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## DSS seeks support to enhance internal security ..as Egbewole hails Service's performance



■ Prof. Egbewole (right) presenting a certificate to the representative of the DSS DG, Mr Ikenweuwe, after the Lecture last Wednesday

By Mustafa Abubakar, Tajudeen Babamale, and Isaac Lewu

The Director-General of the Department of State Services (DSS), Mr Oluwatosin Adeola Ajayi, MON, has urged stakeholders in the country's security architecture to collaborate more closely with the Service to identify and train highly dedicated individuals with access to critical information that will enhance internal security.

Mr Ajayi made the appeal last Wednesday (February 12, 2024) while delivering the 2025 Distinguished Personality Lecture of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin. The Lecture, titled "The Role of the DSS in Security, Peacekeeping, and National Integration", was held at the University Auditorium.

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## Why JAMB retains 16-year minimum age for admission – Oloyede

..... Unilorin eyes growth in JAMB quota – Egbewole

By Mustafa abubakar and Tajudeen Babamale

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has said that the Board retained 16 years as the minimum age for admission into tertiary institutions in the country to accommodate exceptional candidates who meet all academic requirements

and to ensure that qualified admission seekers do not face unnecessary delays in their academic progression.

Prof. Oloyede made this known last Monday (February 10, 2025) during a visit to the University of Ilorin CBT Registration Centre, where he monitored the ongoing registration of candidates for the 2025 UTME exercise. (Contd. on page 4)



■ Prof. Oloyede

## Narratives of women inferiority dangerous -- Amoloye-Adebayo



■ Prof. Amoloye-Adebayo

By Festus Ogunyinka

The protection of the rights of women occupies a centre place in Islamic Law, therefore, the "narratives of women inferiority are dangerous because they seek to dehumanise women, rob them of agency and legitimise the channels of perpetration of violence against women." This was the thrust of the 274th Inaugural

Lecture of the University of Ilorin, delivered by a Professor of Islamic Law, Azizat Omotoyosi Amoloye-Adebayo last Thursday (February 13, 2025.)

The Lecture, titled "Islamic Law and the Woman's Agency", was delivered under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. (Contd. on page 5)

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# UNIFEMGA honours Oloyede, Ali, Raji, Amoo

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Professor Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede; Professor of Practice, Olaolu Ali, SAN; Associate Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law at the University of Ilorin, Dr Barakat A. Raji, and the Director of Works of the University, Mr Ramoni Amoo, were among the 29 people honoured by Obafemi Awolowo University Muslim Graduates' Association (UNIFEMGA) penultimate Saturday (February 8, 2025).

The event, the 15th edition of the UNIFEMGA National Honours Award, was to honour the alumni for their meritorious services in their various chosen careers and their alma Mater.

Speaking in Ilorin at the event themed "Nigeria's Economic Reforms:- Mitigating the Challenges through Sustainable Economic Measures", Prof. Emerit. Oloyede, who is the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), urged Nigerians to remain united and work in synergy towards ensuring better growth and development of the country.

The Professor Emeritus, who was



honoured with the award of 'Selfless Service to Humanity', said working as a united people helps drive growth and prosperity.

According to him, people who share common faith and values can come together in unity to contribute to the society.

In his remarks Prof. Yusuf Ali, SAN, said that it is in "our common interest to do good at all times."

He said many individuals have started with nothing but today God has blessed them to an unimaginable level.

He advised wealthy individuals to

inculcate the habit of assisting the needy in the society.

Also speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, other awardees, Dr Barakat A. Raji and Mr Rahman Amoo, expressed confidence that the awards given them would make them contribute more to human development.

They noted that the honour stands as a testament to their contributions to the growth of the Association and development of the nation.

# UNILORIN @ 50 'll be memorable -Mokuolu

By *Abubakar Imam*

The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Golden Jubilee Anniversary Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, has, again, assured members of the University community and the general public that the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration would be epoch-making.

Prof. Mokuolu, who stated this last Monday (February 10, 2025) while speaking at the meeting of the Committee, explained that no effort shall be spared towards ensuring that each of the series of events lined up to mark the anniversary is fantastic and memorable.

The renowned Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health added that a globally renowned intellectual, who is also conversant with the African University system and public policy analysis had been contacted to serve as the Anniversary Speaker.

Prof. Mokuolu, who thanked members of the Committee for their cooperation so far, explained that the University Administration is also ready to support the Committee towards discharging its duties effectively.

He commended the sense of volunteering and commitment being



■ *Prof. Mokuolu*

vigorously displayed by the alumni and friends of the University before and since the unveiling of the anniversary logo.

Prof. Mokuolu disclosed that some alumni of the University have already given their commitment to supporting the Committee as he stated that a particular alumnus of the College of Health Sciences had shown profound interest in supporting the Committee in the design of a fascinating website through which members of the alumni and other friends of the University can lend one form of support or the other.

While stating that individual participation by the alumni would be

welcomed, Prof. Mokuolu disclosed that group participation among products of the University would also be appreciated.

On fund raising, the Chairman explained that all staff of the University would be encouraged to be involved as he charged chairmen of the various staff unions on the campus to also key in to facilitate the support of their members.

To this end, Prof. Mokuolu disclosed that the Committee had opened an account with the UNILORIN Microfinance Bank while the opening of another account with a conventional bank has almost been concluded.

Assessing the contributions of various sub-committees, the Chairman encouraged Sub-Committees Chairmen to leverage their administrative experience towards stimulating their members for effective participation.

Prof. Mokuolu, who also recalled his recent appearance on UNILORIN FM where he intimated members of the public on the mandate of his Committee and preparations so far, said that arrangements would be made for Chairmen of the various Sub-Committees to be featured on similar media programmes for them to also apprise the public on the various levels of preparations for the anniversary celebration.

# Egbewole hails DSS' performance

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Represented by the Assistant Director-General of Intelligence, Mr. Patrick Ikenweibe, the Director-General stressed the need to sustain the enlistment of talented and committed citizens to help neutralise security threats and support nation-building.

He observed that the current perception of security and intelligence organisations as enemies rather than friends must be addressed, as it affects the quality and quantity of intelligence produced and by extension impacts peace building and national integration.

Speaking on the challenges in DSS intervention efforts, Mr Ajayi said, "There are circumstances where stakeholders exhibit utmost disregard for intelligence estimates, regardless of the implications. The Service also has to contend with legal, human rights and jurisdictional constraints as some of its interventions can inevitably blur the lines of law and rights. Inter-agency rivalry is also a stumbling block for the Service to effectively carry out its onerous task".

To address these challenges, the DSS Director-General called for the strengthening of institutional frameworks, re-orientation on the roles of intelligence agencies, and a review of recruitment and staffing processes. He also urged stakeholders to increase their support for the DSS, particularly in terms of funding and valuing the intelligence outputs provided for them.

In his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, commended the Department of State Services (DSS) for their significant contributions to national security.

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria, who noted improvements in the security situation in the North-East and North-West regions of the country, attributed the progress to the efforts of the DSS, especially under the leadership of Mr. Oluwatosin Adeola Ajayi as Director-General.

The Vice Chancellor said while the



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Prof. Jawondo,

DSS operates discreetly, it is, however, important for the Service to communicate its achievements to Nigerians, particularly at this time. He said, "With the emergence of Mr Ajayi as DG of the Service, the story has changed positively. It is, therefore, important, as an academic community, to listen to how this has happened, to listen to how it is happening, and to investigate how peace can be better enhanced in the country."

Speaking earlier, the Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, fspssp, said



■ Mr Ikenweibe

the Centre and the DSS have had longstanding and symbiotic relationship. He pointed out that the Centre regularly admits and graduates DSS personnel and supports the National Institute for Security Studies, Abuja, through affiliation.

Prof. Jawondo said, "I am glad to inform you that our association with the DSS has been long and we have been to ourselves dependable allies. Sir, every year we admit and graduate their men from our Centre. Also, through affiliation, we have continued to service the National Institute for Security Studies, Abuja. ... with this analysis, you would agree with me that the impact of the Centre cuts across human strata in Nigeria and beyond and are indelible".

The CPSS Director, however, said that the Public Lecture was aimed at strengthening the relationship between the DSS and the Centre, while jointly working to formulate new theories and practices in peace education for the general public.

Prof. Jawondo appreciated the Vice Chancellor for the tremendous support the Centre had been receiving since he assumed office, saying that the Centre, from zero professor, now has two full professors, two Associate professors and two new academic staff in addition to other faculty ranks.

The Director appealed to the authorities of the State Services for assistance in whole or in part on some items which will aid academic activities and research development and which are to be named after the indefatigable DG-DSS.

In a goodwill message, a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, commended the DSS for its resourcefulness, dependability, and commitment to national security, saying that the Service was very instrumental to the peace enjoyed by the University during his tenure as Vice Chancellor.

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## Why JAMB retains 16-year minimum age for admission – Oloyede

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The Registrar said JAMB had initially considered preventing under 16 candidates from writing the UTME, but the Board observed that this could deny the exceptionally brilliant students among them the opportunities to prove their mettle. To address this, he said an indemnity process was introduced, which requires all underage candidates to formally declare their extraordinary academic abilities before being allowed to take the examination.

While analysing the performance of underage candidates over the past decade, the JAMB Registrar revealed that 70% of them failed to achieve their academic goals and many later expressed regret over their early entry into universities.

Prof. Oloyede, who is a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, also recounted an experience from his tenure as Vice-Chancellor of the University. He said, "There was a case where I had to plead with a student to complete his studies for his father's sake. The father wanted him to study Medicine, and he made it to 600 level. But just three months before his final exams, he refused to write them. Despite all efforts, he left, later enrolled at the University of Lagos, studied Mass Communication, and graduated with a First-Class."

The JAMB Registrar criticised parents who pressure their children into careers solely to boost their own status. "Some parents misdirect their children out of selfishness. They want to use them to decorate their CVs, by saying, 'I am the father of a doctor' or 'I am the father of a lawyer.' But they fail to consider what is best for the child", he lamented.

While sharing his impression of the UNILORIN CBT Centre accredited for registration of UTME and DE candidates and its compliance with laid-down rules, the JAMB Registrar said that the performance of the University of Ilorin UTME Registration Centre and other centres across the state has been excellent. He also took time to commend the CBT centres, the staff of JAMB, and the security agents participating in the exercise.

Prof. Oloyede, who



**■ The JAMB Registrar, Prof. Oloyede, explaining a point to newsmen while the UNILORIN Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, and others listen during the monitoring exercise last Monday**

acknowledged a significant improvement from past challenges of inefficiencies and excuses eight years ago, attributed the efficiency of the process of the 2025 exercise to the dedication and competence of JAMB staff in upholding high standards. He equally credited security agencies for maintaining order, and highlighted the role of telecommunications companies whose cooperation, following clear instructions, has contributed to the success of the exercise so far.

The JAMB Registrar noted that CBT Centres have shown greater compliance with regulations and those found wanting have been punished appropriately.

Prof. Oloyede also announced that six centres were recently sanctioned for engaging in blank registrations, a practice linked to exam malpractice, and were suspended for a week as a corrective measure before being called for a meeting where they issued formal apologies. Although JAMB initially considered a two-week suspension, he said the Board opted for a shorter duration to prevent penalising innocent candidates who had registered with those centres.

To maintain integrity, he said JAMB has now identified and blacklisted specific individuals responsible for the infractions. Regardless of their future roles, even if they become lecturers or Vice Chancellors, Prof. Oloyede said they would remain permanently excluded from all JAMB-related activities.

Prof. Oloyede, however, used the opportunity provided by the monitoring tour to explain how the University of Ilorin emerged as the winner of the National Tertiary Admissions' Performance-Merit Award (NATAP-M Award) for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic sessions, saying that the most sought-after University in Nigeria met all requirements and complied with admission guidelines.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed optimism that the admission quota of the University for the 2025 Admission Exercise would increase, citing the numerous facilities and improvements put in place by the Institution. He noted that these developments have better positioned the University to accommodate a larger number of candidates.

Commenting on the ongoing UTME registration at the UNILORIN CBT Centre, Prof. Egbewole said that the process has been smooth and very orderly, stating that the system put in place by JAMB has significantly facilitated the process this year.

The Vice Chancellor praised the University's collaboration with JAMB and the seamless coordination of the registration process, which has made it easier for candidates to complete their registration without any major challenges.

## Egbewole hails DSS' performance

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The Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Noah Yusuf, affirmed that the University Centre for Peace and Security Studies (CPSS) would continue to collaborate with the CPSS on various initiatives.

Similarly, the Vice Chancellor of

Ojaja University, Eiyenkorin, Prof. Jelele Olasunkanmi Ojuade, applauded the DSS DG for breaking from the agency's usual secrecy to present the public lecture. He explained the importance of bridging the gap between the academia and the public, noting that the lecture's content was critical for achieving national security goals.

Meanwhile, the Olojoku of Ojoku

in Oyun Local Government area of Kwara State, HRH Oba AbdulRazaq Adegboyega Seni III, who also attended the Lecture, praised the CPSS for prioritising Nigeria's security by engaging security leaders to inform citizens about ongoing efforts to safeguard lives and property.

# Narratives of women inferiority dangerous -- Amoloye-Adebayo

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According to the Inaugural Lecturer, the inspiration for the title of the Lecture came from a 12-year old poser from her earlier lecture, entitled "Islamic Law for Men? Or for Everyone? The Dilemmatic Question of a Muslim Woman."

Describing Islamic Law as an "amalgamation of Sharīah and Fiqh as both the divine and human component of the law", Prof. Amoloye-Adebayo drew a distinctive line between feminism and gender, which, according to her, "emerged in reaction to the theory of male dominance in life experiences."

The Inaugural Lecturer, who is the Head of the Department of Islamic Law, pointed out that the Judeo-Christian and Islamic origin of creation is biased to the extent of depicting the creation of woman as an after-thought, inferior or mere helpers to men, arguing that the woman is the other half of creation, the opposite of the man. She buttressed her view with quotation from the Holy Qur'an, "O People! reverence your Guardian-Lord, who created you from a single being and created from it, it's mate and spread from these two, many men and women" (Q4:1; Q39:6).

While stressing the need for synergy between man's agency and woman's agency, Prof. Amoloye-Adebayo said that most contemporary interpretations of Islamic law is informed by colonial androcentrism.

She, therefore, called for equitable relations in matters of Islamic Law and private affairs between men and women, and Islamic Law and public affairs between men and women, concerning leadership, spiritual and temporal.

According to the first Professor of Islamic Law at the University of Ilorin, "The emphasis on equitable relations is the bedrock of regulations in Islamic Law, as provided in Q57:25 that: 'We sent

a foretime our messengers with clear signs and sent down with the Book and the Balance (of Right and Wrong), that human beings may conduct themselves with equity"

For women to grow out of unnecessary limiting factors to their self actualisation, Prof. Amoloye-Adebayo called on women to have the courage to pursue scholarship in Islamic Law, despite men's domination of

the field, so that they don't use their life experiences to validate the toga of women inferiority.

The Inaugural Lecturer, who is the first female Faculty member in the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, described herself as a Woman Agent in the study of Islamic Law, and expressed the concern that it could take such a long time to produce a female Professor in Islamic Law.

Prof. Amoloye-Adebayo, who is also a member of the Editorial Board of **UNILORIN Bulletin**, canvassed for the encouragement of the scholarship of Muslim women in Islamic Law, saying that women should be encouraged to exercise the courage needed in a male dominated area of Islamic Law.

She also called for the amendment of the provisions of the Child's Right Act, 2003 "to bring the Islamic law position on early marriage within its purview". According to her, "It is believed that if the idea of the best interest of the child is given more prominence than the prohibition of marriages of young persons under 18 for



The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Amoloye-Adebayo (left), presenting the lecture notes to the Vice Chancellor last Thursday

early marriages, it will provide a religiously authentic basis for review of such marriages".

Prof. Amoloye-Adebayo who has so far supervised 300 undergraduate projects, 23 Master degree dissertations, has also graduated a Ph.D student. She has also served her Department, Faculty and the University Community on various standing and adhoc committees in the past two decades.

A researcher of international repute, the 274<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecturer had represented Africa in several world academic fora. In 2013, she presented a research on Transnational Judicial Dialogue at Pluricourts in Oslo, Norway and in 2019, she was also African Representative for Young Scholars Residential Fellowship Award in Law and Religion, International Centre for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS), Provo, Utah.

The well attended Lecture was graced by Principal Officers of the University, senior academics and dignitaries from far and wide.

# Egbewole congratulates Adimula on new appointment

By Bashirat Omotoso

The Management of the University of Ilorin under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated Dr Ruth A. Adimula of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) on her appointment as Tax Appeal Tribunal Commissioner, Lagos Panel II by the Federal Ministry of Finance and Coordinating Ministry of Economy, Abuja.

A memo signed by the Registrar,

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, a copy of which was made available to UNILORIN Bulletin last Wednesday (February 13, 2025), revealed that Dr Adimula's appointment was well deserved.

Mr Alfanla noted that "this prestigious appointment is a testament to your expertise, exceptional dedication and contributions to the adjudication of tax disputes as well as other related matters".

He added that the appointment is indeed a mark of honour, which is a testament to her sterling leadership qualities

and a reward for her commitment and integrity in the service of humanity.

The Registrar stated that "the University management acknowledges the significance of your role and is confident that your wealth of knowledge and experience will greatly benefit the tribunal.

He added that it is hoped that "you will do the University proud in your new role and looks forward to your impactful contributions."

## VC urges ASALLIN to embrace technology with caution

By Bashir Dawodu

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has advised members of the Academic Society for Arabic Language and Literature in Nigeria (ASALLIN) to exercise caution in adopting modern technology, particularly as it relates to teaching aids.

Prof. Egbewole gave this advice last Monday (February 10, 2025) in his remarks at the 19th International Conference organised by ASALLIN in collaboration with the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, University of Ilorin. The conference, held at the University Auditorium, was themed "Towards Modernising Arabic Curricula and the Use of Modern Teaching Aids."

Prof. Egbewole, who was also the Chief Host of the Conference, stressed the importance of leveraging technology to enhance learning while being mindful of its potential challenges.

He highlighted the need for fundamental regulations to guide technological advancements to benefit the society at large.

The Vice Chancellor also called on ASALLIN to collaborate with the University of Ilorin to reshape and reposition Arabic language scholars.

He welcomed participants from all 36 states of Nigeria to Ilorin, which he described as the "City of Arabic Language."

Prof. Egbewole urged ASALLIN members to continue their efforts in promoting Arabic language and literature in Nigeria.

In his keynote address, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Al-Isra University, Amman, Jordan, Prof. Hashim Salih Manna, stressed that modernisation is essential for Arabic language education.

He explained that Arabic, as a flexible language, has historically embraced influences from other languages without losing its originality and charm.



The Professor of Literature and Criticism stressed the importance of integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI), critical thinking skills, and advanced teaching methods into the Arabic curricula.

The Jordanian poet argued that modernisation is key to improving the quality of education and ensuring that Arabic remains relevant in today's world.

In his welcome address, the National President of ASALLIN, Prof. Ibrahim Abubakar Imam, reaffirmed that Arabic is a living language that continues to evolve alongside global civilisation.

He stated that ASALLIN is committed to developing innovative teaching methods to enhance Arabic education in Nigeria.

Prof. Imam also praised Ilorin for its rich academic heritage and thanked Prof. Egbewole for the hospitality extended to ASALLIN members during the Conference.

Also speaking at the event, the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Shaykh Lukman Alade Jimoh, who is also the Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University, Malete, described the 19th International Conference of ASALLIN as a milestone for the advancement of Arabic knowledge in Nigeria.

He noted that AI and modern

technology have the potential to revolutionise teaching, enhance research opportunities, and improve education.

However, the Kwasu Vice Chancellor advised scholars to use technology responsibly, ensuring that it serves as a tool for knowledge enhancement rather than a distraction.

Prof. Jimoh also commended the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, University of Ilorin, for hosting the Conference and encouraged ASALLIN members to embrace technology in a way that strengthens Arabic language education.

The Conference featured the launch of an academic journal and an award presentation to distinguished ASALLIN members in recognition of their contributions to Arabic language and literature in Nigeria.

Some of the dignitaries at the event included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the University Librarian, Prof. Tunde Omopupa; the Chief Imam of Ilorin, Sheikh (Dr.) Muhammad Bashir Soliu, OON; the grand Ajanasi of Ilorin, Sheikh Mujitaba Yusuf Bature, among others.

## UNILORIN CBT Centres open for UTME registration

By Idris Alooma

**T**he Management of the University of Ilorin has announced that its Computer-Based Test (CBT) centres are now open for registration for this year's Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

Disclosing this in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the Director, Unilorin Directorate of Computer-Based Test, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, said that candidates for this year's UTME can register with ease at any of the University's three CBT centres.

He said that the centres are located at Unilorin Permanent Site (CBT Centre 1), Unilorin Mini Campus (CBT Centre 4), and Unilorin Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Sabo-Oke (CBT Centre 5).

Prof. Rauf assured the candidates that the state-of-the-art CBT centres are fully equipped to facilitate smooth registration for candidates.

He encouraged the candidates to take advantage of the opportunity to register now and take the first step towards securing their future.

He said that registration is currently ongoing at the designated CBT centres.



■ Prof. Rauf

# UNILORIN student shines at talents hunt contest

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

A 500-level student of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Sanusi Abdulqudus, has emerged as the second-place winner at the Shalina Young Talents Award (SYTA) grand finale held at NECA House, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos State.

The competition, which held penultimate Tuesday (February 4, 2025), featured a total of 10 finalists from various universities.

The competing schools in the finals included the University of Ilorin, University of Benin, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University (COOU), University of Lagos, and Afe Babalola University.



Others were Olabisi Danfodiyo University, and Gombe Onabanjo University, Niger State University, Delta University, Usman

## World Radio Day

### Radio takes centre stage in fight against climate change, says Alooma



■ *Mr. Alooma*

The UNILORIN FM 89.3, a leading campus radio station in Nigeria, last Thursday (February 13, 2025) joined the global conversation on the importance of radio in creating awareness about climate change on the occasion of the World Radio Day.

In an exclusive interview on a popular programme, "Waka About" on UNILORIN FM radio station to mark the Day, the Station Manager, Mr. Idris Alooma, said that the theme of this year's World Radio Day, "Radio and Climate Change", was apt as it underscores the unique role that radio plays in disseminating critical information about climate change.

The programme was anchored by Oyas Ikuemehin.

The World Radio Day is marked globally every year on 13<sup>th</sup> February, as declared by the UNESCO in 2011. The first World Radio Day was celebrated on February 13, 2012.

Mr. Alooma noted that radio, with its unparalleled reach and accessibility, offers a powerful platform for raising awareness about climate change. He said, "Unlike other media, radio provides immediacy, intimacy, and cost-effectiveness, making it an ideal medium for disseminating critical information about climate change", adding that "with its ability to transcend geographical boundaries, languages, and cultures, radio has the potential to reach a wider audience, including those in remote and underserved communities."

The multiple award-winning broadcaster pointed out that climate change, a pressing global issue, is linked to the accumulation of waste products, including greenhouse gases, ozone layer depletion, and air pollution, stressing that human activities such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation, agriculture, industrial processes, and waste management contribute significantly to climate change.

According to Mr Alooma, "Radio, with its unique advantages, can play a vital role in educating the public about the causes and consequences of climate change, as well

as promoting sustainable practices and behaviours."

He explained that in contrast to other media, radio has been a cornerstone of human communication for over a century. He said, "Invented in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden, radio has evolved over the years, adapting to changing technologies and societal needs. Today, radio remains a popular medium, offering a unique blend of entertainment, education, and information."

Mr Alooma opined that as the world grapples with the challenges of climate change, the role of radio in creating awareness and promoting sustainable practices cannot be overstated.

He said, "On this World Radio Day, UNILORIN FM 89.3 reaffirms its commitment to using radio as a powerful tool in the fight against climate change. By leveraging radio's unique advantages, we can educate, inform, and inspire our listeners to take action against climate change, ultimately contributing to a more sustainable future for all."

He appreciated the support of the University management, headed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, all staff members of UNILORIN FM, and the teeming listeners of the radio station.

## Oloyede attends ex-VC, AbdulRaheem's daughter's wedding

By Abubakar Imam

**A** former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, NPOM, and his wife, Mrs Toyeebah Olajumoke AbdulRaheem, penultimate Saturday (February 8, 2025) played host to a galaxy of dignitaries from all walks of life, who converged for the wedding of the youngest of their children, Nasir Adeyemi AbdulRaheem to former Miss Aisha Ayobola Shomope.

Speaking at the wedding reception, which took place at the Atlantic Events Centre, Ilorin, a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, said that it was high time that a distinction was made between marriage and wedding.

While the Emeritus Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence described wedding as an event or occasion organised to mark the solemnisation of the relationship of a man and a woman who are in love with each other, marriage, according to Prof. Oloyede, is the lifelong relationship between a husband and his wife, which, he said, is divinely sanctioned and embraced by every human society.

He explained that too many efforts are being expended on the success and colourfulness of wedding as no commensurate efforts are being made on the success of marriage.

The former Vice Chancellor explained that marriage, which determines the quality of life of some people and the continuity of the society, should never be neglected but protected and nurtured for the enduring benefit of humanity.

Prof. Emerit. Oloyede, who was the Chairman of the wedding reception, charged parents and the society at large to ensure that their children appreciate the essence of marriage and think little of throwing flamboyant wedding ceremonies.

He urged the new couple to appreciate and love each other, saying that it is only the presence of genuine and enduring love that can sustain a marriage.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), also drew the attention of the new couple to the fact that more than 90% of guests who attended the event did so because of the regards they have for their



parents and not because of them and so he urged them to be mindful of their own dispositions to others in order to deserve the kind of respect, loyalty and admiration their parents command.

He also urged people to always be mindful of their religious duties, saying that no style of dressing should prevent them from worshipping as enshrined in their faiths.

Prof. Oloyede, who was at the event with his wife, Dr Raheemah Oloyede, congratulated Prof. AbdulRaheem, who is also the Talba of Ilorin; and his spouse on not only giving their children sound training but also living to witness the wedding of the youngest of their progeny.

The wedding reception was preceded by the traditional Walimah Quran ceremony, which took place a day earlier at the ancestral home of the former Vice Chancellor and erstwhile Executive Chairman of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) in the Okekere/Masingba area of Ilorin. The ceremony was presided-over by the Chief Imam of Ilorin, Shaykh (Dr) Muhammad Bashir Saliu, OON, who was assisted by other clerics from all over Ilorin and beyond.

Among those who attended the ceremonies were the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, who was represented by his Special Assistant on

Special Duties, Mr AbdulRazaq Jiddah; the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the University Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa as well as a former Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON and his wife, Prof. Hassanat Taiwo Ambali.

Others were a former Minister of Environment, Housing and Environment, Arch. Halima Tayo Alao; the Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University of Education, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman; a prominent international business magnate, Mrs Muinat Bola Shagaya, MON; the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Director, Academic Planning Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye; the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Baba Abdullahi Alafara; the Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya; the Director, Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Prof. Abdulkareem Oloyede; an Associate Professor at the Department of Water and Environmental Resources Engineering, Dr Adeniyi Saheed Aremu, and the University Estate Officer, Dr Bolakale Sahid Baba; among several others.



## Azeez congratulates Mass Comm. Dept on 10th anniversary of cleaning exercise

By **Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashir Dawodu**

**T**he Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, has congratulated the Department of Mass Communication on sustaining its annual cleaning exercise for the past 10 years.

Prof. Azeez, who was represented by the Sub-Dean, Dr Emos Bajeh, gave the commendation penultimate Thursday (February 6, 2025), while addressing the students and their staff Coordinator, Prof. Lambe Kayode Mustapha, at the Faculty premises.

The Dean attributed the good reputation of the Faculty to the annual cleaning exercise, which earned it a commendation from the University Management as one of the cleanest faculties in the University.

He advised the students to maintain the high standard of cleanliness, emphasising that the 10-year-old FCIS cleaning initiative should not be limited to the Department of Mass Communication alone, but rather replicated in other Departments within the Faculty, saying, "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

In his remarks, the Ag. Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr

Patrick Udende, congratulated the Department on the exercise, describing the cleaning initiative as highly commendable. He urged the students to maintain the high standard of cleaning during their engagement and extend it to their various hostels and homes on a regular basis for health purposes.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, the Lecturer in charge of International Communication, Prof. Mustapha, called on Mass Communication students to be ambassadors of cleanliness wherever they find themselves, emphasising the importance of maintaining a sustainable environment.

Prof. Mustapha acknowledged that while some individuals will continue to litter, students should take the initiative to remind them to dispose of waste properly.

Prof. Mustapha said, "Cleanliness is a way of life that humans cannot do without. Even worshipping God involves



cleanliness, and the same applies to our environment."

He urged students to set an example by promoting cleanliness and environmental responsibility, stressing that small actions can lead to significant positive change.

Also speaking during the exercise, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Rasaq Adisa, described this year's celebration as a special one, as it marked ten years of non-stop cleaning not just the Department of Mass Communication but the whole Faculty. He also appreciated the students for making themselves available for the exercise.

## UNILORIN hosts 2025 IUPAC Women's Breakfast meeting

By **Isaac Lewu**

**I**n celebration of women's contributions to the field of Chemistry, members of the Network of Nigerian Women in STEM gathered at the University of Ilorin last Tuesday (February 11, 2025) for the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) Global Women's Breakfast meeting.

The event aimed at highlighting the achievements of women in Chemistry and fostering collaboration and networking among female scientists across Nigeria.

In his opening remarks, the National President of the Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN), Prof. Rufus Sha'ato, represented by the Chairman of the CSN Kwara Chapter, Prof. O. S. Oguntoye, emphasised the importance of women's participation in science and technology fields, particularly Chemistry.

He acknowledged the historical underrepresentation of women in these areas and called for concerted efforts to create more inclusive environments that encourage young girls to pursue careers in STEM.

In her opening remarks, the Head



■ **A cross section of participants at the meeting**

of the Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Prof. Modinah A.O. Abdul Raheem, who spoke through her colleague, Prof. Haleemah I. Adegoke, reiterated the significance of the gathering as a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences among women chemists.

In his remarks, the Dean of Physical Sciences, Prof. Baba Alafara, reminded participants of the vital role women play in advancing Chemistry and STEM fields both globally and locally within Nigeria. He said, "By fostering dialogue, sharing knowledge, and building networks among female scientists, events like these are crucial for inspiring future

generations of women leaders in science."

Several papers were delivered by prominent Guest Speakers, including the Production Manager at United Foam Limited in Ilorin, Mr. N. S. Ekpenyong; Dr. O. Atolani of the Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin, and Dr. Victoria T. Olayemi of Kwara State University (KWASU).

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Head of the Industrial Chemistry Department, Prof. F. O. Nwosu, and Former Dean, Prof. U. B. Eke.

## UNILORIN takes sanitation awareness campaign to Jalala community

By Tijani Adewoyin

**M**aster students of Public Health Education of the University of Ilorin on Saturday, February 8, 2025, hosted a Sanitation Awareness campaign in Jalala Community.

The event, which drew participants from within and outside the community, is aimed at promoting cleanliness, hygiene, and proper waste management to prevent the spread of diseases.

The Sanitation Awareness Programme, which was held at the Jalala Primary Health Care Centre, orientated the participants, who were given the opportunity to answer some questions,

while also accessing free High Blood Pressure (HBP) checks, among other services.

At the end of the programme, the organisers presented cash gifts to participants who were able to answer questions correctly. The participants were also urged to extend the already imbibed sanitation awareness to their neighbours who could not attend.

Speaking at the event, the Head of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, Faculty of Education, Prof. Shuaib Olanrewaju Oniyangi, commended the residents of Jalala community for their participation and enthusiasm. He emphasised the importance of cleanliness and cultivating

the habit of good hygiene and proper waste management.

In his remarks, the Postgraduate Coordinator of the Department, Dr. Ibrahim Ologele, said that the purpose of the sanitation awareness is to increase the number of communities that will be in healthy condition. He said that, since prevention is better than cure, the Department of Health Promotion decided to arrange the awareness programme for Jalala, Balogun, and some other contiguous communities.

Dr Ologele said, “We are bringing awareness on how these communities can protect themselves against some diseases that can easily affect them and their family members especially on poor personal hygiene and poor environmental sanitation.”

The Magaji of Jalala, who was represented by Alhaji Saadu Akanbi, thanked the organisers for choosing the community as the venue of such an important event. He prayed for both the students and lecturers of the Department and the University Management.

The event was attended by the Chief Imam of Jalala, Alhaji Abdulkarim Abdulsalam; the Chairman Environmental Sanitation in Balogun community, Alhaji Onoara, and the Officer in charge of Jalala Primary Health Care Centre, Alhaja Abdulrasaq Aisha Remilekun.



## Emir turbans UNILORIN staff as 11th Ajia Afunkulola of Alanamu

**T**he Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr.) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, has turbaned a staff of the University School, University of Ilorin, Mr Abdulkareem Muhammad Oluwasegun as the 11th Ajia Afunkulola of Alanamu, Ilorin.

At the turbaning ceremony that held penultimate Friday (February 7, 2025) at the Emir's Palace, Ilorin, the Emir advised the newly installed Ajia Afunkulola to focus on uniting the people in his domain and preserving Ilorin's cultural values and heritage.

He also cautioned against indiscriminate land sales, urging him to act in the best interest of the community.

The Emir said that Ajia Afunkulola is one of the subjects of Balogun Alanamu, emphasising the importance of loyalty and responsibility in his new role.

In their remarks, families and associates of the newly turbaned title



■ **Mr Abdulkareem fielding questions from pressmen after the turbaning**

holder expressed gratitude to the Emir for the honor. They also commended the Balogun Alanamu, Dr. Abubakar Atolagbe

Jos, for recommending Mallam Abdulkareem for the prestigious position.

# Adimula proffers solutions to global crises through groundbreaking book

By Idris Aloomo

In a bid to address the pressing national and global crises, a lecturer at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Associate Professor Dr Ruth Abiola Adimula, has written a seminal book, titled "International Humanitarian Law" (also known as "The Law of Armed Conflicts").

While featuring on a popular Yoruba programme, *Oro to n lo*, on UNILORIN FM last Tuesday (February 11, 2025), the don said that the book is set for launch on February 21, 2025, through a virtual book presentation organised by

the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP).

Dr Adimula's book is the culmination of over three decades of expertise in traditional international law and modern-day conflicts. The book delves into critical topics such as Military Rules of Engagement, the 1949 Geneva Convention, and its additional Protocol. It also explores cutting-edge issues like cyber warfare, air warfare, naval warfare, and more.

To address the current crises, Dr. Adimula called on governments to prioritise security, collaborate with stakeholders and security agencies, and



■ Dr Adimula

promote advocacy sensitivity and proactiveness. She also suggests assigning roles to monarchs in the Nigerian Constitution.

The virtual book launch will feature an impressive lineup of dignitaries, including the Special Guest of Honour, the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun, Ph.D., NPM, fspsp, and the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, fspsp.

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. M. Etudaiye, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), and a renowned Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, will review the Book. Mr Nathaniel M. Awuapila, fspsp, the SPSP President, is the Chief Host, while Prof. Suleiman Bògòrò, fspsp, Chairman, SPSP Board of Trustees, will host the event.

Dr Adimula's Book, which is a result of over four years of rigorous research, will be available at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, SPSP office Abuja, and online platforms like Amazon.

## Geophysics student wins N1m worth of land



A 300 level student of the Department of Geophysics, Omotosho Israel Oluwaseun, has won a piece of land worth N1,000,000 at the just concluded Nigerian Universities Students Association (NUESA) Leadership and Entrepreneurship Summit.

## DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN RESOURCES Pension and Gratuity Unit

### Pre-Retirement Sensitisation Seminar for Prospective Retirees for 2025/2026

There will be a Pre-retirement Sensitisation Programme for prospective retirees of 2025/2026, organised by Custodian Life Assurance Limited. The programme is scheduled to

hold as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** University Auditorium

All you need to know about the steps to take in order to access your

retirement benefits would be discussed.

Thank you.

**Abimbola R. Ologe**

For: Registrar.



## UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

### FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	139,361.25
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,405,337.00
Sundry Other Incomes	497,843.75
Convocation Souvenir	484,800.00
Boarded Property	1,500.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	8,000.00
Capitation -NHIS	4,800.00
Staff I.D Cards	6,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	285,161.50
CODL Undergraduate Charges	366,200.00
Utility Income	106,000.00
Treatment of Non University	1,200.00
Rent on University Property	145,200.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	205,938.75
Student I.D Cards	1,000.00
Foreign Undergraduate Lab	50,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	481,238.75
Electricity Charges from Shop	19,000,000.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	5,000,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	40,650.00
Refund	250,000.00
Others	20,500.00
Undergraduate School Charges	73,488.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	866,400.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	373,200.00
Postgraduate School Charges	15,266,750.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	200,000.00
Institute of Education School Charges	1,421,347.20
Institute of Education Application Form	91,200.00
Remedial Application Form	30,400.00
Remedial School Charges	812,400.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	121,600.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	50,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,492,600.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦50,300,316.20</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:</b>	
Tranquility Engineering Solution Ltd Renovation of Lecture Hall	5,160,399.21
Amas Delight Catering Service Catering Services	2,724,587.50
Ribodek Integrated Service Ltd Construction of wire mesh fence and Installation of CCTV Solar Camera	491,300.53
Deen Aleem General Merchant Ltd Supply of Additional Furniture at Abuja Liaison office	22,304,100.00
Ribodek Integrated Service Ltd Supply of total Azolla Lubricating oil	1,039,500.00
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	84,789,164.80
Purchase Advance Various	5,016,536.80
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	2,868,191.85
Unilorin Press Printing of File Jackets	1,737,540.00
Unilorin Researchers Lodge Hospitality	705,000.00
Staff Training Academic Staff Training and Development (CBNTETFUND)	1,500,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	99,330.00
<b>Total payment for the period</b>	<b>₦128,435,650.69</b>

*Signed*  
**Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)**  
Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Adeyemi, Idris Adebowale	Bursary	Feb 16
2	Tunji-Akindipe, Modupe Mary	Registry	Feb 16
3	Akande, Tanimola Makanjuola	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Feb 16
4	Ajdagba, Jimoh	Security Division	Feb 16
5	Fagbemi, Sikiratu	Registry	Feb 16
6	Atomode, Esther Mopinre	Registry	Feb 16
7	Ibironke, Sanya Ebenezer	Educational Technology	Feb 16
8	Haruna, A. Ahmed	Security Division	Feb 16
9	Shuaib, Shadiat Olabisi Olapeju	Performing Arts	Feb 16
10	Shola, Kehinde Owolabi	Security Division	Feb 16
11	Oba, Afusa Titilope	Registry	Feb 16
12	Abiodun, Adebisi Rotimi	Security Division	Feb 16
13	Musa, Saliu	Security Division	Feb 17
14	Olawuyi, Olufemi Olasunkanmi	Civil Engineering	Feb 17
15	Balogun, Mutiat Adebanke	Home Economics & Food Science	Feb 17
16	Adeyemi, Bola	Registry	Feb 17
17	Saka, Aishat Oluwatoyin	Paediatrics & Child Health	Feb 17
18	Ogbuka, Oluwatoyin Lydia	Registry	Feb 17
19	Kayode-Boluwatife, Helen Olufunke K.	Registry	Feb 18
20	Oseni, Abdullahi	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Feb 18
21	Ado, Mohammed Isiaka	Registry	Feb 18
22	Saka, Ismaila Aremu	Registry	Feb 18
23	Kolawole, Olabisi Olajide	Mechanical Engineering	Feb 18
24	Raji, Hadijat Olaide	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Feb 18
25	Ayinde, Eyitayo Opeyemi	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Feb 18
26	Yahaya, Ramat Oyinlola	Registry	Feb 18
27	Akanmu, Alex Morenikeji	Science Education	Feb 18
28	Salman, Mariam Kafel	Registry	Feb 18
29	Saka, Nimat Olodo	Plant Biology	Feb 18
30	Bamidele, Olusola Andrew	Central Admin: Office	Feb 19
31	Attah, Orinya	Security Division	Feb 19
32	Aduloju, Shade Veronica	Registry	Feb 19
33	Aliu, Olanrewaju Atanda	Accounting	Feb 19
34	Ahmodu, Azeezat Mojisola	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Feb 19
35	Opakunle, Abdullateef Bisiriyu	Unilorin Staff School	Feb 19
36	Jimoh, Adams Lukman	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Feb 19
37	Afuye, Toluwalope Adefemi	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Feb 19
38	Morakinyo, Joseph Leke	Telecommunication Science	Feb 19
39	Aremu, Tajudeen Alaba	Registry	Feb 19
40	Fajonyomi, Mary Grace	Counsellor Education	Feb 20
41	Adelabu, Ezekiel Sunday	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Feb 20
42	Adewoye, Peter Sunday	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Feb 20
43	Edun, Aminat Aromoke	Health Services	Feb 20
44	Zakariya, Abdulfatah Oladoke	Registry	Feb 20
45	Samoh, Teghtegh Fredrick	Chemistry	Feb 20
46	Lawal, Kamilu	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Feb 20
47	Jolayemi, Tolulope Olaolu	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Feb 20
48	Baba, Suleiman Ayinde	Registry	Feb 20
49	Zakariyya, Sikiru Olayinka	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Feb 20
50	Medubi, Oyinkan Christiana	English	Feb 21
51	Adimula, Ruth Abiola	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	Feb 21
52	Ahmed, Rihanat Aduke	Science Education	Feb 21
53	Ogundele, Mary Olumide	Health Services	Feb 21
54	Anjorin, Grace Iyabo	Registry	Feb 21
55	Okediran, Babatunde Samuel	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Feb 21
56	Ahamefule, Henry Emeka	Agronomy	Feb 21
57	Sulaiman, Faoziyat Adenike	Biochemistry	Feb 21
58	Bankole, Folusho Anuoluwapo	Agronomy	Feb 21
59	Usman, Ayinde Mohammed	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Feb 21
60	Talabi, Segun Isaac	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Feb 21
61	Olonya, Anebi Emmanuel	Central Research Laboratories	Feb 21
62	Usman, Zainab Omowumi	Library	Feb 21
63	Abdulrazaq, Ridwan Kayode	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Feb 21
64	Tiamiyu, Moshood Olatunji	Bursary	Feb 22
65	Oyerinde, Mary Ayoni	Registry	Feb 22
66	Okparakwu, Monica Ada	Works: Parks & Gardens	Feb 22
67	Yahaya, Afusat Nike	Registry	Feb 22
68	Alabi, Mojirayo	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Feb 22
69	Mahmud-Umar, Sadikatu	Registry	Feb 22
70	Salman, Biliqees Mojirayo	Registry	Feb 22
71	Lah, Saliu Olanrewaju	Registry	Feb 22
72	Abdur-Rafiu, Jamiu	Arts Education	Feb 22
73	Agede, Olalekan Ayodele	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Feb 22
74	Ahmed, Risikat Nike	Microbiology	Feb 22
75	Uthman, Abdulganiyu	Registry	Feb 22
76	Oroge, Adeoye Olusola	Registry	Feb 22
77	Adedoyin, Adeyinka	Information & Communication Science	Feb 22
78	Ibrahim, Muritala Oladimeji	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Feb 22
79	Abdul-Wahab, Aishat Oyamine	Zoology	Feb 22
80	Abudlrauf, Muyideen Afolabi	Security Division	Feb 22
81	Abdulazeez, Azeezat Abimbola	Registry	Feb 22

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

- The Management of the University of Ilorin has promoted 51 senior academic staff to the ranks of professors and readers. ("Celebrating academic excellence", *The Nation*, Tuesday, February 11, 2025, p.30)
- The former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Registrar of Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that the autonomy of public universities could be better achieved if the National Universities Commission (NUC) was left to manage budget of tertiary institutions in addition to its roles as the regulator that accredits courses in schools. ("FG should allow NUC manage budgets of varsities - JAMB REGISTRAR", *Vanguard*, Tuesday, February 11, 2025, p.4)
- An indigenous company, Starlink Global and Ideal Ltd, has donated a 90 KVA solar inverter to the University of Ilorin, to address the electricity challenges facing the institution. The company also donated a Hilux van to enhance the operational capacity of the University. ("Starlinks Global donates 90 KVA solar inverter, Hilux van to UNILORIN,

- <https://royalnews.com.ng>)
- The Director General of the Department of State Services, Mr. Oluwatosin Ajayi, has called for a policy mandating the recruitment of first class graduates into the intelligence agency to strengthen national security. ("DG seeks compulsory recruitment of first class graduates into DSS", <https://punching.com>; "DG seeks compulsory recruitment of first class graduates into DSS", *The Punch*, Thursday, February 13, 2025, p.14; "Best Academicians, Graduates Should Be Forced to join DSS – Deputy Director", <https://leadership.ng>) ; "DG seeks compulsory recruitment of first class graduates into DSS", <https://punchng.com>; "DSS , Terrorists, Insecurity Threatened Our Internal Security in Last Two Decades", <https://www.thisdaylive.com>; "DSS laments public perception as Tinubu lauds Agency On Gender Balance", <https://guardian.ng>; "DSS seeks collaboration, support from stakeholders", <https://medium.com>) ; "DSS seeks collaboration, support from stakeholders" , <https://tribuneonlinen.com>

## Alaro appointed chairman of Takaful Insurance Advisory Council

By Isaac Lewu

The Director of the Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulrazzaq Abdulmajeed Alaro, has been appointed Chairman of the Takaful Advisory Council of the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM).

This was contained in a letter

signed by The Commissioner for Insurance and Chief Executive of NAICOM, Olusegun Ayo Omosehin, which was made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN last Tuesday (February 11, 2025).

Prof. Alaro's extensive background in Islamic banking will position him well to lead the Council in navigating the complexities and

opportunities within Takaful insurance for a period of three years.

While reacting to the appointment, the Registrar and Secretary to the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Mansur Adeleke described Prof. Alaro's appointment as "well deserved."

## Bebeyi's late mom for burial, Feb. 28th

The remains of the late mother of Ms Shade Bebeyi of the Laboratory to Product Centre (LABTOP), Mama Janet Iyabo Bebeyi, will be committed to mother earth on Friday, February 28, 2025, in Kabba, Kogi State.

A funeral programme made available to UNILORIN Bulletin indicated that the burial will be preceded by a Service of Songs at her residence, Baba Lowe Compound, NTA area, Ganmo, Kwara State, on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, by 4.00 p.m.

Christian Wake-Keep will take

place on Thursday, February 27, 2024, in Odi - Olowo Quarters, Kabba, Kogi State, by 4.00 p.m.

Interment and Thanksgiving Service will be held at Fehinti Quarters, Odolu, Kabba, Kogi State, on Friday, February 28, 2025, beginning from 10.00 a.m.

The late Mama Janet Bebeyi, a UNILORIN retiree, is survived by her husband, Mr Emmanuel S. Bebeyi (Baba Lowe), children, and grandchildren.



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# INJECT (OUR CORE VALUES)



Integrity



Teamwork



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VALUES



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# TOWN & GOWN

by Kunle Akogun



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## CPSS and the UNILORIN ideals

Since its inception in 2008, and especially in recent times, the University of Ilorin Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) has been in the vanguards of the organs of the University promoting the ideals and values envisioned by the founding fathers of the Better by far institution.

The Centre, established to train world-class manpower in the fields of peace, development, and strategic studies, is currently headed by the charismatic Professor of History and International Studies, its seventh Director, AbdulGaniyu Ibrahim Jawondo. It has done a great lot to expound the community service leg of the tripod core mandates of the University while not neglecting the two other critical mandates of teaching and research. Before Jawondo, the Centre had been previously headed by Prof. Isaac Olawale Albert, Prof. Felicia Olabisi A. Olasehinde-Williams, Prof. Joseph Odekunle Fayeye, Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, Prof. Noah Yusuf, and Prof. Oyeronke Olademo.

More than any other Centre, the CPSS has facilitated the achievement of a seamless town and gown relationship, contributing immensely to the excellent image and fantastic national reputation being enjoyed by the University.

Established under the visionary vice-chancellorship of Professor Emeritus Is'haq Oloyede, CON, the CPSS has relentlessly pushed the execution of the University's community service mandate in many ways, including public lecture series with their attendant impact on public policy formulation or/and redirection, initiation of several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with reputable governmental and nongovernmental agencies, contributing to the training and retraining of top military and para-military brass hats as well as other national security policy stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

One of the ways by which the Centre has been promoting the ideals of the University, especially the Vision 1: 10: 500 of the Prof. Wahab Egbewole Administration, is the hosting of periodic Public Lectures during which national issues, especially those bordering on internal security, are thoroughly dissected and practical suggestions proffered for seamless way-forward. In 2024, specifically on September 24, the CPSS Distinguished Public Lecture, titled "The Roles and Contributions of the Nigerian Army to National Development", was delivered by the late Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Taoreed Lagbaja, represented by the Chief of Training, Army, Maj. Gen. Sanni Mohammed. With those lectures, handled by eminent experts in various crucial sectors of the nation's polity, the Centre has immensely contributed to furthering national development, thereby putting an unmistakable stamp of credence on the well-acknowledged relevance of the University of Ilorin in national affairs.

Last week's Distinguished Personality Lecture organised by the Centre was in a class of its own. It was not one of your run-of-the-mill events. Not just a lecture "to fulfill all righteousness," neither was it "a lecture for lecture sake". It was an event whose conception, delivery, and impact touched on the very rubrics of the very ideals that UNILORIN, nay any university that is worth its salt, should normally espouse, i.e. the third leg of the university core mandates -- community service. Indeed, the Public Lecture series, organised by the CPSS, are to formulate new theories and practices in peace education for the general public.

Delivered by the Director-General of the Department of State Services (DSS), Mr Oluwatosin Adeola Ajayi, represented by Assistant Director-General of Intelligence, Mr. Patrick Ikenweibe, the 2025 Distinguished Personality Lecture, was, indeed, a veritable security policy statement, which underscored

the need for massive stakeholders' support for the DSS in its concerted efforts to enhance national internal security.

In the lecture, titled "The Role of the DSS in Security, Peacekeeping, and National Integration", the DSS boss lamented the current perception of security and intelligence organisations as enemies rather than friends, saying that this must be addressed, as it affects the quality and quantity of intelligence shared, with its deleterious effects on peace building and national integration.

To address this and other challenges facing security agencies in the country, Mr Ajayi called for the re-orientation of the citizens on the roles of intelligence agencies and a review of their recruitment and staffing processes. He also urged stakeholders to increase their support for the DSS, particularly in terms of funding and valuing the intelligence outputs provided to them.

In his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, commended the Department of State Services (DSS) for its significant contributions to national security.

The Director of the CPSS, Prof. Jawondo, fspsp, in his opening remarks, said that the Centre and the DSS have had longstanding and symbiotic relationship, adding that the Centre regularly admits and graduates DSS personnel and supports the National Institute for Security Studies, Abuja, through affiliation.

In a goodwill message, posted on a popular and authoritative UNILORIN WhatsApp group platform, the Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), another University organ for promoting town and gown relationship, Prof. Issa Olarongbe Sanusi, said, "I congratulate our amiable Vice Chancellor for being receptive to programmes that project the good image of the University. Today's programme is like holding forth for the Federal Government on crucial national issues bothering on security and peaceful coexistence. Kudos to our dynamic Director, Prof. Jawondo, for his effective mobilisation strategies."

The Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies initiated its Annual Distinguished Personality Lecture on its 10th anniversary in 2018. The maiden edition was delivered by Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, in April 2018, and he discussed "Opportunities, Challenges, and Prospects of Peace Scholars in a Conflict-ridden Environment." The second edition was delivered by Prof. Matt Meyer, the then Secretary General, Institute for Peace Research, on April 9th, 2019. The topic of his lecture was "International Trends in Peace Action and Peace Research: South to North and into the Future."

The 5th CPSS Biennial International Conference was held between 5th and 7th November, 2017, and the lead paper was presented by Engr Mustapha Yunusa Maihaja, the then Director General of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). The 6th CPSS Biennial International Conference was held between 6th and 9th November, 2019 with the lead paper presented by the late Governor Rotimi Akeredolu of Ondo State, who discussed "Domesticating Sustainable Development Goal 16 in Nigeria: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions."

The Olomu of Omu-Aran, Oba Abdurraheem Oladele Adeoti, was the Royal Guest Lecturer at the CPSS on 17th December, 2019. The royal father spoke on "The Roles of Traditional Institution in Promoting Peace and Development in Nigeria."

TOWN & GOWN salutes the CPSS for the fantastic job it is doing in propagating, projecting, and promoting the great UNILORIN ideals. Kudos!