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UNILORIN Senate okays 10,141 students for 2025/2026 graduation

...approves proposed statute for Postgraduate College

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has approved the results of 10,141 students who have fulfilled the academic requirements for the award of various first degrees for the 2025/2026 academic session.

The approval was the major highlight of the 312th meeting of the University Senate held last Monday (August 31, 2026) at the Senate Chamber of the University, which was presided over by the Chairman of Senate and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

Egbewole assures NDLEA of support for drug-free campus initiative

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has assured the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) of the cooperation of the University towards maintaining a drug-free

campus.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (September 1, 2026) while receiving the Deputy State Commander of Kwara State Command of the NDLEA, DCN Kennet Odili, who led an advocacy team to the University.

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Prof. Egbewole (right) with DCN Odili

Jimoh urges FG to prioritise aquaculture for food security

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wasiu Adeyemi Jimoh, has charged the Federal Government to recognise sustainable aquaculture as a strategic component of Nigeria's food security,

nutrition, and Blue Economy agenda.

Prof. Jimoh gave the charge last Thursday (September 3, 2026) while delivering the 306th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Green Feeds, Healthy Fish: Enhancing Aquaculture Productivity", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Jimoh

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Egbewole, Bello, others urge staff to prioritise preventive healthcare, financial wellness

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged members of the University community to prioritise preventive healthcare and financial discipline, saying that a healthy and financially stable workforce is essential to institutional productivity.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Tuesday (September 1, 2026) at the 3rd Annual Health Talk organised by the Board of the University of Ilorin Women Association Pre-Basic and Basic School (UNIWAPSBS), themed “Wellness and Wealth: Achieving Financial and Physical Health for University Staff,” at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated UNIWAPSBS for sustaining the programme as he described the initiative as a demonstration of the Association's commitment to promoting the health and well-being of members of the University community.

He added that the University Management shared the Association's commitment to healthy living, hence its continued support for the programme.

Prof. Egbewole, who described health as invaluable, urged members of the University community to be conscious, deliberate, and intentional about maintaining their health, noting that, people should not wait until old age or the emergence of health challenges before adopting healthy habits.

While explaining the link between staff welfare and institutional productivity, the Vice Chancellor said a healthy workforce translates to a productive workforce.

He encouraged participants to take advantage of the expert presentations and other activities at the Health Talk to gain knowledge that would help them make informed decisions about their health and well-being.

Earlier, the President of UNIWAPSBS, Mrs Muibat Adeola Egbewole, said the theme was chosen to address contemporary challenges confronting women and staff of the University, including financial stress, mental wellness, maternal health, non-communicable diseases, and the need for preventive healthcare.

She described a healthy woman as the bedrock of a healthy home, university, and nation, stressing that adequate health education would



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Prof. Olaitan



■ Prof. Bello



■ Mrs Egbewole

empower women and families to make informed decisions.

Mrs Egbewole appreciated the University Management, sponsors, partners, guest speakers, and the planning committee for their support, noting that the programme featured expert presentations, interactive sessions, and free health screenings.

Meanwhile, a Professor of Health Economics at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Raji Abdulgafar Bello, advised members of the University community to live within their means, saying that, financial discipline is essential for peace of mind and overall well-being.

Prof. Bello, who spoke on “Financial Planning during Economic Uncertainties”, cautioned against allowing societal pressure, material possessions, and comparison with contemporaries to determine one's happiness and sense of worth.

He urged individuals to avoid unnecessary debts and lifestyles beyond their means, advising workers to set realistic financial goals, budget their income, save and invest for the future, and make adequate

provision for emergencies and retirement.

The don stressed that financial progress should not be measured by the ability to acquire increasingly expensive possessions as income rises, but by improved financial security, stability, and quality of life.

Speaking on the topic, “Preventive Healthcare: Saving Money through Prevention,” an Associate Professor of Public Health and Consultant Community Health Physician, Dr Hafsat A. Ameen, advised participants to undergo regular medical check-ups rather than waiting until they fall sick before seeking medical attention.

She encouraged staff members to regularly monitor their blood pressure, blood glucose levels, and weight, noting that preventive healthcare helps to detect health challenges early and reduce the financial burden associated with late treatment. She also advised staff members to approach preventive healthcare with wisdom rather than anxiety.

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UNILORIN Senate okays 10,141 students for 2025/2026 graduation

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In addition to the first-degree results, the Senate also considered and approved results covering various categories of postgraduate and professional programmes, including Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master degree, Professional Master degree of the Institute of Education and the University's affiliated institutions.

Presenting the results, which covered graduating students from the various Faculties and programmes of the University to Senate, the Chairman of the Business Committee of Senate (BCoS) and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, took members through the results submitted for consideration and approval.

Following the presentation, Senate thoroughly considered the results and subsequently approved them as presented.

The approval represents a major step in the completion of the academic processes for the 2025/2026 graduating set and brings the concerned students closer to participating in the forthcoming 41st Convocation Ceremonies, scheduled for

October 2026.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of Senate and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, has appealed to Level Advisers, Heads of Departments and Faculty authorities with outstanding results to ensure that such results are processed, reconciled and submitted before the next meeting of Senate.

Prof Egbewole, who made the appeal while explaining the importance of concluding all outstanding academic processes ahead of the 41st Convocation Ceremonies, urged the concerned academic officers to treat the matter as a priority and ensure that no student who had fulfilled the requirements for graduation is left out of the forthcoming convocation due to avoidable delays in the processing or submission of results.

According to him, the University is committed to ensuring that all qualified candidates are given the opportunity to graduate at the appropriate time, adding that the timely processing of results remains critical to effective academic administration.

In another development, the Senate of the University of Ilorin has also

considered and approved the report of the Committee on the Preparation of Statute for the Postgraduate College and recommended that the proposed statute be forwarded to the University Governing Council for consideration, and subsequently to the Visitor to the University, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, for final approval and gazetting.

While presenting the report, the Chairman of the Committee on the Preparation of Statutes for the Postgraduate College, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam, said that the proposed statute should be processed in accordance with Section 10 of the University of Ilorin Act, 2004 (as amended), through the Senate, Council and the President for approval, after which the approved statute should be duly gazetted.

The Committee also recommended that the University should determine the level of autonomy desired for its Colleges and ensure that such autonomy is appropriately reflected in the relevant statutes.

The report proposed that the Postgraduate College should be headed by a Provost, who would serve as the academic and administrative head of the College. It further provided that the Provost should be a Professor elected by the Senate, with only candidates who possess a Ph.D. degree eligible for election. The Provost would hold office for a term of two years, commencing on the first day of August of the year in which he or she is elected.

The Committee, through its Chairman, Prof. Adam, expressed appreciation to the University Management for giving it the opportunity to serve on what it described as a special assignment, noting that the members were grateful for the confidence reposed in them in the preparation of the proposed statute.





Egbewole assures NDLEA of support for drug-free campus initiative

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The Vice Chancellor appreciated the NDLEA for its efforts towards curbing drug abuse, noting that the University had already put structures and policies in place to protect its students from substance abuse. He added that the University also has an existing drug-testing process and policy on drug integrity testing.

The Vice Chancellor described the initiative as an important preventive measure, particularly in view of the increasing involvement of young people in substance abuse and the changing nature of drugs being misused.

Prof. Egbewole, however, called for further engagement with the NDLEA to determine how the Drug Integrity Test of the Agency could complement the existing system of the University and strengthen the efforts to ensure a drug-free campus.

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria also urged the Agency to consider the need to align its drug-testing policy with the constitutional provisions that protect individual's privacy, stressing that effective implementation requires a balance between public safety and fundamental rights.

He further called on the NDLEA to pay greater attention to



DCN Odili

the abuse of medically prescribed drugs, noting that individuals could gradually develop dependence on medications initially taken legitimately to manage pain or other health conditions.

Prof. Egbewole, therefore, suggested stronger collaboration between the NDLEA and professional bodies, including the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) and pharmaceutical stakeholders, to promote responsible prescription and use of medications.

Speaking earlier, DCN Odili urged the University to adopt the Drug Integrity Test (DIT) as part of measures to prevent drug and substance abuse among students.

DCN Odili said the DIT was an evidence-based, non-punitive and preventive initiative designed to

identify early drug use and facilitate timely counselling, intervention and rehabilitation. He said that the initiative aligned with resolutions of the 68th National Council on Education (NCE) meeting held in Akure, Ondo State, which called for stronger institutional measures to address the growing challenge of drug and substance use among students.

The NDLEA official urged UNILORIN to strengthen its drug prevention structures through the establishment of War Against Drug Abuse (WADA) Clubs, functional counselling centres and dedicated structures for drug demand reduction and student wellbeing.

He said the DIT was conducted exclusively through the NDLEA digital platform to ensure standardised testing, real-time monitoring and secure management of students' test records. According to him, the Agency-approved kits can test for up to 15 substances.

While assuring the University of the Agency's support through the provision of approved testing kits, training of designated personnel and technical assistance to facilitate implementation, the NDLEA official added that the initiative was preventive rather than punitive, noting that its ultimate objective was to promote student wellbeing and contribute to a safe and drug-free academic environment.

Jimoh urges FG to prioritise aquaculture for food security

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The Inaugural Lecturer explained that the government could do so by increasing investment in research, innovation, human capacity development, and commercialisation of locally developed technologies in aquaculture and fisheries.

Such investment, according to Prof. Jimoh, will accelerate the transition towards a resilient, environmentally sustainable, and globally competitive aquaculture industry capable of creating employment, reducing import dependence, and contributing significantly to national economic development.

He said that the strategic implementation of this framework would drive fundamental transformation as aquaculture has the potential of becoming a resilient, environmentally restorative, and economically strong sector.

Prof. Jimoh also said that the vision is essential for ensuring food and nutrition sovereignty, creating dignified employment, and building sustainable livelihoods for current and future generations.

The Inaugural Lecturer also enjoined both the Federal and State Ministries of Agriculture as well as universities, research institutes, and feed manufacturers to provide dedicated funding and commercialisation support for the development of alternative protein sources from underutilised plants, insects, and agro-industrial by-products for use by aquafeed manufacturers and fish farmers.

He said that the implementation of this suggestion would reduce dependence on imported fishmeal while lowering feed costs.

Prof. Jimoh also said that universities, research institutes, biotechnology companies, and commercial feed millers should jointly develop, optimise, and transfer affordable feed-processing technologies, including fermentation, extrusion, enzyme supplementation, and thermal processing, to feed manufacturers and farmers in order to improve nutrient digestibility, eliminate anti-nutritional factors, and enhance feed efficiency.

The Inaugural Lecturer also charged environmental agencies, waste management authorities, private agribusinesses, and aquaculture entrepreneurs to establish integrated waste-to-feed programmes that convert fish processing wastes, insect biomass, and agricultural residues into quality feed ingredients for the



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Jimoh (left), last Thursday

aquaculture industry. He said that the strategy would promote circular bioeconomy principles, reduce environmental pollution, and create additional employment opportunities.

Prof. Jimoh also encouraged universities, pharmaceutical companies, aquafeed manufacturers, and research institutes to collaborate towards developing, validating, registering, and commercialising phyto-genic feed additives derived from indigenous medicinal plants for adoption by fish farmers. He said that doing so would improve gut health, nutrient utilisation, disease resistance, and reduce dependence on synthetic chemotherapeutics.

The don also said that feed manufacturers, veterinary professionals, fish health specialists, and regulatory agencies should formulate, certify, and promote functional aquafeeds containing probiotics, prebiotics, synbiotics, and natural immunostimulants for routine use by fish farmers in order to strengthen disease prevention, reduce antibiotic misuse, and improve fish welfare and productivity.

Prof. Jimoh also encouraged the Federal Government, through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, relevant regulatory agencies, and the National Assembly, to formulate and

implement policies that provide research grants, tax incentives, and innovation financing for sustainable aquafeed development while enforcing feed quality and safety standards for the benefit of producers and consumers.

He also encouraged Agricultural Development Programmes (ADPs), extension agencies, universities, NGOs, and farmers' associations to organise regular hands-on training programmes on low-cost feed formulation, feed processing, fish health management, and sustainable production practices for small-scale fish farmers. This, according to him, will improve farmers' technical capacity, productivity, and profitability.

Prof. Jimoh similarly encouraged universities, market research organisations, agribusiness firms, and government agencies to conduct periodic consumer preference and market intelligence studies and communicate the findings to producers, processors, and marketers to ensure that aquaculture production responds effectively to consumer demand for quality, safe, and sustainably produced fish.

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UNILORIN, Interswitch sign MoU on digital payment gateway

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin and Interswitch Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to integrate the Interswitch Payment Gateway (IPG) into the University's digital infrastructure and designated platforms, in a move aimed at strengthening the institution's electronic payment system and improving the experience of its clients.

The signing took place last Monday (August 31, 2026) during a meeting that took place in the Committee Room of the Vice Chancellor's Office.

The partnership will enable the University to receive payments through a secure, web-based and mobile-compatible payment gateway integrated into its portal and other designated platforms. Under the agreement, Interswitch will provide the required technical resources for the integration and implement the project within the timelines to be agreed upon in the project initiation document.

In his remarks at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, appreciated Interswitch for its commitment to the agreement and expressed optimism that the partnership would improve the payment processes of the University. He acknowledged that transitioning from an existing system could present challenges but expressed hope that the process would be seamless and produce better results for the University.

Prof. Egbewole stressed the need for a more responsive and transparent payment system that would provide the University with timely feedback on its processes and enable relevant officials to



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Mr Alfanla

identify and resolve issues more effectively. He expressed confidence that the partnership would be beneficial to both institutions and contribute to the digital transformation agenda of the University.

Speaking earlier, the Regional Head of Interswitch, Mr Eloho Okiomah, expressed the company's delight at partnering with the University, noting that, Interswitch had maintained a longstanding relationship with the institution. He assured the University of the company's commitment to providing an improved and efficient payment experience through the new partnership.

On her part, the Director of the Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT) of the University, Prof. Sidikat Aderinoye-Abdulwahab, described the agreement as an opportunity to establish a useful and mutually beneficial relationship between the University and Interswitch. She disclosed that the MoU would run for an initial period of 24 months.

Joining the Vice Chancellor at the signing were the Registrar, Mr Mansur



■ Mr Okiomah

Adeleke Alfanla; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; the Acting Director of the Legal Unit, Mrs Fareedat Funmilayo Sheriff; and a staff member of the University's Legal Unit, Miss Zainab Laaro. Also in attendance were Mr. Atere Oluwafemi and Mr Gegele Bolakale, both staff members of Interswitch.



Ibrahim appointed AFCMHC's Bursar Egbewole, Falowo rejoice

By Abubakar Imam

A Deputy Bursar at the University of Ilorin, Mr Murtala Mohammed Ibrahim, has been appointed as the Bursar of the Armed Forces College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Yaba, Lagos.

Mr Ibrahim, who had served as the Acting Bursar of Abubakar Toyin University, Ganmo, Ilorin, was until his appointment, the Deputy Bursar in-charge of the Final Account Unit

Mr Ibrahim, who is currently pursuing his doctorate degree in Accounting at the University of Ilorin, had earlier earned his first and second degrees in the same discipline and from the same institution in 2014 and 2017, respectively. A distinguished fellow of the Chartered Institute of Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), Mr Ibrahim joined the services of the University in February, 2014. He rose through the ranks before attaining the rank of Deputy Bursar last year.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed the appointment of the renowned financial technocrat, describing it as well-deserved.



■ Mr Ibrahim

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the appointment has further confirmed the University of Ilorin as an oven of professionalism.

The Vice Chancellor urged Mr Ibrahim to see his appointment as an opportunity to write his name in gold and broaden his profile. He also expressed conviction that the new Bursar would demonstrate probity, integrity and excellence in the discharge of his duties at

the College.

Similarly, the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Branch of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Mr Naheem Olusola Falowo, has also welcomed the appointment of Mr Ibrahim.

Mr Falowo, who is also a senior staff member of the University Bursary Department, said that the appointment is a recognition of Mr Ibrahim's years of dedication, professionalism, competence and commitment to the accounting profession and the University system.

While describing Mr Ibrahim as "a respected member of our professional family and a colleague who has contributed immensely to the development of our Branch", the Chairman said that "the elevation of Mr Ibrahim is not only a personal achievement but also a source of pride to SSANU UNILORIN Branch and the entire non-teaching community".

He prayed to Allah to grant the new Bursar wisdom, sound health, strength and divine guidance as he assumes his new position. He also wished him a very remarkable tenure.

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He also urged government, development finance institutions, commercial banks, private investors, and fish farmers' cooperatives to invest in modern fish processing facilities, cold-chain infrastructure, packaging systems, and value-addition enterprises to support fish producers and processors so as to reduce post-harvest losses, increase profitability, improve product quality, and strengthen food security.

Prof. Jimoh equally urged the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, universities, research institutes, the

Fisheries Society of Nigeria (FISON), aquaculture industry associations, private-sector stakeholders, and international development partners to establish a National Aquaculture Innovation Compact, which would coordinate research, technology transfer, policy dialogue, and private-sector investment for the benefit of Nigeria's aquaculture industry.

He opined that the compact would serve as a permanent platform for translating research findings into commercial technologies, harmonising national priorities, mobilising investment, and accelerating the growth of a resilient and globally competitive aquaculture sector.

Speaking on other issues, Prof. Jimoh urged parents and guardians not to

shy away from their responsibilities particularly in mentoring and providing adequate guidance for their children and wards for them to realise their full potentials.

Drawing from personal experience, the Inaugural Lecturer also appealed to teachers to always be mindful of their roles in ensuring that their students are properly raised and encouraged to achieve their targets.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was also attended by colleagues, relations, friends, students and mentees of Prof. Jimoh from far and near.



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Customer service should not be a department. It should be the entire company. - Tony Hsieh (Taylor Chastain)



Egbewole, Bello, others urge staff to prioritise preventive healthcare, financial wellness

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Dr Ameen, who teaches at the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health, further urged the staff to break prolonged periods of sitting, eat for their health, and take adequate sleep seriously, as she stressed the importance of adopting simple habits that can promote long-term health and wellbeing.

On his part, a scholar of Health Promotion and Science Education and the Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olukunmi 'Lanre Olaitan, advocated a simple and affordable healthy habit.

Presenting a paper titled

“Healthy Living Without Spending Much,” the Family Health Specialist described water as one of the best drinks for healthy living and recommended adequate water intake, including six to eight glasses daily, alongside regular physical movement.

While advising staff of the University of Ilorin and Nigeria in general to learn how to manage stress before it becomes overwhelming, Prof. Olaitan cautioned them against excessive consumption of carbonated drinks.

According to him, healthy living on a budget is determined more by the quality of an individual's daily choices than by the size of the person's wallet. He, therefore, urged staff to take proper care of their bodies to ensure better health and

wellbeing in the future.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairperson of UNIWAPSBS, Dr Saudat Hamzat, said the Association was established to cater to the children of staff within the University community and assure parents that their wards were in safe hands.

Dr Hamzat commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and other invited guests for honouring the Association's invitation. She also urged members of the University community to prioritise their health through regular medical checks and healthy living practices.

Raji delivers 307th Inaugural Lecture Sept. 10th

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Three hundred and seventh (307th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Mashood Abiola Raji, DVM, M.Sc. (ABU, Zaria); Ph. D (SUA, Tanzania)

Department: Veterinary Microbiology,
Faculty: Veterinary Medicine,

Topic: “Microbes: Invisible Enemies of Humans and Livestock”

Date: Thursday, 10th September,

2026

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Main Auditorium, University of Ilorin

Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



■ Prof. Raji

Animasawun calls for more protection for health workers

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Gbemisola Animasawun, has called on the Federal Government and other stakeholders to urgently strengthen the protection of healthcare workers and medical facilities across Nigeria amid growing threats from terrorism, banditry and abductions.

Prof. Animasawun made the call while speaking with the UNILORIN Bulletin on Tuesday (September 1, 2026) in his office.

He warned that attacks on healthcare workers and facilities could no longer be treated as isolated security incidents, stressing that insecurity was further weakening Nigeria's already fragile healthcare system.

According to him, terrorism and other forms of insecurity have found healthcare facilities vulnerable because of existing weaknesses in the system.

"Terrorism did not find Nigerian healthcare vulnerable by chance. It found a system already thin, and it pulled it thinner," he said.

Prof. Animasawun said attacks on Nigerian healthcare facilities and personnel increased by 42 per cent between 2023 and 2024 and by another 26 per cent between 2024 and 2025.

He disclosed that 91 health workers had been kidnapped since 2023, with 25 still unaccounted for. He identified Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa as the epicentre of the crisis but warned that the threat was spreading beyond the North.

The CPSS Director cited the January 2026 abduction of two doctor brothers in Auchi, Edo State, one of whom was killed before the other was released, as well as the May 2026 abduction of a community health worker and his wife in Kogi State, as evidence that attacks on healthcare personnel were becoming a



■ Prof. Animasawun

nationwide concern.

He also referred to the March 16, 2026, triple suicide bombing in Maiduguri, which struck a post office, a market and a hospital gate, killing 23 people in the cluster of attacks.

According to him, five suicide bombings were recorded in Maiduguri during the first four months of 2026 alone, demonstrating the increasingly dangerous environment in which healthcare workers operate.

Prof. Animasawun warned that the impact of insecurity went beyond the immediate deaths and abductions, identifying declining immunisation, the flight of health professionals, erosion of public trust and psychological distress among health workers as major consequences.

He recalled the killing of nine polio vaccinators in Kano in 2013, noting that the incident contributed to a major setback in immunisation efforts and demonstrated how insecurity could undermine public health programmes.

He further noted that shortage of medical personnel in the country made every attack particularly damaging. The presentation puts Nigeria's physician

density at 2.9 doctors per 10,000 population, compared with a World Health Organisation benchmark of 17 per 10,000.

The University don argued that protecting healthcare workers should be treated not only as a humanitarian obligation but also as a national security priority.

He said failure to protect medical services could undermine public confidence in government and weaken efforts to counter terrorism and insurgency.

To address the crisis, Prof. Animasawun called for a four-point action plan, including the negotiation of protected access for clinics and vaccination campaigns in conflict-affected areas, systematic documentation of attacks, increased pressure on government to improve humanitarian access and protection funding, and the establishment of a protection compact for healthcare workers.

He said the proposed protection compact should include rapid alert and evacuation protocols, compensation and insurance, as well as structured psychosocial support for affected health workers.

Prof. Animasawun urged the government, security agencies, healthcare professionals and other stakeholders to move beyond condemning attacks after they occur and take concrete measures to prevent them.

He warned that every unprotected clinic, abducted doctor and abandoned health facility further weakens the country's ability to provide essential healthcare to its citizens.

According to him, "Terrorism and banditry, from Borno to Edo, have made healthcare a soft target not by accident but by a calculable logic."

He added that the crisis was also reflected in vaccines that were never administered, doctors who did not return to their workplaces and patients who no longer trusted the healthcare facilities serving their communities.

YOAF donates car to UNILORIN Religions Dept

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, has received a Sienna car donation from the Yusuf Olaolu Ali Foundation (YOAF) to ease the smooth running of the Department's operations.

In a letter addressed to the Vice Chancellor dated August, 31, 2026, the

Head of the Department, Prof. Caleb Oludokun Ogunkunle, disclosed that the vehicle was donated by the Foundation to support the Department.

Prof. Ogunkunle described the donation as "thoughtful" and noted that it would be of great help to the Department. He also appealed to the University management to give the necessary support

to facilitate all that is necessary to expedite the official release of the car for the use of the Department.

The Department expressed appreciation to the Foundation for the gesture, saying it will boost mobility for academic and administrative activities.

Ajao links building collapse to professional negligence

By Abubakar Imam

Following a recent building collapse in Ilorin and similar incidents across the country, the Head of the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr Kabiru Suleiman Ajao, has established a linkage between professional negligence and building failure.

He, therefore, encouraged government and other relevant stakeholders to ensure strict monitoring of building projects in order to stem the tide of building failure.

Dr Ajao gave this advice during a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (September 1, 2026) on the increasing occurrence of building collapse across the country.

The don said that the government and other constituted authorities have a lot of role to play in ensuring sanity in the construction industry.

Dr Ajao noted that in addition to professional negligence building collapse could also be occasioned by a number of other factors such as poor quality and quantity of materials deployed and corruption.

The don, who lamented the repeated building failure in the country



■ Dr Ajao

with the resultant loss of lives and property, stated that many buildings were not properly constructed while some others were constructed in wrong places with substandard materials and unfortunately without adequate supervision by relevant professionals.

He added that regulatory agencies appear not to be discharging their duties as expected, pointing out that the negligence of duties by the officials of those agencies often culminated in building collapse.

Dr Ajao also explained that lack of adequate maintenance, poor design and excessive loading of structures are more often than not responsible for the frequent

building collapse occurring across the country. He noted that such tendencies could be promptly checked and effectively controlled if concerned regulatory agencies play their roles effectively.

The don stated that the use of substandard materials for buildings has been identified as one of the reasons accounting for building failures, which he explained has become an embarrassment to the nation, considering the increasing quality and magnitude of building professionals the country produces.

He added that many of the buildings constructed years back are enduring than some new ones due to the high quality of materials deployed as well as the close supervision given to them during construction by relevant professionals as well as from the regulatory authorities, which often insisted on nothing but the best of materials and strict adherence to building codes.

While noting that contemporary building professionals are not only more qualified and competent but are also more sophisticated than their predecessors, he said that such sophistication must not only be seen in the building aesthetics but also in the ability of those buildings to stand the test of time.

UNILORIN constitutes Funding Committee for CoHS

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has approved the constitution of a Funding Intervention Committee (FIC) for the College of Health Sciences, with the mandate to mobilise resources for the upgrade of facilities at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital and the College.

This is contained in a memo signed by the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur.Adeleke. Alfania, dated August 24, 2026.

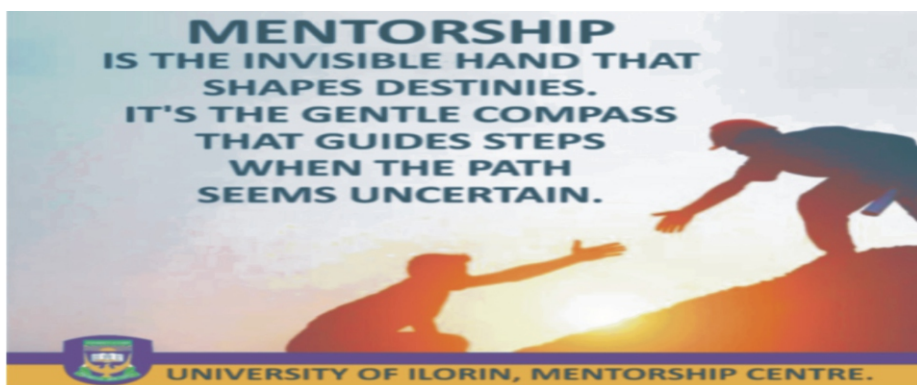
According to the memo, the 11-member Committee will be chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN. and it will include the Acting Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Prof. S. A. Biliaminu. Other members include the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. M. A. N. Adeboye;

and six other senior academics from the College namely; Prof. A.A. Fawole, Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola, Prof. I.S. Abdulraheem, Prof. I.A. Katibi, Prof. Aishat O. Bolakale, and Dr.G.T. Olanrewaju while the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, will serve as the Committee's Secretary.

The Committee is mandated to mobilise funds for the upgrade of facilities

at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital and the College of Health Sciences, in view of their strategic roles in the training of medical students.

The Committee, which will also perform other related functions as assigned by the Vice Chancellor, is expected to submit periodic reports and recommendations to the Vice Chancellor and other members of the University management.





Raheem, a worthy ambassador-- Dean

Mustafa Abubakar

The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. A.Y. Muhammad, has described a former Chairman of the institution's branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, as a worthy ambassador of the Faculty.

Prof. Muhammad made this assertion penultimate Friday (August 28, 2026) while receiving Prof. Raheem in his office following the completion of his tenure as the Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC).

The Dean highlighted the significant contributions of Prof. Raheem to the development of the

Faculty, saying that his contributions to the University community remain significant.

Prof. Muhammad and others who were present at the event also resolved to continue to work with the administration of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his efforts towards repositioning the University within the Nigerian University ecosystem.

UNILORIN management greets Raheem on PCVSN appointment

By Mubarak Oladosu

The management of the University of Ilorin has congratulated Prof. Kabir Ayobami Raheem of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine on his appointment to the Senate and Academic Board of the Postgraduate College of Veterinary Surgeons of Nigeria (PCVSN).

In a letter dated September 2, 2026, which was signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke. Alfanla, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the University described the appointment as a recognition of Prof. Raheem's "outstanding professional accomplishments, experience, and commitment to the veterinary profession."

The letter, written on behalf of



■ **Prof. Raheem**

the Vice Chancellor and the entire University Management, was in response to Prof. Raheem's notification letter dated August 28, 2026, informing the

institution of the appointment.

"The University is confident that during your tenure, your wealth of knowledge and expertise will contribute immensely to the growth and advancement of the College," the Registrar stated.

The management also wished Prof. Raheem a "successful and impactful tenure in his new role on the Senate and Academic Board of the PCVSN", the apex postgraduate professional body for veterinary surgeons in Nigeria.

The appointment adds to Unilorin's growing profile in veterinary medical education and research, with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine continuing to produce scholars taking leadership roles at national and international professional levels.

Encomiums as staff, students celebrate Durosaro on retirement

By Abubakar Abdulquadri
and Muiẓdeen Adewole

It was encomiums galore last Tuesday (September 1, 2026), as staff and students of the Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling, University of Ilorin, gathered to celebrate the academic contributions of Prof. Irene A. Durosaro to the service of humanity as she bowed out of the services of the University.

The celebration was held at the Faculty of Education NLT Lecture Theatre, University of Ilorin.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed gratitude to the Almighty God for the life of Prof. Durosaro and for sustaining her through challenging periods, including the various pandemics, noting that she remained agile and active even at the point of her retirement.

Prof. Egbewole also commended the Department and the Faculty for organising the celebration, stressing that one of the greatest things that could happen to members of the University community was to demonstrate relevance through dedication to their responsibilities in their respective units and departments.

The Vice Chancellor, therefore, encouraged Prof. Durosaro to continue to make meaningful contributions to the lives of students and to the development of the Department, Faculty and the wider University community, even in retirement.

He prayed that similar honour and recognition would be accorded everyone who had contributed positively to the growth and development of the University.

Prof. Egbewole said, "For us to have those tributes and for this kind of thing to happen, we must also sow good seeds. The kind of seed we plant while active in service at our various beats will determine what we reap."

According to him, "The best for us is to ensure that we continue to mentor our young ones and also see the need to be impactful in the growth and development of the faculties and units where we serve."

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Olanrewaju Olukunmi Olaitan, who was represented by the Head of the Department of Adult and Primary Education, Prof. O. O. Okoji, appreciated the University Management for granting approval for the programme.



Prof. Durosaro (3rd left) receiving the parting gift

Prof. Olaitan acknowledged the immense contributions of Prof. Durosaro to the service of humanity throughout her active years and even at the point of her retirement, describing her accomplishments as worthy of emulation.

He felicitated with her on the occasion of her retirement celebration and wished her a happy, fulfilling and successful life, with further accomplishments in the years ahead.

The Head of the Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling, Dr. S. K. Ajiboye, described the occasion as a moment of transition and joy, noting that the gathering was an opportunity to celebrate Prof. Durosaro's significant contributions to the University.

Dr Ajiboye also attested that Prof. Durosaro had served the University diligently and had successfully completed her service.

He advised members of staff to remain patient and committed in the pursuit of their goals, stressing that success requires perseverance and dedication.

In his remarks, the National President of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, Prof. Abdulrasaq Olubusuyi Kilani, described Prof. Durosaro as a shining example of scholarship, humility and service.

Represented by the National Secretary of the Association, Dr Raji Barakat, the Alumni President said the event was not just to mark Prof. Durosaro's exit from active service but to celebrate a life devoted to learning, mentorship and nation building.

Prof. Kilani said that Prof.

Durosaro's ties to the University of Ilorin are deeply rooted. "A distinguished alumna of the institution, she is also the wife of one of the University's pioneer leaders", he said, noting that "her connection to the University of Ilorin is particularly special." The Alumni President said, "Not only is she a proud product of our great institution, but she has also remained an important part of the University of Ilorin family and its history through this bond."

Beyond her academic record, the Alumni President highlighted Prof. Durosaro's contributions to society through research, teaching and mentorship. He commended her humility and commitment to excellence, adding that she has continued to inspire students, colleagues and the wider community. "Today, we are not simply celebrating retirement, we are celebrating a life of scholarship, excellence and humility. A woman whose love and dedication have left an indelible mark on the university and beyond," Prof. Kilani concluded.

Other speakers at the event paid glowing tributes to Prof. Durosaro, describing her as an exceptional leader, achiever, goal-getter, woman of humility and resilience, problem solver, promoter of gender advocacy and an astute educational manager.

They noted that she taught beyond the classroom, positively transforming and impacting many lives both within and outside the University community.

Among those present at the event were Prof. U. B. Eke; Prof. Mary O. Esere; and Prof. Florence Adeoti, among others.

Families, religious leaders must work together to tackle insecurity—Alaro

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The Director of Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRazzaq AbdulMajeed Alaro, has stressed the need for families, religious leaders and communities to work together in tackling insecurity in Nigeria.

Prof. Alaro, who teaches at the Department of Islamic Law, gave the charge last Thursday (September 3, 2026) in his office while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the Islamic solution to “Drivers of Insecurity in Nigeria,” where he examined the causes of insecurity and proposed Islamic and community-based approaches to addressing the challenge.

He advocated a collective culture that promotes moral integrity, exposes corruption and protects public welfare.

The don called for the rebuilding of family structures, with stronger parental guidance and household accountability serving as an important line of defence against crime.

He further advocated empowering local Imams to contribute to intelligence gathering and community cohesion, stressing that security is inherently local.

Prof. Alaro identified poverty and economic exclusion, weak enforcement of the rule of law, corruption and the erosion of ethical values among the primary drivers of insecurity in Nigeria.

He said widespread poverty and



■ *Prof. Alaro*

resource inequality create fertile grounds for radicalisation and survivalist crime, while inadequate enforcement of the rule of law and pervasive impunity undermine public confidence in security agencies.

He also raised concerns about the “insecurity economy,” asking who supplies bandits and terrorists with essential items such as food and fuel.

The don noted that violent conflicts claimed more than 4,600 lives, while 3,141 citizens were kidnapped nationwide in 2025. He added that ransom demands increased from ₦11 billion in 2024 to ₦48 billion in 2025, while ransom payments rose by 147 per

cent to ₦2.57 billion. Nigeria, he said, ranks fourth globally on the Global Terrorism Index.

Prof. Alaro identified injustice as a significant root cause of insecurity and called for reforms to address vulnerabilities among young people. He noted that a significant portion of extremist group members stem from unintegrated non-Western or Almajiri educational structures.

He advocated modernising local educational systems through prudent governance to transform vulnerable youths into modern innovators rather than security threats.

He also highlighted the contributions of Muslim scholars such as Ibn Sina, Al-Khwarizmi and Abulcasis to global science.

Prof. Alaro placed the protection of human life at the centre of the Islamic framework for security, describing it as one of the paramount objectives of Shariah. He cited Qur'anic and Prophetic prohibitions against the unlawful killing of human beings and emphasised the protection of non-Muslim citizens and treaty holders.

The Islamic law scholar also advocated dialogue and intellectual engagement in addressing ideological extremism, arguing that kinetic force alone remains insufficient where insecurity stems from ideological distortion. He cited the historical debate between Ibn Abbas and the Khawarij as an example of theological engagement against extremist ideas.

Ex-MD, Daily Times hails Akogun's professionalism

By *Abubakar Imam*

The Publisher of Naturenews, Africa's foremost newspaper that is focused on environment and climate change, Mr Aliu Moyo Akoshile, has commended the exemplary professionalism of the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Ako

Mr Akoshile, who is also a former Group Managing Director/ Editor-in-Chief of Daily Times Nigeria, and former MD/Editor-in-Chief of Daily Trust, made the commendation in an opinion article he wrote as part of the compendium to mark the centenary of Daily Times, Nigeria's oldest surviving newspaper.

The media executive noted that he would remain grateful to many scholars and senior journalists, including Mr Akogun, who, he said, shaped and mentored him.

He explained that Mr Akogun was among the senior colleagues whose interactions with him in the newsrooms tested him and made him who he has



Mr Akoshile

become professionally.

Mr Akogun, who attended the University of Lagos from where he earned his first and second degrees in Mass Communication, just like Mr Akoshile, joined the services of the University of Ilorin as Deputy Director in 2012.

His professionalism and hardwork culminated in his appointment as the first substantive Director of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs of the University in 2018.

Before joining the services of the University, Mr Akogun had worked in a number of media outfits including The



Mr Akogun

Herald, The Punch, The Sunray as well as ThisDay newspapers where he held senior editorial positions.

Mr Akogun's professionalism and industry as the University's image-maker contributed in no small measure to the positive ratings enjoyed by the University from several local, national and international organisations as the University was for many years adjudged as the most sought-after University and one of the most peaceful and most academically stable institutions of higher learning in Nigeria.



CPSS trains 300 volunteers to monitor 2027 general elections

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, has commenced a major election monitoring initiative ahead of the 2027 general elections, with the training of 300 volunteers to monitor and analyse political and electoral developments that could affect the credibility, peace and inclusiveness of the 2027 polls.

The initiative, known as #TrackingNaijaElection2027, is being implemented in collaboration with the Centre for Research on Development of African Media, Governance and Society (CEREDEMS), under the Nigeria Electoral Integrity & Peace Initiative (NEIPI), 2027. The volunteers were formally onboarded during a pre-deployment workshop and orientation held on Monday, August 17, 2026 at the Innovation Hub of the University.

The workshop equipped participants with skills to source, document, monitor and analyse election, political and campaign information.

Speaking on the initiative, the Director of CPSS, Prof. Abdul-Jelil Gbemisola Animasawun, said elections and other matters of public interest had remained important areas of intellectual engagement for the Centre.

He described CPSS as a centre of excellence in peace research that operates around intellectual rigour, strategic partnerships and community engagement, making electoral issues particularly relevant to its mandate.

Prof. Animasawun said the

Centre had already begun preparing the intellectual and strategic ground for the 2027 elections through its “Guest Speaker Series for Setting the Agenda for Peaceful & Credible 2027 Elections.”

He noted that the first edition of the series was held on June 11, 2026, with the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) serving as the first speaker.

He further described the collaboration with CEREDEMS as strategic and timely, saying the partnership would bring together peace research, electoral monitoring, data analysis and strategic engagement around the 2027 electoral process.

Prof. Animasawun said the decision of the CPSS to house the #Naija2027Elections Situation Room with its partners represented a continuation of the commitment to democratic consolidation and sustainable peace by the Centre.

“For us at the CPSS, housing the #Naija2027Elections Situation Room in collaboration with our partners marks a deliberate furtherance of our commitment to consolidation of democracy and sustainable peace,” he said.

He stressed that safeguarding the electoral process required sustained attention and collective responsibility rather than interventions limited to the period immediately before or after an election.

He called on individuals and organisations that shared the vision of protecting the electoral process and advancing peace and democracy to join the

initiative as collaborators.

Following the workshop, the volunteers were divided into clusters and assigned specific responsibilities, with deployment commencing on Tuesday, August 20.

Two lead facilitators were selected in each group to coordinate activities and strengthen collaboration among members.

Leading a session on “Tools for Sourcing and Documenting Election, Political and Campaign Data,” the Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Prof. Abdulrasaq Adisa, explained how systematically collected information could contribute to credible and transparent elections, electoral accountability and evidence-based policymaking.

Also, the Executive Director of CEREDEMS, Dr Mustapha Muhammed Jamiu, said the initiative represented a continuation of the election monitoring efforts by the Organisation during the 2023 general elections.

He said the previous project focused primarily on information pollution and produced a report, titled “Multidimensionality of Toxic Election Campaigns: A Critical Analysis of 2023 Nigerian Presidential Election.”

Dr Jamiu said the new initiative was designed to strengthen Nigeria's democracy by collecting and analysing relevant electoral data and transforming the findings into useful information for democratic stakeholders.

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UNILORIN don cautions students against skipping meals

By Bashir Dawodu

A Senior Lecturer at the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, University of Ilorin, Dr Joke Felicia James, has urged Nigerians, particularly students of the institution, to avoid skipping meals in order to maintain healthy living.

Dr James made this call last Wednesday, (September 2, 2026), while discussing findings from her research, titled “Implications of Meal Skipping Among Undergraduates of University of Ilorin”, during an interview with the *UNILORIN Bulletin* in her office.

The don noted that meal skipping is the act of missing one or more of the traditional main meals, breakfast, lunch, or dinner during the day.

She explained that people often miss meals due to busy schedules, lack of time, financial constraints, or as an intentional effort to reduce calorie intake for weight loss.



■ Dr James

“Meal skipping is a documented unhealthy practice associated with poor dietary choices and unhealthy nutritional patterns among undergraduates of the University of Ilorin,” Dr James said.

She pointed out that University students frequently skip meals, especially breakfast, due to tight academic schedules, early classes, lack of time, financial constraints, and poor sleep

habits.

The don added that busy lifestyles and stress from coursework often override regular eating patterns, leading many students to miss meals entirely or rely on quick snacks, which could negatively affect their health.

She said skipping meals for whatever reason could be detrimental to the health of adolescents and young adults, adding that missing breakfast among undergraduates could lead to negative health, cognitive, and academic consequences.

The health promotion expert advised that students should not be subjected to back-to-back early morning or mandatory midday classes without adequate breaks that allow them to eat. She also called for adequate access to affordable food in campus cafeterias.

She further noted that periodic, widespread awareness campaigns should be organised to educate students on how regular eating can improve cognitive function, memory and academic performance.

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According to him, the 2027 project has a broader mandate, focusing on six major areas: information integrity, electoral governance, electoral security, electoral justice and peace, artificial intelligence and elections, and inclusive participation.

He disclosed that further capacity building took place on Saturday, August 29, 2026, when the volunteers participated in a virtual masterclass, titled “Understanding Frameworks and Indices of Monitoring Nigeria's 2027 Elections.”

The Director of Research and Strategy, Mr Mutiu Iyanda, also conducted virtual training sessions to clarify the responsibilities of the various teams and guide them in carrying out their assignments.

In his remarks, Mr Iyanda urged the volunteers to take their responsibilities seriously, maintain

confidentiality and focus on transforming raw data into useful democratic insights. He said the monitoring would focus on information obtained from verified Nigerian news outlets and relevant social media sources.

He also introduced participants to the project's three-stage information refinery: evidence, action and learning, through which data would be tracked, cleaned, organised, analysed, coded and visualised before being transformed into written insights.

One of the group leaders in the Electoral Justice and Peace (EJP) group, Alonge Sunday Temitope, said the initiative offered an opportunity to apply a stronger data-driven approach to understanding and protecting electoral integrity ahead of the 2027 elections.

Mr Temitope, who is also a postgraduate student at the Centre, identified local electoral insecurity, trust deficits in institutions and voter

suppression risks as issues requiring sustained attention.

He said close monitoring of emerging issues could help civil society organisations, security actors and community leaders anticipate potential friction points early enough to prevent election-related violence, protect the rights of the voters and promote peaceful political participation.

Mr Temitope added that quality data could empower voters by reducing the influence of misinformation and providing citizens with factual information on their electoral rights, security realities and governance issues.

“When citizens have access to trustworthy insight rather than speculation, they are better equipped to hold institutions accountable, vote without fear, and make informed choices for the future,” he said.



We 'll support you, Belgore assures CILS

By Abubakar Imam

A distinguished elder-statesman, Engr Sa'adu Belgore, has assured the management and staff of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, of the support of the Belgore dynasty of Ilorin in its tasks of making the Centre more relevant.

Engr Belgore gave this assurance last Wednesday (September 2, 2026) when the delegation of the Centre led by its Director, Prof. Ali Arazeeem Abdullahi, paid him a working visit at his Basin Road Residence, Ilorin.

The renowned entrepreneur, who received the delegation on behalf of the Head of the Family and former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Saliu Modibbo Alfa Belgore, GCON, expressed delight with the decision of the Centre to document the histories of some prominent families in Ilorin Emirate through documentary film, saying that the family would cooperate fully in ensuring the realisation of the dream.

Engr Belgore said that the project would be an opportunity to properly document the contributions of members of the selected families to the growth and development of the Ilorin Emirate and the nation at large as he also said that it would

be a remarkable legacy that would be left behind for generations unborn.

Speaking earlier, Prof. Abdullahi said that the visit was to introduce the new management of the Centre to the respected Belgore family.

Prof. Abdullahi, who was accompanied by his Deputy, Dr Mahmud Danjuma, among others, informed his host of the desire of the Centre to document the histories of many of the prominent families whose contributions earned the University's host community honour at national and international levels

AbdulRahman emerges LCMCS's President

By Abubakar Imam

A Chief Nursing Officer at the University Health Services, Dr Aishat Funmilayo AbdulRahman, has emerged as the new President of the LifeCare Multipurpose Cooperative Society (LCMCS).

The election of Dr AbdulRahman was the highlight of the Annual General Meeting of the Society, which held last Wednesday (September 2, 2026) at the Union Cooperative Secretariat.

Dr AbdulRahman, who recently completed her doctorate degree in Health Education at the University, succeeded another Chief Nursing Officer, Mrs Rosemary Ronke Olusegun.

Speaking after her emergence, Dr AbdulRahman expressed her

profound gratitude to members of the Society for the confidence reposed in her.

She assured members that she and other members of the executive committee of the Society would spare no effort at ensuring the growth and development of the Society as she also assured them of efficient service delivery and transparency.

The new President, who said the membership of the Society is not restricted to only staff members of the



Mrs. Olusegun (right) handing over to Dr AbdulRahman

Clinic, enjoined staff of other units to enjoy the Society for better service delivery.

Don't abandon Awobuluyi's path to national development, Okewande urges FG

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Acting Head of the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Ilorin, Dr Oluwole Tewogbade Okewande, has cautioned the Federal Government against plans to scrap the use of indigenous languages as a medium of instruction in primary schools.

Dr Okewande gave this warning last Wednesday, (September 2, 2026), while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

He said that socio-economic development would continue to elude Nigeria for as long as it fails to sustain the policy canvassed by the University's first Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Oladele Awobuluyi.

According to him, Prof. Awobuluyi, the pioneer Head of the then Department of Linguistics, advocated the development of indigenous languages until his last breath.

Dr Okewande said, "There is no country that attained development that taught its children in the language of its colonisers rather than what he called 'languages of the soil'."

He noted that other countries have institutes dedicated to the development of their indigenous



■ Dr Okewande

languages through researches on lexicon, structure, vocabulary and dictionaries, among others.

Nigeria, he added, remains indebted to the late Prof. Awobuluyi and his academic collaborators, such as the late Prof. Ayo Bamgbose, for their contributions to the development of Yoruba. Their work, he said, has made it possible to teach science subjects in the language.

Dr Okewande further urged more state governments to conduct parliamentary proceedings in indigenous languages. He called on all stakeholders to work towards the preservation, development and promotion of indigenous

languages, as it is the standard practice in developed nations.

Speaking on the strides of the Department, the don said the University produced its first graduate of Hausa in the just-concluded academic session. The Igbo unit graduated its third set with five students, while 45 students graduated in Yoruba.

He said the Department is working towards the inclusion of more indigenous languages after mobilising host communities.

According to him, "Nigeria has about 500 languages, and many are yet to attain the level of documentation, or usage in the mass media" he noted. He, however, disclosed that the Department has contributed to the development of Taro, an endangered language spoken in Niger State by graduating a Linguistics student who worked on the language.

Dr Okewande described Linguistics as "the scientific study of language in general" and a lucrative course for bilingual and multilingual candidates

He said, "Job opportunities await graduates in language development institutions, policy-making agencies, media outfits, diplomatic offices and educational institutions, among others."

Two UNILORIN staff elected as IMAN national officers

By Mustafa Abubakar

Two members of staff of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulrasheed Nasir and Prof. Hadijat Olaide Raji, have emerged as national officers of the Islamic Medical Association of Nigeria (IMAN) for the 2026–2029 tenure.

While Prof. Nasir emerged as the National Vice President I, Prof. Raji became the National Treasurer.

The appointments were made at the just concluded Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association held at the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Nasir is the Director of the Stem Cell Centre of the University, while Prof. Raji is the Manager of the



■ Prof. Nasir

Medical Screening Centre of the University.

The two academics are among



■ Prof. Raji

the 17 national officers appointed to steer the affairs of IMAN for the next three-years.



Works Dept holds workshop on project management

By Isaac Lewu

The Works Department of the University of Ilorin has organised a workshop on Project Execution, Monitoring, Evaluation and Risk Management. The programme was aimed at strengthening staff capacity for effective management and delivery of infrastructure projects.

The workshop, held last Thursday, (September 3, 2026), at the Auditorium Basement, was facilitated by the Director of Works, Engr. R. K. A. Amao, MNSE, in collaboration with Engr. Peter Jolayemi, CEO, Lukegbenle Jolayemi Nig. Ltd., and Alh. Ibrahim Jimoh of Rahi Nig. Ltd., as co-workshop partners.

The training focused on practical approaches to ensuring that University projects are properly executed, monitored, evaluated and managed against potential risks.

The training also examined the growing infrastructure demands confronting universities in Africa, with particular attention to the need for sustainable and strategic approaches to infrastructure development in the face of increasing student enrolment and limited resources.

In his presentation, Mr Amao highlighted the infrastructure challenges facing Nigerian universities, including rapid enrolment expansion, ageing infrastructure and the widening gap between infrastructure needs and available



■ Mr Amao

funding.

According to Mr Amao, the funding gap requires universities to explore available interventions and financing mechanisms, include support from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), internally generated funds and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP).

The Director noted that the situation had made strategic leadership in infrastructure management increasingly important, particularly in determining how universities could deliver more projects with available resources without compromising quality.

The presentation further placed the University of Ilorin within the context of a rapidly expanding institution, noting that the University has more than 60,000 students, 16 Faculties, over 200 buildings and approximately 15,000 square

hectares of land.

The workshop equally explored strategic leadership issues associated with project delivery, with emphasis on the need for proper planning, coordination and accountability throughout the project life cycle.

Another major area of focus was the establishment of effective Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems, which the facilitator identified as essential for tracking project progress, assessing outcomes and ensuring that projects achieve their intended objectives.

Participants were also exposed to the importance of risk management in university infrastructure development, particularly the identification of potential challenges and the adoption of appropriate mitigation strategies before such risks affect project delivery.

The workshop featured a case study of the University's experience and considered challenges and mitigation strategies, while also examining recommended actions and strategic imperatives for improving project execution and infrastructure management.

Present at the event were the Director, Physical Planning Unit (PPU), Mr Abdulrahman Toyin Jimoh, who was represented by Mr Abdulraheem B. Tajudeen; and the Head of the University Estate Unit, Dr Bolakale Sahid Baba, DDW and Head, Estate Unit, among others.

Yakubu elected Fellow of Academy of Medical Sciences

By Mubarak Oladosu

A former Director of the Central Research Laboratory, University of Ilorin, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, has been elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Nigeria, (FAMeS).

The election of the distinguished scholar, who teaches at the Department of Biochemistry, was conveyed in an internal memorandum dated August 24, 2026 and addressed

to the Vice Chancellor of the University by the honouree.

According to the memo, the Council of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Nigeria elected Prof. Yakubu into the prestigious fellowship.

The election of Prof. Yakubu was sequel to a rigorous evaluation by the Selection Committee of the Academy.

Prof. Yakubu is also a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Sciences and a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences.



■ Prof. Yakubu

Igbomina Youth Assembly honours Alabi

By Tajudeen Babamale

A prominent community-based organisation, the Igbomina Youth Assembly (IYA), has honoured the Protocol Officer to the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Mr Oluwasegun Timothy Alabi, for being a true pillar and a blessing to Igbomina Land.

The youth body presented a souvenir to Mr Alabi last Wednesday (September 2, 2026), in his office, in recognition and appreciation of his contributions, commitment, and continued support for the activities of the Igbomina Youth Assembly and the development of Igbomina land.

While presenting the souvenir, the President of the body, Mr Oyinloye Kehinde Oluwasogo, who was represented by the Vice President, Mr Adekeye Emmanuel Segun, said the Assembly appreciated Mr Alabi's commitment, dedication and exceptional support to Igbomina youths, adding that his contributions were valued and would not be taken for granted.

Responding, Mr Alabi appreciated the body for the recognition, describing it as particularly significant

because it came from his home community. He said, "There is no recognition that is as huge as being honoured at home. When one is recognised from the home front, I appreciate that more than whatever recognition any other person will want to give me".

He described the honour as a call to greater service, stressing that recognition comes with increased responsibility.

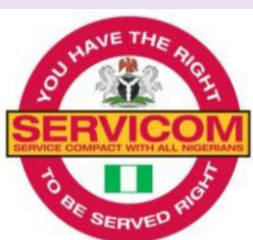
While noting that contributions to the community should be regarded as investments and the

benefits of such efforts might extend beyond the individual to future generations, Mr Alabi, therefore, urged Igbomina indigenes to contribute their quota to the development of the community in whatever capacity they could, adding that



community development is a collective responsibility.

"The community will not develop itself. We are the ones to do it. So, in whatever way that God has empowered us to do, we just do it," he submitted.



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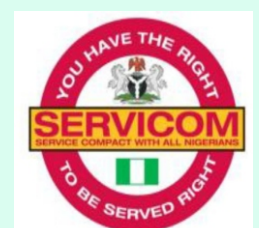
NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. I. A. Odetokun	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Head, Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine	1 st August, 2026
Prof. O. B. Akanbi	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Pathology	Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. J. G. Akorede	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology	Head, Department of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology	1 st August, 2026

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S/NO	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	ADEAPO, Kehinde Femi	Physical Sciences / Mathematics	Convergence Analysis of Three Iterative Schemes and Existence of Fixed Point with Two Contraction Mappings in Metric Space.	Thursday, 10 th September, 2026. 9:00 a.m.	PG Board Room, Postgraduate School.
2	SANI, Idi Audu	Physical Sciences / Mathematics	Established Results on Approximation of Common Fixed Points in Partially Ordered Sets and its Applications.	Thursday, 10 th September, 2026. 11:00 a.m.	PG Board Room, Postgraduate School.
3	ADEMOSU, Wuraola Tinuade	Physical Sciences / Mathematics	Geometric Properties for the Bell - Sigmoid Class of Analytic Function in Univalent Functions Theory.	Thursday, 17 th September, 2026. 9:00 a.m.	IG2 (Computer Laboratory) Block 1, Mathematics Department
4	ODUOLA, Samson Oluyemi	Physical Sciences / Mathematics	A New Method for Solving Multi-Order Fractional Differential and Integro - Differential Equations Using Canonical Polynomials as Basis Function.	Thursday, 17 th September, 2026. 12:00 noon	PG Board Room, Postgraduate School.
5	AFOLABI, Oluseun Ahmed	Physical Sciences / Mathematics	Mathematical Modeling, Optimal Control and Analysis of Lassa Fever Transmission Dynamics in Nigeria.	Tuesday, 22 nd September, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	PG Board Room, Postgraduate School.

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Renewal of Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. G. Amuda-Yusuf	Environmental Sciences / Quantity Surveying	Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Esther S. Kigir	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Anatomy	Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Anatomy	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Afisu Basiru	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry	Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. O. Ahmed	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Microbiology	Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Microbiology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. S. Z. Kadiri	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Surgery and Radiology	Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. F. Nathan	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Medicine	Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Medicine	1 st August, 2026

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University of Ilorin, Environmental Maintenance Committee



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 28TH AUGUST TO 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026

RECEIPTS:

	N
Academic Transcript	25,500.00
Capitation NHIS	1,450.00
CCSCA Application Fees	25,200.00
Sundry/Other Fees & Student Charges	290,377.78
Sundry Other Income	785,500.00
Clinic Registration (staff)	8,000.00
Transcript Charges	10,500.00
Convocation Souvenir	107,000.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	2,060,400.00
Income from Verification /Screening	710,000.00
Income from Acceptance Fees	100,000.00
CODL -Form Processing charges	100,800.00
Staff and student I.D Cards	4,000.00
Tender fees	400,000.00
Utility Income	91,500.00
Refund	6,307,721.06
Others	53,000.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	20,200.00
Postgraduate School Charges	13,664,346.00
Postgraduate Application Form	75,600.00
Postgraduate Transcript Payment	190,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	726,200.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	252,000.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	140,800.00
Institute of Education Application Form	45,600.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	101,000.00
Institute of Education School Charges	95,631,405.10
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	257,600.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,512,000.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	75,600.00
Remedial Application Form	167,200.00
Undergraduate School Charges	780,556.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	946,200.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	269,200.00
TOTAL RECEIPT FOR THE PERIOD	125,936,455.94

PAYMENTS

PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS & OTHERS:

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IBRAHAB GLOBAL RESOURCES LTD	RENOVATION OF DENTISTRY DEPARTMENT OLD COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE	7,319,685.75
OWONIBOYS ENGINEERING SERVICES LTD	REPLACEMENT OF ENGINE AND OTHER REPAIRS	16,290,378.00
OGUNWUYI .D. RONKE	LEGION STAFF SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST	5,406,000.00
AJEIGBE TAOFEEQ AND OTHERS	VIGLLANTE GROUP STAFF SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST	3,432,000.00
AKINLABI AKINWUNMI KASHEEF AND OTHERS	STAFF SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST (NOT ON GIFMIS)	24,220,013.85
OLATUNJI MICHAEL DEJI AND OTHERS	CONTRACT SECURITY STAFF SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST	2,646,441.00
KALEJAIYE HASSAN KEHINDE	CONTRACT STAFF SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF	7,432,762.62
ABE AYODEJI	MAINTENANCE OF QFFICE EQUIPMENT	97,000.00
KINGS GUARDS NIG LTD	SECURITY AND RELATED MATTER	12,964,050.00
TOKS BUSHRA RESOURCES	RENOVATION OF OFFICE	433,318.39
ABDULKAREEM SULEIMAN & OTHERS	RESEARCH GRANT (TETFUND)	14,927,000.00
OLORUNSUWA ELIJAH AND OTHERS	SDA (TETFUND)	11,580,000.00
SIDIQAT ADERINOYE ABDULWAHAB	LEARNED CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL(TETFUND)	5,220,816.50
RANI EMERAID ENERGY SERVICES	SUPPLY OF SOLAR PUMPING MACHINE	1,044,000.00
ADEX ADEOYE ELECTRICAL WORKS	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR INVERTTER SYSTEM	27,272,212.50
AKINOLA OLUWOLE BUSAYO	RESEARCH GRANT	12,603,280.44
LAKEHOUSE BUSINESS NETWORK LTD	PROCUREMENT OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND ACCESSORIES (TETFUND)	17,462,398.91
BALOGUN GAMBARI/FAVOUR CONVENANT	CONSTR OF WOODEN AND METAL STOOLS (TETFUND)	14,397,475.11
ALAO ADENIKE AND OTHERS	3 MONTHS (JAN-MARCH) 2023 MINIMUM WAGES ARREARS	18,113,899.58
MULAK GLOBAL OPTIMUM LTD	REPAIR OF DAMAGED ROOF BY RAINSTORM	6,632,330.62
GLOBAL BUSINESS MACHINE	SUPPLY OF PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE FOR DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS	1,892,000.00
ALABI BIODUN SULYMAN	TETFUND LEARNED CONFERENCE OVERSEA	5,500,000.00
Various	Various I.E DTA, IMPREST, REFUND E.T.C	49,023,677.22
Purchase Advance	Various	6,820,167.50
TOTAL TSA CHARGES	Various	179,363.75
TOTAL		272,910,271.74

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	GAMBARI TITILAYO AJARAT	REGISTRY	06-Sep
2	OLATUNJI FATAI OLASUNKANMI	OPHTHALMOLOGY	06-Sep
3	OLAYINKA UMAR BOLAJI	PLANT BIOLOGY	06-Sep
4	LAWAL SULEMAN OBA	VETERINARY MEDICINE	06-Sep
5	IMAM RAHMAT MOPELOLA	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	06-Sep
6	ADEOYE ADENIKE ADEKEMI	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	07-Sep
7	OLORUNTOBA OLUMIDE	PHYSICS	07-Sep
8	ABDULRAHMAN YUSUF AMUDA	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	07-Sep
9	MURITALA HAMDALAT FOLAKE	BIOCHEMISTRY	07-Sep
10	FOLORUNSHO AHMAD HUSSEIN	ISLAMIC LAW	07-Sep
11	DAUDA ABDULRASHEED GIDADO	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	07-Sep
12	BAKARE ALMONSOOR OLASUNKANMI	LIBRARY	07-Sep
13	ADEOYE SIKIRU ADEWALE	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	07-Sep
14	EGBEWOLE BASHIRA BUSAYOMI	LEGAL SERVICES UNIT	07-Sep
15	OLABANJO RAHMAN OLAWUYI	LIBRARY	07-Sep
16	LAWAL SIKIRU ADETONA	HAEMATOLOGY & BLOOD TRANSFUSION	08-Sep
17	ESEYIN ADEBAYO SUNDAY	PATHOLOGY	08-Sep
18	OGUNLADE REBECCA BOSEDE	REGISTRY	08-Sep
19	IDRIS YINUSA MAYOWA	EQUIPMENT MAINT. CENTRE	08-Sep
20	ADERINOLA FOLASHADE ISMAILA	REGISTRY	08-Sep
21	ADEBAYO OLALEKAN FEMI	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	08-Sep
22	SOLA-OJO FOLUKE EUNICE	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	09-Sep
23	ADEGBOYEGA VICTORIA OLUFUNSO	REGISTRY	09-Sep
24	MOHAMMED ABDULWAHEED	BURSARY	09-Sep
25	KASUM ABUBAKAR SADIQ	ACCOUNTING	09-Sep
26	GBADEBO EMMANUEL OBAFEMI	REGISTRY	09-Sep
27	ALABI MATHEW OLU	BURSARY	09-Sep
28	BABALOLA ABAYOMI	SECURITY DIVISION	09-Sep
29	ADEYEMI ELIZABETH OMOTAYO	REGISTRY	09-Sep
30	ISSA AHMED IDRIS	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	09-Sep
31	ABDULMAJEED WAHAB	PHYSIOLOGY	09-Sep
32	ADEBOYE ADENIKE ABIOLA	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	09-Sep
33	IBRAHIM BASHIRAT ABIODUN	PSYCHOLOGY	09-Sep
34	SINKAIYE OLUWASEUN UNINI	PHYSICAL PLANNING UNIT	09-Sep
35	ABDULLAHI SAADAT	CENTRE FOR OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING	09-Sep
36	AYODELE MOYO JUMOKE	LIBRARY	09-Sep
37	MUHAMMAD ABDULRASHEED ALADA	POLITICAL SCIENCE	10-Sep
38	ALABI TAOFIQ ADEDAYO	ENGLISH	10-Sep
39	OSENI ATTAMAH JOSEPH	REGISTRY	10-Sep
40	ABDULRAHAMAN NURUDEEN OLAITAN	COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES -WORKS UNIT	10-Sep
41	ABDULSALAMI MURITALA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	10-Sep
42	OBALOWU WASILAT TANWA	SECURITY DIVISION	10-Sep
43	POPOOLA JOSHUA OLUSOGO	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	11-Sep
44	IDOWU AMOS SESAN	MATHEMATICS	11-Sep
45	AGBALE IGUNNU THEOPHILUS	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	11-Sep
46	AJAPE UTHMAN	REGISTRY	11-Sep
47	AUDU ISIAKA	SECURITY DIVISION	11-Sep
48	FAJONYOMI AYODELE ANTHONY	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	11-Sep
49	YUSUF MUJITABA BATURE	ARABIC	11-Sep
50	KAREEM MURITALA BOLAJI	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	11-Sep
51	ADESHINA FATIMA OMOWUMI	VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL	11-Sep
52	ASHIYANBI AMINAT OLAMIDE	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	11-Sep
53	OLORUNSUWA ELIJAH OLA	POLITICAL SCIENCE	11-Sep
54	ADEGBOLA JAMES OBAFEMI	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	12-Sep
55	EYINLA BOLADE MICHAEL	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	12-Sep
56	AUDU TOLORUNJU BASHIR	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	12-Sep
57	OYEKUNLE RAFIAT AJIBADE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	12-Sep
58	ADEYEMI MOSHOOD FOLORUNSHO	DENTISTRY	12-Sep
59	SALMAN ABDURASAQ	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	12-Sep
60	YUNUSA MOHAMMED	REGISTRY	12-Sep
61	MOHAMMED SHEREEFDEEN DEJI	REGISTRY	12-Sep
62	JIDDA KAFAYAH ADEOLA	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	12-Sep
63	ISAAC TAIYE SUNDAY	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	12-Sep



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Hearty Cheers to a legal icon and philanthropist

Today, as always, the Governing Council,
Senate, Management, Staff, and Students of
the University of Ilorin rejoice with you,

**Prof. Yusuf Olaolu
Ali, SAN**

on the auspicious occasion
of your 70th birthday

You embody the very best of the legal profession. As a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and an international arbitrator of repute, you have raised the bar of excellence, integrity, and advocacy. Beyond the courtroom, your legendary generosity and unwavering commitment to the development of education have left indelible marks on our great University.

At 70, you stand as a beacon of wisdom, humility, and service. You are a pride to the Bar, and to humanity.

We pray that Almighty Allah continues to grant you good health, strength, and many more years of impactful service to the nation and mankind.

Congratulations

Signed
Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice Chancellor



Alabi, ex-Provost, CoHS, becomes pioneer VC, AFCOM&HS

By Abubakar Imam

The immediate past Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, has been appointed the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the newly established Armed Forces College of Medicine & Health Sciences (AFCOM&HS), Yaba, Lagos.

The letter of appointment dated August 27, 2026 and signed by the Minister of Education, Dr Tunji Alausa, CON, explained that the appointment takes effect from September 1, 2026.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* after receiving the letter of appointment, Prof. Alabi, who is also a former Director of Clinical Services at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, thanked the Federal Government for the privilege given him to head the new specialised institution.

Prof. Alabi, who is an expert on Ear, Nose and Throat, said that the appointment is an opportunity for him to offer more contributions to human capital development, particularly in the medical profession.

While assuring the Minister of Education, Dr Maruf Tunji Alausa and the Federal Government of his determination to give the institution his best, Prof. Alabi also assured the University of Ilorin that he would continue to serve as a good ambassador of the University.

Prof. Alabi, who was born in Ilorin about 60 years ago, graduated from the University of Lagos with the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1991. He, thereafter, underwent specialised training on head and neck surgery at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Lagos. He also earned the Fellowships of both the West African and National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria in 2002.

In 2014, the new Vice Chancellor bagged his Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. He had earlier earned a Certificate in Health Information from the same University in 2010. He eventually capped his alluring academic credentials with a Doctor of Medicine from the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, Lagos.

Prof. Alabi, who started his career at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital in 1991, transferred his services to the University of Ilorin as a Lecturer II at the Faculty of Clinical Sciences in 2002. He subsequently rose through the ranks and became a Professor in 2014.

He was elected Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin on December 9, 2022 and rounded off his tenure on July 31, 2026.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University



■ Prof. Alabi

of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed joy with the appointment of Prof. Alabi.

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor, who first broke the news of the appointment during the last meeting of the University Senate last Monday (August 31, 2026), said that he was not surprised with the appointment of Prof. Alabi as he said that he possesses wonderful leadership qualities that can not be glossed over or ignored.

The Vice Chancellor recalled the stimulating performances of Prof. Alabi as a staff member of the University and particularly as the Provost of the University's College of Health Sciences and Chairman of the Committee of Provost and Deans during which he also served as the Chairman of the Committee of Provosts of Colleges of Medicine of Nigerian Universities.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also a Member of the Nigerian Body of Benchers, described Prof. Alabi as an uncommon asset to the nation and most especially to its health and University sectors.

Prof. Egbewole expressed conviction that Prof. Alabi would spare no effort in building a sound and enduring foundation for the new institution.

On behalf of the Governing Council, management, staff and students of the University of Ilorin, the Vice Chancellor wished Prof. Alabi a very peaceful and rewarding tenure.