appeal, Ilorin, Mr



■ Late Shaykh Kuranga

Tajudeen Kuranga and Mr Abdulkadir O. Kuranga, a Senior Assistant Registrar at the University of Ilorin, among several others.



I'll take CMLI to a higher level – Abdulraheem, new Director

By Abubakar Imam

The new Director of the Centre for Management and Leadership, Ilorin (CMLI), Prof. Nimah Modupe Abdulraheem, has assured the management of the University and other stakeholders that her tenure would witness a remarkable improvement in service delivery.

Prof. Abdulraheem, who is also the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Law, gave this assurance last Wednesday (August 12, 2026) while taking-over the mantle of leadership of the Centre from its former Ag. Director,

Dr. Adeola Aminat Odebode.

The Professor of Law assured the University management that she would mobilise available human and material resources to ensure that the Centre becomes a beehive of activities and pride of the University.

Prof. Abdulraheem encouraged staff members of the Centre to renew their commitment as she assured them that she would operate a no-door policy.

The new Director, who is also a former Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, commended her predecessor for laying a very solid foundation for the Centre as she

assured her that her tenure would build on the legacy of hardwork left behind by Dr Odebode.

Earlier in her remarks, the former Director congratulated Prof. Abdulraheem on her appointment.

Dr Odebode said that she was very delighted to hand over the leadership of the Centre to a tireless, erudite and hardworking woman who has also carved a niche for herself in the annals of the University and its host community.

The event was witnessed by the new Deputy Director of the Centre, Dr. Wasiu Mayowa Raheem; and other staff members of the Centre.

Abioje commends Jawondo on quality service delivery

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor at the Comparative Religion Unit of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Pius O. Abioje, has commended the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, for working tirelessly towards ensuring the positive transformation of the Faculty.

Prof. Abioje gave this commendation last Tuesday (August 11, 2026) while speaking at the Board Meeting of the Faculty.

The don said that he was always amazed with the way the Dean had been going about to get amenities for the Faculty.

He explained that through the ingenuity of the Dean, solar light facility was provided for the Faculty Building while the Boardroom was also not left out of the positive transformation.



■ Prof. Abioje

Prof. Abioje, who is also a public affairs analyst, said that about a week ago, when he entered the Faculty Building he

could not recognise the Security Office because of the face-lift it has undergone.

He similarly commended Prof. Jawondo for facilitating the provision of a new set of furniture for the Board Room as he said that the professorial building at the Faculty is also wearing a new look courtesy of the efforts of the Dean.

He equally thanked the Dean for ensuring ongoing facelift of the Language laboratory as he also praised him for working towards ensuring that every programme in the Faculty passes accreditation by the National Universities Commission and other relevant bodies.

While commending the Dean for using every opportunity to interact positively with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, Prof. Abioje also appreciated the Vice Chancellor for being highly supportive of the developmental agenda of the Dean.

UNILORIN TV shines at national contest

By Abubakar Imam

It was another victorious outing for the University of Ilorin last Thursday (August 13, 2026) as its television outfit took the second position at this year's edition of the National Spokesman Award held in Abuja.

The better by far television station emerged the runner-up in the corporate communication category of the contest, in which several other online campus television stations across Nigeria also participated.

The award was received on behalf of the station by the Chairman of the UNILORIN Television Management Board, Prof. Solomon O. Ikibe, who was supported by one of the staff members of the station, Ms Precious Okeowo.

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin and Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, who was the Chairman of the 2026 National Spokesman's Award; and Dr Yau Sule Yau were among the dignitaries that attended the event.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor



of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the Chairman and members of the Television Management Board as well as staff members of the station for making the University proud.

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the University is impressed that the station has excelled in a national contest.

While congratulating the

Management Board headed by Prof. Solomon O. Ikibe and the previous Board under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abdulbaqi, the Vice Chancellor urged the station to continue to work towards enhancing its service delivery.

He assured the station of more support from the management and staff of the University in its efforts to attain more greatness.

NUJ, RATTAWU celebrate UNILORIN 89.3FM at 17, applaud varsity management

By Abubakar Imam

The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), UNILORIN Chapel, and the Radio, Television, and Theatre Arts Workers Union of Nigeria (RATTAWU), UNILORIN Chapter, have joined thousands of listeners to celebrate **UNILORIN 89.3FM** on the occasion of its 17th anniversary, describing the campus radio station as a symbol of credible broadcasting, professionalism, and community service.

In separate statements, the Chairman of UNILORIN NUJ, Mr Tijani Adekola Adewoyin, and his RATTAWU counterpart, Comrade Yinka Soliu Magaji-Nda, commended the University management, led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on its unwavering commitment to the growth of the

station.

Comrade Adewoyin noted that for 17 years, UNILORIN FM has remained consistent in its mandate of informing, educating, and entertaining the University community and the general public, while upholding the ethics of journalism.

According to the NUJ Chairman, the visionary leadership and sustained institutional support from the University administration have provided the enabling environment for **UNILORIN FM** to thrive and maintain its reputation as the "Voice of the University."

On his own part, Mr Mogaji-Nda said that **UNILORIN FM** as a broadcast medium has existed for almost two decades and has contributed significantly to the growth and development of Ilorin, Kwara State, and Nigeria at large.

According to the RATTAWU Chairman, the station has played unique roles in society, including campus news

dissemination, public enlightenment, academic support, bridging the gap between the school and the community, development advocacy, cultural promotion, practical media training, talent discovery, and providing a platform for dialogue.

The two Union leaders congratulated the Director of Corporate Affairs Unit, Mr Kunle Akogun, and the Station Manager, Mr Ibrahim Akintola Aloomo, on their efforts in ensuring the growth of the University radio station as well as their strategic roles in promoting the image of the University and the radio station, respectively.

They further reiterated the commitment of their members to continue working with the university management to ensure accelerated development.

Both union leaders prayed for more years of greater achievements, technological advancement, and impact for **UNILORIN 89.3FM**.

Ogunlade urges farmers to adopt drought management strategies

By Abubakar Abdulquadri
and Bashirat Omotosho

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Prof. Israel Ogunlade, has called on farmers to adopt effective drought management strategies to minimise losses and sustain agricultural production, particularly during periods of low rainfall.

Prof. Ogunlade, who made the call last Thursday (August 13, 2026) while speaking with the UNILORIN Bulletin in his office, stressed the need for farmers to pay close attention to weather forecasts and seek professional advice from the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) and agricultural extension experts.

The Dean explained that drought could have significant effects on crop yields, livestock production and the overall livelihoods of farmers, making timely access to reliable climate information crucial to effective farm management.

He pointed out that farmers who



■ Prof. Ogunlade

understand weather patterns and respond appropriately to early warnings would be better positioned to adjust their farming activities, select suitable crops and adopt appropriate production practices to reduce the impact of drought.

Prof. Ogunlade further disclosed that the Faculty of Agriculture was equipping its students with the knowledge and skills required to understand and manage climate-related challenges, including drought.

He noted that the training was designed to produce graduates capable of helping farmers adapt to changing climatic conditions and develop sustainable agricultural practices.

Prof. Ogunlade also highlighted the outreach programmes of the Faculty, which, he said, were supported by organisations such as the Sasakawa Africa Association and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA).

The Dean explained that the programmes were aimed at taking improved agricultural knowledge and practices to farmers to enhance their productivity and enable them to maximise the benefits of their crops and livestock.

He, therefore, urged farmers to make use of available agricultural extension services, climate information and improved farming techniques, noting that proactive drought management remained essential to reducing losses, improving productivity and ensuring sustainable food production.

AIPHP honours Oniyangi with Fellowship award

By Bashir Dawodu

The African Institute of Public Health Professionals (AIPHP) has conferred its Fellowship award on a Professor of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education at the University of Ilorin, Shuaib Olanrewaju Oniyangi, in recognition of his dedication, commitment and outstanding contributions to the development of the Association and the Health Education profession.

Prof. Oniyangi received the honour during the Institute's Public Health Professionals induction ceremony recently held at Monarchs Luxury Palace Event Centre, Ilorin.

According to the Institute, the Fellowship award recognises Prof. Oniyangi's exceptional service to the Association as well as his remarkable achievements in Health Education, higher education administration, mentorship and his unwavering commitment to advancing education and professional development in



■ Prof. Oniyangi

Nigeria and beyond.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* shortly after receiving the award, Prof. Oniyangi attributed the recognition to the grace of God, saying the achievement was not by his own power.

He expressed appreciation to the leadership and members of AIPHP for the honour, describing it as a motivation to continue contributing to the growth and development of the Association and the Health Education profession.

The Professor also urged members of the Institute to remain committed to the Association by actively participating in its programmes and initiatives.

He noted that sustained collaboration and collective efforts would enable AIPHP to achieve greater milestones in promoting public health education and professional excellence.

The induction ceremony attracted health educators, academics, researchers and public health professionals from universities and other institutions across the country who used the forum to exchange ideas and deliberate on issues affecting Health Education and national development.



PROFESSOR OYERONKE OLADEMO, FNAL, BEING AWARDED THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS BY THE PRESIDENT, PROF. ANDREW HARUNA, FNAL, AT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH CONVOCAION, INDUCTION OF MEMBERS AND INVESTITURE OF FELLOWS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, AKOKA ON 13TH AUGUST, 2026



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Adeoye, Olademo bag NAL Fellowships

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of Academic Planning (DAP), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulrasheed Abiodun Adeoye, and a former Director of the University's Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, have bagged the prestigious Fellowship of the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL).

The investiture of Prof. Adeoye and Prof. Olademo, who are also former Deans of the Faculty of Arts, was performed last Thursday (August 13, 2026) by the President

of NAL, Prof. Andrew Haruna, during the 28th induction ceremony of the Academy, held at the University of Lagos.

With their investiture, the two UNILORIN dons have joined the league of eminent alumni and scholars, including a former Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Emeritus Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, who are Fellows of the Academy.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed the investiture of the two scholars.

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described the duo as seasoned scholars who have contributed meaningfully to the advancement of knowledge and human progress.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged other alumni, staff members and students of the University to emulate the two scholars' intellectual versatility and patriotism for them to also enjoy career progression.

The Vice Chancellor wished the new NAL Fellows more successful and rewarding career.

UNILORIN elite volleyball club honours Ibraheem with novelty match

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Staff Volleyball Team (USVT), popularly known as the "Elites", has honoured the immediate past Director of Sports, Prof. T. O. Ibraheem, with a colourful novelty volleyball match in recognition of his meritorious service and successful completion of his tenure in office.

The event, held at the University Indoor Sports Hall, attracted distinguished guests, volleyball enthusiasts and supporters in celebration of sportsmanship, friendship and dedicated service.

Speaking on the rationale behind the event, the Club Captain, Mr Adeoye Adewale of the Department of Human Kinetics, said the novelty match was organised to celebrate Prof. Ibraheem's remarkable contributions to sports development at the University.

He explained that the event was sponsored by Mr Tosin Obafemi of the Works Department, members of the Elite Volleyball Club, including Prof. Ibraheem, while generous material donations from Dr S. T. Bakinde also contributed to its success.

Mr Adewale said that besides honouring Prof. Ibraheem, the competition featured cash prizes, with the champions receiving ₦50,000, the first runners-up ₦30,000 and the second runners-up



₦15,000. He also announced the individual award winners: Williams Benedict (Best Setter), Mr Jayeola Abdulquadri (Best Spiker), Mr Ige Abraham (Best Libero) and Mr Ajayi Salamu (Most Valuable Player).

He added that the participation of national volleyball players, including Mr Jayeola Abdulquadri, thrilled spectators, while the event was successfully coordinated by former University volleyball athlete and professional player, Mr Sylvester Adewoye. He also commended Mr Tosin Obafemi for his impartial officiating, which enhanced the credibility of the tournament.

In his remarks, Prof. Ibraheem expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor for the opportunity to serve as Director of Sports and thanked the organisers, sponsors, participants and guests for the honour.

He described regular participation in sports as the cornerstone of healthy living and

urged members of the University community to embrace physical activity. He also invited interested staff members to join the Elite Volleyball Club, which trains every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 p.m.

Among the participants Mr Ologbonsaiye Victor, Mr Luqman Oyedeji, Mr Jerry Aideloje and several other members of the Elite Volleyball Club.

Also present were Prof. Raji, Chairman of the University Sports Council from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine; Dr S. T. Bakinde; Dr Aina of the Department of Human Kinetics; Dr Kayode, the immediate past Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Education; and many other members of the University community.

Highlights of the event included the presentation of awards and cash prizes to outstanding players and teams.

Unilorin FM marks 17 years of excellence

By Isaac Lewu

The **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** has trained more than 5,000 corps members, students, interns, volunteers and other broadcasters in its 17 years of existence, as a campus radio station.

The General Manager of the station, Mr. Idris Akintola (Alooma), disclosed this last Thursday (August 13, 2026) while featuring on a weekly current affairs' Pidgin English programme on the radio station, "*Waka About*" anchored by Oyakhire Ikhuemein where he spoke on the achievements and growth of the station in the past 17 years.

Mr. Alooma stressed that the UNILORIN FM had evolved beyond a campus radio station into a professional broadcasting platform, adding that the station had also contributed to the University's visibility and ranking through its educational, community-oriented and professional programmes, while producing broadcasters and other professionals who are making impacts nationally and internationally.

The General Manager explained that the radio station started in 2009 from a small room at the University's Senate Building, where its activities were initially limited to the campus community.

He said the station later received state-of-the-art equipment from the University Management and



■ **Mr. Alooma**

was relocated to the Communication & Information Sciences (CIS) Building, where it was commissioned on October 22, 2011, by the then President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, represented by Professor Rukayat Rufai.

The Station Manager noted that following the commissioning, the station expanded its transmission beyond the University campus, increasing its reach and strengthening its programming.

According to him, about 70 per cent of the station's programmes are educational, while the remaining 30 per cent focuses on issues that promote interaction between the University and its host community.

He described UNILORIN FM as a "training factory", explaining that

volunteers and trainees are taken through training, practical broadcasting and certification to prepare them for careers in the media industry.

The General Manager said the station had hosted trainees from institutions across Nigeria, including students from other universities who come to UNILORIN FM for industrial training and practical experience.

He added that many former volunteers and trainees of the station now work in reputable radio and television stations, while some have become chief executives, lecturers and other professionals in different fields.

Mr Alooma commended the University Management, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his support, particularly the installation of solar power, which, he said, had helped the station to sustain 24-hour broadcasting.

He also described the relationship between the station and the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) as cordial, noting that UNILORIN FM had consistently participated in professional training, seminars and workshops organised by regulatory and broadcasting bodies.

The General Manager said the station had received several awards and commendations from organisations, including the Union of Campus Journalists and the Students' Union, in recognition of its professionalism and contribution to the University community.

He added that the station is working at expanding its global reach,

strengthen its online presence and position itself as a major contributor to the University's international visibility and ranking before its 20th anniversary.

He expressed optimism that the next three years would witness further technological advancement, wider audience reach and improved archiving, including the establishment of a standard reading and archival library to preserve the station's history and records.





UNILORIN to collaborate with ESANAD Consult on media coverage, fact-checking

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has expressed its readiness to collaborate with ESANAD Consult Ltd on media coverage, ethical fact-checking, training, and other information-related initiatives aimed at strengthening communication and public information management at the University.

The Director of Corporate Affairs of the University, Mr Kunle Akogun, disclosed this last Tuesday (August 11, 2026), when a delegation from ESANAD Consult Ltd visited him in his office to formally introduce the company and explore possible areas of strategic collaboration with the Directorate.

Mr Akogun described the University as a centre of public attention, noting that the institution's prominence naturally attracts interests, positive and negative, from members of the public.

He said, "Only a ripe fruit attracts people's attention," explaining that the University's visibility and reputation often make people look for flaws in its activities.

He also commended the efforts of ESANAD Consult in promoting credible information and described its activities as a form of community service that is "visible and laudable."

Mr Akogun further applauded

the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulwahab Egbewole, SAN, for his commitment to the restructuring and development of the institution, particularly in the area of transportation.

According to him, although the initial stage of the transportation restructuring was challenging for members of the University community, the results have become encouraging and pleasing.

He likened the development to the eventual benefits of fuel subsidy reforms in the country, stressing that the challenges associated with meaningful development are often necessary to achieve sustainable results, adding that, "No pain, no gain."

Earlier, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of ESANAD Consult Ltd, Mr AbdulGaniyu Yusuf Opeyemi, explained that the company was a product of an academic research project he undertook as part of his Master's degree programme in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin.

Mr Yusuf described ESANAD Consult as an ethical information management company committed to promoting truth, trust and transparency through recruitment services, professional training, media publication and education-related information dissemination.

He said the company, through its ESANAD Media platform and news blog, had consistently published fact-checked education-related stories, including factual information on issues concerning the University of Ilorin.

The CEO identified several areas of possible collaboration with the University, including media coverage of university events, ethical fact-checking, training of staff and students, internship opportunities for students, particularly those studying Mass Communication, recruitment services and other information and communication-related activities.

He stressed that the partnership would provide opportunities for students to gain practical experience while also strengthening the dissemination of credible information about the University.

Also speaking, Babaijo Otepolu Adeolu Adetoye (JP), a former Deputy Director at the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Kwara State Office, and a member of the Advisory Board of ESANAD Consult Ltd, emphasised the importance of protecting the image and reputation of the University of Ilorin.

He noted that the University had an image to protect, while some individuals were constantly searching for loopholes in its activities.

According to him, a partnership between the University and ESANAD Consult would help to sustain the institution's image, promote credible information and maintain its standards.

"Unilorin has an image to protect while some weak minds are always on the lookout for the institution's loopholes. ESANAD will help project the image of Unilorin and keep the standard moving," he said.

Brain drain looms as African academics battle poor pay, says S/African don

By Muizdeen Adewole

A Research Professor of Law at the North-West University, South Africa, Prof. Avitus Agbor Agbor, has warned that poor remuneration and weak institutional support are fueling brain drain and threatening the stability of universities across Africa.

He gave the warning during the Monthly Colloquium Series of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) held penultimate Saturday (August 8, 2026).

In his presentation, titled “Academia in the Current Socio-Economic and Political Contexts: Re-evaluating Lessons, Challenges and Opportunities for Growth Within and Outside National Borders”, Prof. Agbor observed that universities, particularly in the Global South, have gradually drifted from their original mandate of generating knowledge through scientific research.

He noted that while teaching, learning and community engagement are now additional responsibilities shouldered by many institutions, the true measure of professional growth and excellence today is determined by the quality, relevance, consistency and international visibility of research.

The don identified poor pay as one of the most pressing challenges driving academics away from the continent. He said salaries for academics in Nigeria, from Lecturer II to Professor, remain meager and uncompetitive, and in many cases are paid irregularly. This, he added, leaves scholars unable to commit fully to the core functions of the university.

To illustrate the disparity, Prof. Agbor compared the situation with South Africa, where, according to him, professors of Law earn a net monthly salary ranging from ZAR 60,000 to ZAR 100,000, with performance bonuses and allowances that can match their basic pay.

He argued that when pay fails to match economic realities, institutional



■ Prof. Agbor

stability deteriorates. The result, he said, is brain drain, high turnover, burnout, and a decline in both teaching quality and research output.

According to him, fair and predictable pay frees academics from financial worry, enhances motivation, reduces strikes and campus closures, and helps institutions retain top-tier scholars.

Beyond salaries, Prof. Agbor also spoke on the need for transparent and efficient promotion policies that facilitate professional growth within defined timeframes. He said promotion processes should be benchmarked against other institutions within and outside the country, with clear administrative procedures and an appeals system that allows unsuccessful candidates to seek reconsideration.

Describing promotions as critical to both remuneration and institutional reputation, Prof. Agbor noted that a faculty with more senior academics gains greater research visibility. He added that academics are psychologically encouraged to stay where hard work is recognised. He recommended quarterly or semesterly promotions for junior positions and annual

promotions for senior ranks, and urged that criteria be discussed openly with academics by university administrators.

On international competitiveness, the legal scholar said institutions must deliberately support academics to achieve visibility beyond national borders. This, he explained, includes maintaining presence on research platforms such as Google Scholar, Scopus and ResearchGate, pursuing collaborations with peers in the Global North, and publishing in internationally reputable peer-reviewed journals.

Prof. Agbor cautioned against the practice of relying on in-house journals where the independence of peer review is doubtful, and called for a shift from quantity to quality so that scholarship adds real value to the body of knowledge. Recruiting international students for intellectual and cultural diversity, and organising regular workshops to guide scholars on indicators of excellence, were also part of his recommendations.

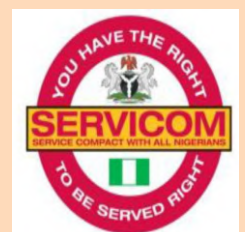
The don further emphasised that universities must provide the necessary structure for research to thrive. These include competitive salaries to retain talent, clear sabbatical leave policies, encouragement and support for doctoral qualifications, and opportunities for collaboration across borders.

He posed a fundamental question to university leadership on how institutions can motivate academics, support their professional growth, ensure international visibility, and make them competitive with their counterparts abroad, while also resisting offers from institutions in the Global North.

Concluding, he said that although salaries are a reflection of national economies, there is no justification for the poor pay given to academics considering their role in nation-building. According to him, if universities truly appreciate the work of academics, they must provide them with the financial resources to live with dignity and independence.

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New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. T. O. Agbabiaka	Life Sciences / Microbiology	Appointment as Head, Department of Microbiology	1 st August, 2026
Prof. R. M. Adisa	Communication and Information Sciences / Mass Communication	Appointment as Head, Department of Mass Communication	1 st August, 2026
Prof. Muhinat B. Bello	Education / Social Sciences Education	Appointment as Head, Department of Social Sciences Education	1 st August, 2026
Prof. Aisha O. Bolakale	Clinical Sciences / Paediatrics & Child Health	Appointment as Head, Department of Paediatrics & Child Health	1 st August, 2026
Prof. C. O. Ogunkunle	Arts / Religion	Appointment as Head, Department of Religion	1 st August, 2026
Prof. Sijuwade A. Adebayo	Agriculture / Agriculture Extension and Rural Development	Appointment as Head, Department of Agriculture Extension and Rural Development	1 st August, 2026
Dr. R. E. Mohammed	Education / Science Education	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Science Education	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. O. Tihamiyu	Communication and Information Sciences / Telecommunication Science	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Telecommunication Science	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. Mahmoud - Mukadam	Arts / Arabic Translational Studies	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Arabic Translational Studies	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Theresa N. Odeigha	Arts / History & International Studies	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of History & International Studies	1 st August, 2026
Dr. O. T. Okewande	Arts / Linguistics & Nigerian Languages	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Linguistics & Nigerian Languages	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Abdulmalik Ismail	Arts / French	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of French	1 st August, 2026
Dr. R. O. Olagunju - Ibrahim	Law / Islamic Law	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Islamic Law	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Barakat Adebisi Raji	Law / Jurisprudence and International Law	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Jurisprudence and International Law	1 st August, 2026





Renewal of Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. K. A. Abdullahi	Arts / English	Renewal of Appointment as Head, Department of English	1 st August, 2026
Dr. O. A. Ige	Clinical Sciences / Anesthesia	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Anesthesia	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Oluwabunmi I. N. Buhari	Clinical Sciences / Behavioural Science	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Behavioural Science	1 st August, 2026
Dr. U. B. Olayinka	Life Sciences / Plant Biology	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Plant Biology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. I. Ologele	Education / Health Prom. and Env. Health Education	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Health Prom. and Env. Health Education	1 st August, 2026
Dr. B. S. Adebayo	Education / Human Kinetics Education	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Human Kinetics Education	1 st August, 2026
Dr. S. K. Ajiboye	Education / Educational Guidance and Counselling	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling	1 st August, 2026
Dr. M. F. Adeyemi	Clinical Sciences / Dental Surgery	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Dental Surgery	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. N. Alabi	Clinical Sciences / Family Medicine	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Family Medicine	1 st August, 2026
Dr. M. A. Lawal	Education / Arts Education	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Arts Education	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Shadiat O. O. Shuaib	Arts /Performing & Film Arts	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Performing & Film Arts	1 st August, 2026
Dr. T. O. Lawal	Physical Sciences / Physics	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Physics	1 st August, 2026
Dr. R. J. Adebimpe	Law / Public Law	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Public Law	1 st August, 2026
Dr. O. S. Afolabi	Law / Private and Property Law	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Private and Property Law	1 st August, 2026

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

S/NO	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	BELLO, Saheed Akinbola	Engineering & Technology / Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Development of Demand Response-Base Optimal Energy Management Model for Stand-Alone Microgrid	Thursday, 20 th August, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	Conference Room (Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering)
2	ABDULKAREEM, Aishat Yetunde	Physical Sciences / Industrial Chemistry	Pyro-Hydrometallurgical processing and Electrochemical evaluation of indigenous Spodumene and Amblygonite ores for energy material applications	Thursday, 20 th August, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	Industrial Chemistry Department Board Room
3	BALOGUN, Felix	Physical Sciences / Industrial Chemistry	Preparation of High-Grade Bismuth compounds from an Indigenous Bismute-Rich Zinnwaldite ore for Supercapacitor applications	Tuesday, 18 th August, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	Industrial Chemistry Department Board Room
4	OJO, Afolabi Ayotunde	Management Sciences / Business Administration	Government Intervention Programmes and Performance of Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises in Lagos State, Nigeria	Tuesday, 18 th August, 2026. 1:00 p.m.	Postgraduate Virtual Conference Room, Postgraduate School.
5	OMOLEYOMI, Kehinde Oluwakemi	Education / Educational Guidance and Counselling	Work-Related Stress, Adjustment Needs and Coping Strategies of Working-Class Women in Nigeria.	Thursday, 13 th August, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	Virtual Room, Postgraduate School.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 6TH TO 13TH AUGUST 2026

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	10,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	3,239,834.00
Sundry Other Incomes	2,212,322.00
Income from Verification /Screening	800,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	7,000.00
Capitation NHIS	30,450.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	5,000.00
Others	22,000.00
Refund Non Salary	144,000.00
Refund Salary	2,229,875.07
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	6,500,000.00
Refund	144,990.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	456,560.00
Convocation Souvenir	29,000.00
Admission Forms	21,200.00
CCSCA- Application Fees	25,200.00
Clinic Registration Staff	51,000.00
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk	16,208,914.00
Insurance Claims/Others	1,450.00
Late Registration Surcharges	3,000.00
Administrative Charges Income	21,000.00
Utility Income	163,300.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,345,200.00
Undergraduate School Charges	474,715.00
Undergraduate Verification of Results	20,000.00
Undergraduate Post UTME	3,264,000.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	600.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	248,900.00
Postgraduate School Charges	58,330,084.50
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	240,500.00
Postgraduate Application Form	504,000.00
Postgraduate School Verification of Results	20,200.00
Remedial Application Form	1,033,600.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,340,600.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	105,600.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	478,800.00
Institute of Education School Charges	45,601,020.70
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	1,319,200.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	161,600.00
Institute of Education Application Form	516,800.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦147,371,715.27
PAYMENTS :	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	32,542,739.22
Purchase Advance Various	9,196,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Stations Supply of Fuel	14,339,725.60
Staff Training Research Grant	4,871,313.78
Total TSA Charges Various	22,473.50
Total payment for the period	₦60,972,252.10

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
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S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	AJALA MARY ADEJOKE	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	16-Aug
2	KOLAWOLE FAUSAT LOLA	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	16-Aug
3	OMOPUPA KAMAL TUNDE	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	16-Aug
4	SALMAN TOYIN MOHAMMED	PHYSIOLOGY	16-Aug
5	AJAYI FELICIA ARINOLA	REGISTRY	16-Aug
6	SALAWU KEHINDE OSENI	WORKS: MECHANICAL	16-Aug
7	ADISA MOHAMMED	SECURITY DIVISION	16-Aug
8	POPOOLA ALICE BUKOLA	REGISTRY	16-Aug
9	AMALI KABIRU INALEGWU ONCHE	REGISTRY	16-Aug
10	MUFTAU TAOFIQ TAYO	REGISTRY	16-Aug
11	QUADIR SIMBIAT OMONIKE	REGISTRY	16-Aug
12	DAODU SEGUN SAMUEL	REGISTRY	16-Aug
13	SULEIMAN FATIMA BOLAJI	REGISTRY	16-Aug
14	YUSUF ABDULRASAQ	RELIGIONS	16-Aug
15	AGBEDE JOSEPH UAIKHUGBA	REGISTRY	16-Aug
16	AKINSOLA ISMAILA OLAWALE	COMSIT DIRECTORATE	16-Aug
17	BAYERO MUHAMMED	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	17-Aug
18	JIMOH OMOTAYO AYINLA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	17-Aug
19	OYEYEMI GAFAR MATANMI	STATISTICS	17-Aug
20	BAMIDELE DEBORAH OLUFUNKE	REGISTRY	17-Aug
21	FASELUKA BABALOLA JAMES	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	17-Aug
22	GHALI-MOHAMMED IBRAHEEM	VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	17-Aug
23	LEWU ISAAC ADEKUNLE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	17-Aug
24	ERNEST KOLADE SAMUEL	PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH	18-Aug
25	SAIDU ABUBAKAR	ARTS EDUCATION	18-Aug
26	JEKAYINFA OYEYEMI JUMOKE	ARTS EDUCATION	18-Aug
27	BAMIDELE OMOWUMI OMOYENI	REGISTRY	18-Aug
28	ADIMULA VICENT OLUBADERIN	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	18-Aug
29	OLUWOLE TOYIN CHRISTIAN	REGISTRY	18-Aug
30	ISHAQ LATEEFAT BOLA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL (UPPER BASIC SCHOOL)	19-Aug
31	MUNIRU IDRIS OLADELE	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	19-Aug
32	MUSTAPHA MASHOOD KEKE	ZOOLOGY	19-Aug
33	MOHAMMED ADIKAT ADENIKE	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	19-Aug
34	ALAYA KADIRAT AYO	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	19-Aug
35	IBRAHIM MOHAMMED OLANREWaju	MATHEMATICS	19-Aug
36	YUSUF AISHAT	ARCHITECTURE	20-Aug
37	IDOWU IBRAHIM	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	20-Aug
38	ANAFI FATAI	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Aug
39	AJIBOLA KAYODE MICHAEL	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Aug
40	ABIOJE PIUS OYENIRAN	RELIGIONS	20-Aug
41	AYODELE SEGUN GIDEON	PHYSICS	20-Aug
42	AJIDAGBA YUSUPH OLATUNJI	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	20-Aug
43	AYUBA HUSSEINAT JUMOKE	REGISTRY	20-Aug
44	AJAYI FEMIOLU	LIBRARY	20-Aug
45	KOLA-MUSTAPHA ADEOLA TAWAKALITU	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	20-Aug
46	OLADUNJOYE EMILY OMOLADUN	REGISTRY	20-Aug
47	JOEL KERIMU IKAZUWAGBE	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	21-Aug
48	DANIEL MARY TAIYE	RELIGIONS	21-Aug
49	AHMED AJARAT ABIOLA	CHEMISTRY	21-Aug
50	OGUNSAKIN JOY BOLANLE	MASS COMMUNICATION	21-Aug
51	AKANBI MOHAMMED JIMOH	BURSARY	21-Aug
52	ISIKA AFUSAT	SECURITY DIVISION	21-Aug
53	FATOYINBO RUFUS DAYO	LIBRARY	21-Aug
54	JIMOH RASHEED GBENGA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	21-Aug
55	OLATUNDE OLUSEGUN AKINTUNDE	VETERINARY THERIOGENOLOGY & PRODUCTION	21-Aug
56	AKANMU VICTORIA OLUFUNKE	COMSIT DIRECTORATE	21-Aug
57	JAJI-SULAIMON RUKAYAT	ANATOMY	21-Aug
58	OLAGUNJU OLUFUNMILAYO PEJU	HEALTH SERVICES	21-Aug
59	SONDE OLALEKAN HAKEEM	BURSARY	21-Aug
60	AKE MODUPE BOSEDE	POLITICAL SCIENCE	21-Aug
61	USMAN ABDULKADIR BOLAJI	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	22-Aug
62	MUSA ABDULRASAK KANNIKE	CROP PROTECTION	22-Aug
63	OLAWOLE-BELLO EBUNOLUWA FUNMILOLA	PHYSIOLOGY	22-Aug
64	AKANNI JIMOH	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	22-Aug
65	USMAN ABDULFATAI ABOLAJI	REGISTRY	22-Aug
66	ADEYANJU GRACE OLAYINKA	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	22-Aug
67	AWOTUNDE TAIYE ADEWALE	POLITICAL SCIENCE	22-Aug
68	IBRAHIM MURITALA MOHAMMED	BURSARY	22-Aug
69	ABDULGANIYU ABDULLAHI SHOLA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	22-Aug
70	ADEWUSI ABDULGANIY DELE	MASS COMMUNICATION	22-Aug
71	YUSUF ABDULKADIR OLALEKAN	LIBRARY	22-Aug

- An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Israel Adeniyi, has narrated his experience on how he emerged as the best graduating student from the Faculty of Law in 2024, and at the Nigerian Law School in 2026.
("I Had No Reading Timetable, Just Clear Goals - Law School's best Graduating Student", *Leadership*, Saturday, August 8, 2026, p.31)
- While delivering the 305th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "Children in the Cage, Justice on Trial", Prof. Mariam Abdulraheem of the Department of Public Law, called for the establishment of a national child justice database to track arrest, detention, diversion, trial delay, release and reoffending.
("Expert calls for establishment of national child justice database",
<https://decency.home.blogspot.com>;"Justice on trial when children remain in cage , Law Professor alerts", <https://guardian.ng> ;"Justice on Trial When Children Remain in Cage, UNILORIN Law Professor Warns", <https://esanadnews.blogspot.com>; "UNILORIN law Professor calls for establishment of child police units" , <https://theabujapost.com.ng>; "UNILORIN Don Calls for Establishment of National Child Justice Database", <https://choicereporters.com>;"CHILDREN IN THE CAGE, JUSTICE ON TRIAL:PROF. ABDULRAHEEM MUSTAPHA

ADVOCATE OVERHAUL OF NIGERIA'S CHILD JUSTICE SYSTEM AT UNILORIN INAUGURAL LECTURE " , <https://midlandpost.ng>; "Justice on trial when children remain in cage, Law Professor alerts", <https://share.google>)

- A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman Board of Trustees of the Consortium of Universities in Kwara State (KU8+),Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, has challenged Universities in the state to become brain box for development, by providing research-driven solutions to it's economic and social challenges.
("Oloyede to Kwara Varsities: Become state developmental brain box", *Daily Sun*, Monday, August 10, 2026, p.28; "KU8+ Varsities Urged To Serve As Kwara's Developmental Brain Box", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Ex-JAMB Registrar tasks Kwara varsities on solutions to socio-economic challenges", www.punchng.com
- Ilorin Emirate Descendant Progressive Union (IEDPU), the umbrella socio-cultural organisation of the people of Ilorin Emirate, has congratulated three indigenes of the community on bagging various awards from the University of Ilorin.
("IEDPU greets Salman, Nagode, Mustapha on UNILORIN Award",
<https://theproxinanews.blogspot.com>





Bakare-Odunola tasks heads of units on human oversight of academic portal

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, has charged Heads of Departments, Directors, Level Advisers, Faculty Officers and other academic administrators in the institution to provide effective human oversight of the University's portal-driven academic environment.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola gave the charge last Monday (August 10, 2026) at a capacity-building workshop for Heads of Departments, Directors, Level Advisers, Faculty Officers and Academic Administrators, held at the University Auditorium. She noted that the University Portal had become the operational space where admission, clearance, registration, continuous assessment and results processing converge.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor explained that while the portal records academic decisions, it does not replace human

judgement, adding that the quality of academic records depended largely on the quality of academic leadership supervising the processes.

According to her, the portal could not advise a confused student using academic judgement, detect every wrong course combination, moderate scripts, verify marking integrity or enforce leadership discipline where supervision was weak.

She, therefore, urged heads of Units to take responsibility for correctness and compliance, supervise people, processes and data, and act promptly to prevent challenges from escalating.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor identified Level Advisers and Faculty Officers as critical support structures, noting that Level Advisers provide first-line academic guidance, while Faculty Officers ensure proper documentation and compliance with approved administrative procedures.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola described course registration as more than a clerical exercise, saying it constituted the student's formal academic contract with the Department and the University. She urged Level Advisers to carefully verify course codes, carry-over courses, prerequisites, electives and student workloads.

She also called for prompt processing of course approvals, stressing that review queues should not accumulate because pending approvals represented unfinished academic business.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor further urged Heads of Units to establish internal deadlines ahead of University deadlines, monitor registration and results processing regularly, document corrections and escalations, and promptly report unresolved technical issues with complete evidence.

Also speaking at the Workshop, the University Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, charged Heads of Departments, Directors and other University administrators to ensure prudent and responsible management of the institution's limited financial resources.

Mr Lawal explained that as government employees entrusted with public funds, University officers could not receive an advance of more than ₦1 million for official expenditure. He added that where a request exceeded the approved threshold, the expenditure must be contracted out, with the appropriate vendor's invoice attached to the request.

The Bursar stated that one of his key responsibilities was to ensure that the University's scarce resources were properly managed and sustained throughout the financial year. He explained that funds allocated to various units were distributed across four quarters, requiring units to plan their expenditure and utilise their allocations responsibly within each quarter.

Mr Lawal further explained that delays or non-approval of

some requests could be linked to previous expenditures, stressing the need for administrators to manage their allocations carefully and adhere to approved financial procedures.

He urged the participants to understand the financial limits governing their offices and plan their activities accordingly to ensure that University resources remained available throughout the year.

In his presentation, the Acting Managing Director of Unilorin Holdings Limited, Prof. Bashiru Ademola Raji, unveiled plans to deepen collaboration with Faculties, Departments and Centres of the University of Ilorin to transform academic expertise and institutional resources into sustainable economic value.

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Circular Economy: Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN — Legacy in Unilorin Holdings Limited," Prof. Raji highlighted proposed short certificate programmes, including first-aid and emergency-response training, as well as partnerships with the Departments of Food Science and Geology and the Centre for Cultural Studies.

He said the company was also exploring opportunities in the mining sector and had commenced processes for obtaining the necessary licence.

Prof. Raji, whose tenure as Director of Unilorin Holdings ends in November, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, for the opportunity to contribute to the establishment and development of the company. He reiterated its motto, "Developing Ideas for Profitability," stressing the need to continue building partnerships that convert University expertise into practical and sustainable economic value.