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SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS – IGP

The Inspector General of Police, Usman Alkali Baba CFR said that everyone should complement the effort of government in providing adequate security.

The Inspector General of Police, who was ably represented by Assistant Inspector General of Police, Asafa Adekunle, Zone 8 Headquarters, Lokoja, said this while delivering his speech at the maiden distinguished personality lecture titled “Engendering Security and Public Safety Among Stakeholders Towards Peaceful 2023 General Elections in Nigeria” organized by the Center for Peace and Security Studies, Al-Hikmah University on Thursday, 1st December, 2022 in the University Auditorium.

Mr. Baba said that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari has assured Nigerians and the international community that his government would conduct a free, fair, transparent and credible elections in the 2023 general elections and the police would make sure his promise is fulfilled.

The IG highlighted some of the moves the police have made. These include but not limited to training and retraining of policemen on the roles of

police during the general elections, deploying 10,000 policemen that would be passing out by December, 2022 to augment the police force on ground, engaging the stakeholders in series of meetings and signing of peace accord by political parties amongst others.

According to him, “the police are working tirelessly with the stakeholders not to record any electoral violence and for this to happen all political parties should avoid campaigns that would incite violence during and after the general elections”. He added that Nigeria is our country and we should realize that in unity we stand and divided we fall.

He urged all the stakeholders to have positive attitude and play by the rules and regulations as stipulated in our electoral laws. He also prayed for Nigerians to have a peaceful election during the 2023 general elections.

The Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf in his speech, noted that threats of violence are becoming real, day by day, particularly since the floor was declared open for electioneering campaign, making many Nigerians and the international community to be

scared and jittery.

Prof. Yusuf emphasized that our individual and collective responsibility is paramount in our quest towards a peaceful general elections in 2023. He added that critical areas of engagement of local peace structures in communities headed by traditional rulers is essential.

In his words, “today's lecture is focused on anti-violence message on key election and political programmes which will raise awareness and draw public attention towards maintaining peace before, during and after the forthcoming 2023 general elections.”

The university don appreciated the Center for Peace and Security Studies for this timely and vital programme and also thanked the Royal Fathers, the Nigerian Army, Nigerian Army Institute of Science Education and Technology (NAISET), Nigerian Army College of Education (NACOE), National Institute of Security Studies (NISS), Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), for their contributions to the programme.



Group picture with the founder Alh. (Chief) Dr Abdulraheem Oladimeji OFR (L-R: 5th position front roll); representative of Inspector General of police, Assistant Inspector General of Police, Asafa Adekunle (L-R: 4th position front roll); the Management of Al-Hikmah University at maiden distinguished personality lecture

SECURITY OF LIFE IS AT THE LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY – PROF. SHEU

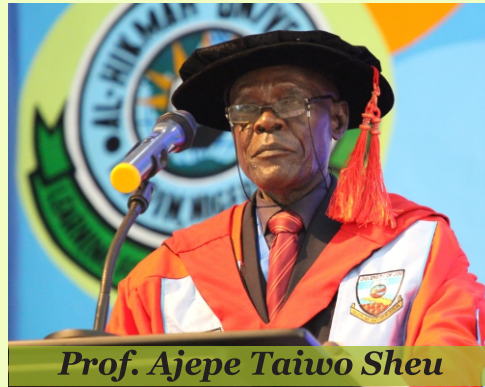
The former Dean, Faculty of Law, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Ajepe Taiwo Sheu, stated that in spite of all the funds and other resources committed to security by the government, Nigeria is still battling with insecurity, particularly insurgency and now insecurity is almost everywhere in the country.

Prof. Sheu disclosed this while delivering his inaugural lecture titled “Constitutionalism and Good Governance: the Legal-Political Approach to Taming the Monster of Insecurity in Nigeria” at the third inaugural lecture of Al-Hikmah University on Wednesday, 9th November, 2022.

The Inaugural Lecturer pointed out that Nigeria's security is really threatened by bandits, farmers and herders clashes, commercial and ritual kidnapping, activities of the “unknown gunmen” in the Southeast of the country. He added that, insecurity of life has assumed an alarming rate and that nowhere is safe for the rich and the poor. This is in contradiction to the provision of section 14(2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) which states that the major responsibility of the government is to provide security and welfare for the people.

According to him, “the President has enormous power to deploy the Armed Forces to combat insecurity and banish it from the land. Unfortunately, the country has been battling with insecurity since 2009 and it appears the

end is not feasible for now, despite the huge and colossal resources being expended on combating the menace”. He added that this has put a big question mark on the ability of the Federal Government to discharge its primary duty of providing security and welfare



for the people.

Prof. Sheu lamented that the Nigerian Constitutions from 1979 to 1999 had failed to make provisions for human rights, which include education, food and water, right to shelter, medicare, employment, to mention but a few. “The socio-economic rights are pillars upon which life and dignity rest and without these basic rights, life will be meaningless to the citizens.”

Prof. Sheu emphasised that the judiciary must be independent to be able to freely without interference, intimidation or any undue influence discharge its constitutional duties including the interpretation of the constitution and other laws. In his words “as custodian of the laws and the constitution, the judiciary and the

judges must be free from influences and interferences, whatsoever not only from the political branches of government, but also from members of the society”. He added that though the constitution makes provisions for judicial independence, findings have shown that constitutional provisions are inadequate and incapable of ensuring effective and efficient independence for the judiciary; the provisions are to insulate the judiciary and the judges from interference from the political branches only.

Prof. Sheu highlighted some recommendations which include: the 1999 constitution should be amended to grant Nigerians the right to challenge any infraction of the constitution, the constitution should be translated into various Nigerian languages, there should be a timeframe for legislative process of Appropriation Bills, adopt State Policing method as a way of fighting the incidences of insecurity in the country. State Governors should be members of the National Security Council, Nigerians should begin to demand for judicial accountability rather than emphasise on judicial independence only, as a crime against collective wellbeing of the people. Each convict should attract a minimum of twenty-one years imprisonment.

The Professor of Law urged every Nigerian citizens to demand socio-economic rights as a means of facilitating and enhancing good governance for the sake of security and welfare.



Group picture with the founder Alh. Chief (Dr) Abdulraheem Oladimeji OFR (L-R: 3th position front roll); the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Ajepe Taiwo Sheu (L-R: 4th position front roll); the Management at the third inaugural lecture of Al-Hikmah University

UNITED NATIONS RESCUE SERVICE HONOURS AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY FOUNDER



Alh. (Chief) Dr Abdulraheem Oladimeji OFR

The Founder, Al-Hikmah University, Alh. (Chief) Dr Abdulraheem Oladimeji OFR, received an award from the United Nations Rescue Service on Thursday, 25th November, 2022 at the University Senate Chambers.

The Team Leader, Officer Maria Okafor, during the award presentation said that the award was presented on behalf of the commandant of the organisation, Ambassador Steve Midalah, to the Founder.

Officer Okafor added that the United Nation Rescue Services was an international care giving and non-governmental organisation that functions in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. She said that the organisation had a consultative status at the United Nations' Economic Constituency.

In her words, "some of the rescue and security operations being rendered by the organisation are: community policing in the state, traffic control, management and

enforcement, report criminal activities to the relevant security agencies, providing first aid to accident victims, empowering the citizens through skill acquisition and financial grants, promoting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and organising seminars on the danger of drug abuse, curbing the destruction of government property, disobedience to COVID-19 protocols, settling intercommunity disputes, curbing prostitution, indecent dressing, create awareness against underage driving and over speeding, reducing the rate of premarital pregnancy, curbing kidnapping and child trafficking.

The agency also assists the government in all emergency situations and report pending disasters

to relevant authorities".

The team leader revealed that only three people in Kwara State were deemed fit for the award and Chief Oladimeji is among those three people based on all his humanitarian and philanthropic services, specially in Kwara and Nigeria as a whole.

The Founder appreciated the team and the officers for considering him worthy of such a noble award and prayed for journey mercy back to their respective destinations.

The Vice Chancellor in his closing remarks reiterated the Founder's philanthropic acts which was part of why he established a private faith-based University that its tuition is affordable compared to other private universities in the country.



Presentation of award to the Founder, Chief (Dr.) Abdulraheem Oladimeji (OFR)

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WE PROVIDE QUALITATIVE EDUCATION WITH MORALS – DR JAYEOLA

The Acting Director, Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB), Al-Hikmah University, Dr Sefinat Jaiyeola, stated that the University has been providing highly qualitative education with strong moral contents and without discrimination on the basis of nationality, age, gender, political or religious beliefs.

The Director made this statement at the 2022/2023 orientation programme for JUPEB students in the New Lecture Room One on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2022.

Dr Jaiyeola said that JUPEB is an outstanding examination body that conducts common, standard and credible examinations based on a world-class curriculum for candidates seeking Direct Entry admission into Nigerian and foreign-based partner/affiliated universities. She

added that the programme would help to facilitate Direct Entry admission into various university courses globally.



Dr Sefinat Jaiyeola

In her words “the following programmes are available for candidates seeking JUPEB admission in Al-Hikmah University Accounting, Law, History and International Relation, Mass Communication, Business Administration, Political

Science and Conflict Resolution, Banking and Finance, Sociology and Criminology, Islamic Studies, Arabic, Library and Information Science, Marketing, English Language, Public Administration, Economics, Agricultural Science, Guidance and Counseling, Educational Technology and other education courses, Nursing, Medical Laboratory Science, Public Health, Anatomy, Physiology, Computer Science, Software Engineering, Cyber Security, Information Systems, Biology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Geology, Petroleum Chemistry, Industrial Chemistry, Physics with Electronics, Mathematics, Statistics and Physics.

Dr Jaiyeola urged all the JUPEB students to put in their best in the 12 months programme so that they can obtain good grades and proceed to 200 level in their choice of universities.

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REDESIGNING NAIRA NOTES WILL STRENGTHEN ANTI-CORRUPTION FIGHT – DR AREMU



critical and urgent requirements and incentives to investors to establish more industries using local raw materials and inputs.

Dr (Mrs) Aremu noted that the new Naira notes would prevent the flooding of old notes kept in tanks and some other absurd places. In her words, “if the government wants to improve on the value of Naira, the following must be done without any sentiments: the CBN should intensify its cashless economy policy, continuous enlightenment and sensitisation programmes should be carried out, limiting withdrawals banks' customers as stipulated for individuals and corporate organizations. The bureau de change should not be allowed to buy dollar or any other currencies at cheaper rates from the bank and sell it at higher rates to the masses.

The Dean emphasised that redesigning the Naira notes by law is expected to be done every 8 years and Nigeria has gone over 20 years without redesigning. The Apex bank could not account almost 80% of the money in circulation. She added that the policy of redesigning of Naira notes between five to eight years should be supported and encouraged in line with the global best practices.

Dr (Mrs) Aremu urged the CBN to make redesigning of Naira notes a strong policy as it would be used to curb the excesses of some greedy politicians and make lives comfortable for the masses.

The Dean of Management Science, Al-Hikmah University, Dr (Mrs) Moriam Aremu has pointed out that redesigning of our Naira notes will encourage cashless economy and strengthen anti-corruption fight.

She said this during an interactive session with the information unit of Al-hikmah University, in her office at the Atere Campus on Tuesday, 29th November, 2022.

Dr (Mrs) Aremu highlighted some ways by which the new Naira notes would have positive impact. These include stimulation of local production activities to save foreign exchange. The new currency notes of N200, N500 and N1,000 would be fortified with security features that would make them difficult to counterfeit and it would assist the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to design and implement better monetary

policy.

According to her “some of the benefits of the new Naira notes include the following: control of inflation, bring hoarded cash back into the banking systems, strengthen monetary policy, increase financial inclusion and encourage cashless economy and promote anti-corruption fight”.

She also noted that the value of the Naira notes could increase through the following measures: the encouragement of exportation of more goods and services, the ban of importation of goods that can be produced in Nigeria, especially non-essential items, to improve the health care facilities to eliminate medical tourism, the transformation of educational facilities at all levels to attract the required patronage from Nigerians, foreign exchange allocation should only be made for



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HARMATTAN IS A PERIOD OF BOUNTY HARVEST FOR SINCERE WORSHIPPERS – MALLAM SANUSI

A lecturer in Al-Hikmah University, who doubles as the University orator, Dr. Haruna Sanusi Lafiagi has remarked that the harmattan period is a period of bounty harvest for sincere worshippers of Allah. If a Muslim is serious about gaining maximum bounties from the war in the world, he must understand that this period is one of the best periods that he can wage war against shaytān.

Mallam Sanusi said this while delivering a Jumuat sermon titled, “Harmattan, the Believer's Spring” at the University mosque on Friday, 18th November, 2022.

The lecturer adds that our pious predecessors understand the value of the period of harmattan; they know that Allah loves this period and that is why he has put in certain features to assist us to attain the utmost of His pleasure. So, they always seize the opportunity to maximize their rewards from Allah by increasing their acts of obedience to Allah both during the day and at night.

Mallam Sanusi points out that

Allah has deliberately increased the hours of the night of the harmattan period so that the sincere servant can engage more in praying at night. Also, Allah has deliberately reduced the hours of the day during the harmattan period so that sincere servants of Allah can engage more in fasting.



Dr. Haruna Sanusi Lafiagi

According to him, “harmattan period is the period when the blessings of Allah descend. Allah makes this period a period of longer nights so that the sincere servant of Allah will engage in praying at night, which is one of the

best deeds you can ever engage in”. He adds that whoever wants to go far in life, whoever wants to attain the pleasure of Allah here in this world and His bliss in the hereafter must not sleep throughout the night.

Mallam Sanusi urge all Muslims to be consistent and make praying in the night constant because night prayer is the arrow of the believer and his armor which he can use to navigate the murky waters of life. Also, when matters become difficult, when all ways seem closed, when you are in dire need, when you are in a precarious circumstance, the only weapon that you can fight this situation with is praying at night. When others are sleeping, wake up, cry to Allah, let Allah know you solely rely on His assistance.

He implores Muslims to always observe salat as this is the only period we have to talk to our creator. Allah is never tired of listening to you until you are tired of talking to Him, so talk to Him more. He adds that the only barrier between our dua and His acceptance, is our ability to ask.

CRISES ARE DISRUPTIVE AND UNEXPECTED EVENTS THAT THREATENS ORGANIZATIONS – MR. OLARIBIGBE

A senior staff in the registry unit of Al-Hikmah University, Mr. Olaribigbe Rotimi has pointed out that crises are disruptive and unexpected events that threaten to harm an organization or its stakeholders.

He says this during one of the fortnight re-training sessions titled “Crisis Management in University Administration” organized for the university registry staff in the E-Library Complex on Friday, 18th November, 2022.

Mr. Olaribigbe highlights some elements common to crises, as follows: a threat to an organization, element of a surprise and short decision time. He added that to successfully manage crises, one needs to be proactive and thus requires an understanding of how

to handle crises before it even occurs.

According to him, “there are many areas of crisis in the administration of tertiary institutions in Nigeria which usually defy amicable resolution. Some of the areas are funding, inadequate staffing, security issues, autonomy, various proprietary agencies, relevance of the curricular & the market needs, instability in academic calendars & staff unionism, delay in administrative processes, over centralization of decision making, minimum academic standards”.

Mr. Olaribigbe notes that crisis in any organization leads to insecurity and in an organization where insecurity poses a threat to job satisfaction which cannot be achieved because security in work environment enhances job satisfaction. He adds some methods of

resolving crisis in an organization, which include: domination, compromise, integrations, separating the people from the problem, focusing on interests not on the position, generating a wide variety of possibilities before arriving at a decision and objective and standard criteria by which the result of the negotiation will be appraised.

In his words, “conflict is considered as a common phenomenon in tertiary institutions and it is necessary for the development of the organization”. He, however, urged institutional heads to carefully study the causes of conflict in their institution and to adopt appropriate conflict management strategies to enhance effective and maximum results.



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on behalf of the Founder, Chairman & Board of Trustees, Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor &
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CONVOCATION CEREMONY

DATE:
**SATURDAY
10TH
DECEMBER,
2022**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Event: Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing

Date: Tuesday, 6th Dec., 2022

Venue: University Auditorium

Time: 10:00am

Event: Convocation Lecture

Date: Friday, 9th Dec., 2022

Venue: University Auditorium

Time: 10:00am

Topic: Democratic Transition and Challenges of
Good Governance and Human Security
in Nigeria

Convocation Lecturer:

Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, CFR
Chief of Staff to the President of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Event: Special Juma'at Service

Date: Friday, 9th Dec., 2022

Venue: University Mosque

Time: 1:00pm

Event: Convocation Ceremony:

**Award of Degrees, Diplomas and
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Date: Saturday, 10th Dec., 2022

Venue: University Auditorium

Time: 10:00am

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