



## Cultists graduates to become armed robbers, kidnappers- ...Ekiti Police boss

By Bamidele Eleniola

Ekiti State Police Commissioner, Mr. Tunde Mobayo, has said, cultists graduated to become armed robbers, kidnappers in this country.

He made this disclosure during his courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Prof. Kayode Soremekun. He used the opportunity to join the Vice-Chancellor to commission FUOYE Security Men Uniform outfit on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at the Administrative Block car park.

“We are aware that universities face the challenges of cultism, drug abuse and prostitution, amongst other vices. The sad thing we have observed is that some students graduate from cult activities to become armed robbers and kidnappers,” Police boss said.

“So, we need to be proactive to nip in bud such activities before they become uncontrollable, he further tressed. *Continue on page 2*



Ekiti State Police Commissioner, Mr Tunde Mobayo, left discusses with FUOYE Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun on Wednesday, August 26, 2020

## FUOYE DVC wins 10,000 Euro grant

By Adeyinka Ademuyiwa

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE), Prof. Abayomi Sunday Fasina has won a grant of over ten thousand (€10,000) euros, close to five million naira) grant.

The grant from Austria-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in equipment, is donated to the erudite scholar and university administrator in response to request for International Project Grant.

The equipment included ten (10) pH and electrical conductivity meters and two (2) Imetos Automatic Weather Stations.

According to a memo from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor dated September 18, 2020, the award winner wrote that the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun, in thanking him and appreciating his effort, had given instructions that the above be published.

He added that the equipment will be used by three Faculties (Agriculture, Science and Engineering) in the University.

## EFCC, FUOYE Council clear Fasina of allegations

By Adeyinka Ademuyiwa

The Governing Council of the Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE) has on August 27, 2019 adopted the report of its Committee and absolved Prof Abayomi Sunday Fasina of any wrong payment salaries as alleged by the usual anonymous petitioners

“Allegations leveled against Prof Fasina bordering on collection of double salaries was frivolous, unfounded, baseless, and antagonistic”, the Committee noted and added that the

allegations should have been discarded.

The Committee presided over by Prof Patrick K.O. Okolo of Department of Chemistry was constituted to “investigate the veracity or otherwise of the allegations of wrong payment of salaries being peddled in the social media against Prof Fasina”.

The Committee is also to establish facts from available records of any wrong doing and make recommendations based on findings. *Continue on page 2*

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## 52 Civil Societies Coalitions Celebrate FUOYE VC

By Adeyinka Ademuyiwa

Encomium poor in for the Vice-Chancellor of Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Prof. Kayode Soremekun on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 when delegations of youths from 52 Civil Societies visited him in his office.

This visit is turning to celebration; we didn't planned it to be so. We have heard a lot. We want to see for ourselves. There is

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## Cultists graduates to become armed robbers, kidnappers- Ekiti Police boss

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To effectively fight criminal activities, the law enforcement agencies would have to form a synergy with the management of universities to work with Patrol men in order to alleviate high rate crime in our universities.

Ekiti State Police Commissioner, then promised the Management of the Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE) of adequate security of lives and property on campus and its environs.

The Commissioner also promised that the Police would intensify crime patrol in the immediate neighborhood of the institution under his watch. "I will provide police officers that will be working with your patrol men in order to give them necessary support."

Earlier in his address, Professor Kayode Soremekun lauded the Ekiti State Police Commissioner for cooperating with Management of the University to checkmate criminal elements, pledging to support the Police to root them out.

Addressing FUOYE *News* crew, the Chief Security Officer, Federal

University Oye Ekiti, Mr. Ogidi Paul appreciated the management of the university under the amiable leadership of Professor Kayode Soremekun for his unalloyed support for the security unit.

He also appreciated the Commissioner of Police for his promises to ensure protection of lives and properties in the university.

The FUOYE Security Boss explained the roles of security men on uniform and the ones on Polo shirt "We have two uniform men in the security unit; we have combatants and corporate security men in this university. The combatants' men are specifically scheduled to patrol the university community to ensure protection of lives and properties in the university," Ogidi said.

"The security in this university now has a good look with well-trained officers as you can see. We have two set of uniform men (Combatants and Corporate) who have been working assiduously to ensure adequate protection of all staff and students as well as equipment/materials in the university. We are repositioning the

security unit in line with university vision and mission" he further said.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied to the commissioning of the security men new uniform by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) Professor A.S. Fasina; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Prof. J.O.Ojo; the Ag. Registrar, Mr Ibrahim Mufutau; Director of Administration and Special Duties, Mr. Olatunbosun Odusanya; Deputy Director, Corporate Services, Mr. Adeyinka Ademuyiwa; Principal Assistant Registrar in the Vice-Chancellor's office, Mr Rapheal Oloruntele and the Chief Security Officer, Mr. Paul Ogidi

In the visiting team of the police boss were ACP Patrick Daaor; Ekiti Command, ACP Adebisi Bola Lateef, Area Command, Ikole Ekiti; CSP Akinroye Kabiru Adesina 2/1c Mopol Commander; CSP Saado Suleiman SIB Department; SP Femi Ojieniyi, DPO, Oye Division; DSP Aimola John, DPO Ilupeju Division and ASP Abutu Sunday, Police Public Relations Officer.

## EFCC, FUOYE Council clear Fasina of allegations

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In its report, the Committee noted that Prof Fasina was duly appointed on Sabbatical on January 1, 2015 in FUOYE having been duly released by his then employer, The Ekiti State University (EKSU)

The Committee could not establish any case of double salaries, though observed an overlap of salaries paid to Prof Fasina between October 2016 and February 2017. "He was paid salary of a Professor on Sabbatical instead of that of a visiting professor", the Committee added after sighting relevant pay slips.

Committee noted and appreciated Prof Fasina for notifying the university of this misnomer through a letter to the Vice Chancellor dated November 11, 2016.

On allegation of concurrent appointment, the Committee noted that his tenure appointments were not at any time overlap. He though used

accumulated leave of 189 days from January 4, 2016 to September 22, 2016 at FUOYE, this leave was duly approved via a letter.

Prof Fasina did not only alert university authorities through a letter, he actually refunded the money, about N720,000 at N120,000 per month between March 2017 and August 2017.

The Committee, comprising Prof Kester Ojokheter, then Dean of Education; Dr Chika Asogwu of Department of Mass Communication; Mr Suleiman O. Usman, Head Internal Audit and Mrs Blessing A. Eyiolorunpe who was the Secretary, observed that allegations came from anonymous sources and should not have even been considered. It however noted that the management was only being sensitive and responsive.

Concluding, the Committee recommended empowering the Public Relations Officer's (PRO's) office to

enable it give prompt and adequate responses to such allegations and/or frivolous acts in future. It also wanted proper orientation and on the job training to staff periodically on how to act in a civil and academic environment.

Committee suggests stiff sanctions and dire consequences for staff who indulge in false allegations.

Similarly, both the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) have looked into the petition and found it lacking merit.

According to a media report monitored last week, the anti corruption Commissions which again investigated the allegation both dismissed the petition. Subsequently, the anti graft agencies cleared Prof Fasina of any wrongdoing.





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nothing to argue about. Excellence is written all over this university. You don't just argue in a vacuum. If you are doing good, you are doing good. For a new school to be getting all these facilities and programmes 63 of them, grow students' population from 1000 to 24,000 and becoming the 13<sup>th</sup> best university in about 10 years of its establishment, I salute you", Comrade Igwe Uden Umenta of the Coalition for Civil Society said.

As for Asefon, a candidate for the coming election of National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) Presidency, "It is high time we began to celebrate you. On behalf of National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) and Federation of Ekiti Students Association (FESU), I urge everyone to join us to celebrate you. FUOYE is not an Ekiti State

establishment. I am an Ekiti man. But our desire is to have a truly Federal University that guarantee pan Nigerian presence. Ekiti people working here are already over 70% so nobody should castigate Soremekun regime as being anti Ekiti. We will engage our people. We will hold Press conference in Abuja. Here is a man we can vouch for" Asefon further said.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the visiting students saying, "a lot has been ascribed to me. Whatever we have achieved has been team work. If you say Soremekun, it is a misnomer. It is a collective effort. See how Barcelona was disciplined. It shows that it is not all about a person"

"The civil society is a watchdog, a partner in progress. The resources are not coming as they should because the Federal Government is baffling with so

many things. We have experienced exponential growth of student's population from 1000 to over 24,000 now. Education is costly globally", he stressed.

Continuing, Prof. Soremekun urged the visiting students to go round the campus and see capital projects built by Tertiary Education Fund (Tetfund), Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) etc adding that by the time he will be leaving, he would have over 85 projects initiated, constructed and delivered within his tenure.

Going philosophical, the Professor of International Relations observed that black man is still in the 17<sup>th</sup> century when others are in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century, noting that all the 63 academic programmes in nine Faculties have been accredited"

## 180 academics interviewed for new openings in FUOYE faculties

*By Adeyinka Ademuyiwa*

No fewer than One hundred and Eighty (180) academics were shortlisted and interviewed at Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE) on Wednesday (September 23, 2020) and Thursday (September 24, 2020) in response to publicised advertisements for lecturers for the take off of Faculties of Basic Medical Sciences (BMS) and Environmental Sciences.

Speaking to FUOYENews, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof A.S. Fasina who participated in the process said over 90 very experienced and widely exposed people participated in the interview for each of the faculties.

"There are about six departments in each of the faculties. In faculty of Environmental Sciences for instance, we have Departments like Quantity Surveying, Surveying and GeoInformatics, Estate Management, Architecture, Urban

and Regional Planning and Building while for Basic Medical Sciences, we have Nursing, Radiology, Physiology, Medical Laboratory Science and Pathology", he stated.

Continuing, Prof Fasina added that "we will have at least six university lecturers in each of these new departments and may have more at the lower cadre to comply with the National Universities Commission (NUC) ratio among lecturers in a given department".

"We will have at least one lecturer each in each of the following cadre; Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Assistant Lecturer and Graduate Assistant. Most likely we may have more at the lower level to maintain a good ratio among cadres for each department in accordance with stated guidelines"

"We are set to deliver on due date. All hands are on deck. Soon leadership appointments for the

positions of Deans and Provost will be announced. Everything is going smoothly, no distraction of any kind", he further stated.

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### Getty/ACLS postdoctoral Fellowships in the History of Art

Venue. Getty Foundation, US

These support an academic year of research or writing by early-career scholars for a project that will make a substantial and original contribution to the understanding of art and its history. There are 10 fellowships available, worth USD 65,000 each.

Maximum award: USD 65,000

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### Fellowships

Polish Institute for Advanced Studies, PL

These enable researchers to carry out scientific research at the Polish Institute for Advanced Studies. A total of 12 fellowships are available, each lasting five to 10 months.

Maximum award: Not known

Closing date: 31 Oct 2020 (recurring)

## Registry

### REDESIGNATION OF APPOINTMENTS

S/N	NAME	FORMER POSITION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Mrs. Olayinka O. FAKOMITI	Chief Secretarial Assistant	Senior Confidential Secretary	Feb. 25, 2020
2	Mr. Charles C.OSSAI	Administrative Officer I	Legal Officer I	Aug. 21, 2020
3	Mr. Olakiitan EKUNDAYO	Workshop Supervisor (Electrical)	Technical Officer (Electrical)	Feb.11, 2020

### PROMOTION

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Dr. Yakibi Ayodele AFOLABI	Business Admin.	Reader	Oct. 1 , 20 18

### SABBATICAL LEAVE

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	PERIOD	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Dr. Joan Olayinka OGUNDELE	Industrial Chemistry	One Year	May 27, 2020 - May 27, 2021

### TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

The University Management after considering the report of the Staff Disciplinary Committee, has found Dr. Chibueze Calistus Ituma, of the Faculty of Law, Federal University Oye Ekiti guilty of the allegation of working outside the university without permission leveled against him and has decided that his services are no longer required by the University. *Continue on page 5*



## Termination of appointment

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Accordingly, University Management on behalf of the University Governing Council, in line with the extant University regulations, approved that his appointment with the university be terminated with effect from August 20, 2020.

He has been directed to handover the University properties in his possession to the Dean, Faculty of Law. His Staff Identity Card should be submitted to the Personnel Affairs Office.

He is also advised to stay away from the University premises

Thank you.

Signed

Mufutau A. IBRAHIM

Ag. Registrar

## Oshatimi buries mother

**T**he mother of a staff of Federal University Oye Ekiti, (FUOYE), Engineer Oshatimi has passed on. The burial is slated for Friday October 3, 2020.

According to an invitation card made available to FUOYENews, the service of songs will be held on Thursday October 1, 2020, at her residence at 16, Phase III Aduragbewa Street, opp. Kwara Diagnostic/Behind Unifoam, Ilorin by 4:00 pm.

There will be Wakekeep at her place on Friday October 2, 2020 at 4:00pm at Ilupa quarters, Iyara Ijumu, Kogi State.

This will be followed by an interment service on Saturday October 3, 2020 at 7:00am at Mosunmola house, Engr. Oshatimi Residence, Ilupa Quarters Opposite Muslim Primary School, Iyara Ijumu, Kogi State, a thanksgiving service at C&S Movement Church, No 1 District Headquarters, adjacent Olujumu`s palace, iyara Ijumu, by 9:30 am on same day.

Entertainment of guest takes place at St. Paul Anglican Primary school field, Ilupa, Iyara Ijumu after the thanksgiving service.

Members of staff who wish to go are advised to join the group transport arrangement by calling this number 09058722556

## Ajayi, Security staff, dies

**A** staff in the Security Unit of the Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Late Mrs Ajayi Adetola Funmi is dead.

She died on August 26, 2020 after a brief illness. Until her demise, she was a Senior Patrolman in the Unit. The body had been laid to rest at her country home Ikole Ekiti. May her eternal soul rest in peace

## NEWS

### FUOYE VC hosts Postgraduate School webinar on research planning...

*By Bamidele Eleniola*

The Vice Chancellor, Federal University Oye Ekiti, Prof Kayode Soremekun will host a team of African researchers as the School of Postgraduate Studies (SPGS) of the university holds a webinar on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 10:00am Online (Ms Teams).

He will be supported by the Dean of SPGS, Prof Mrs Mojisola Onyarekua.

The One day webinar entitled, "Research Planning and Academic Writing" is expected to rekindle global

community discourse on research planning and writing skills in African Universities.

According to the invitation flyer, the webinar would allow contributions from other part of the world.

Expected to discuss at the occasion are: The Director, Academic Planning, Professor Cecilia Akintayo who will speak on the topic, "Research Planning and Management"; Immediate past Dean of Engineering, Prof. Babatope Alabandan whose paper

will be on , "Academic Writing and Publishing" and the Dean of Social Sciences, Professor Shola Omotola who will talk on , Plagiarism- Bane of Excellence".

Interested participants are to sign up for a Microsoft Teams App on their mobile phones or laptop or join the programme directly via web or click on the link to register <http://tinyurl.com/y6n8os3c>



## FUOYE commissions uniform for campus security men .....as Ekiti police boss visits







## The 4th Vice-Chancellor that FUOYE needs

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These current FUOYE professors and academics would have proven true to the university mission of preparing generations of skilled and ethical professionals from robust curricula for competition in diverse world market....They would have shown by example that FUOYE means business and wants to take its pride of place in the comity of universities. The new Vice Chancellor, who would have secured their votes and confidence will need to sustain that trusts till 2026.

Needless to say FUOYE Senate will be scoring another goal is she finds one among its fold to be the coming Vice Chancellor. Why not? There is an unwritten advantage from the adage that says, "he who wears the shoe knows where it pinches".

If Prof Soremekun has been so outstanding, very much convincing in his performance to the extent that his critics are running out of ideas and approach to discredit what has now be known as "excellent deliveries", any professor of FUOYE in the Senate who meets carefully crafted requirements should merit the seat. Continuity....Let it be!

The new helmsman will need the wisdom of Solomon and the

patience of a vulture to handle union disputes ahead. Resources are lean and continuously so. Government allocation is thinning with petrol prices at the lowest ebb. With 2009 agreement with Academic Staff Union of Universities still controversial as it was in 2009 before the agreements, with new minimum wage adding to the controversies, with increases taxes and tariffs, unions are bound to pick the gauntlets against the new leader forgetting that many of these issues are outside his purview. Yet carry the baggage he must.

Our new Vice-Chancellor should be a builder, someone that can consolidate on current feats. If growing from three or four faculties to Eleven and moving from 33 academic programmes to over 85 in a space of five years is phenomenal, the nation, particularly FUOYE community expect no less.

For instance, since the new Pro Chancellor Dr Mohammed Lawan Yahuza is a veterinary scientists and work is at advanced stage to mount Faculty of Medicine, it should be given that both faculties of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine join the baskets of faculties and academic programmes that will be established soon. Expectations

will be high on more road network, more laboratories, more workshops and more Information Technology (IT) infrastructure especially when COVID 19 has compelled e-learning adoption.

From the body language and various statements of the Vice Chancellor, the new helmsman will not lack direction in e-learning. Already the doyen of Distance Learning in Nigeria, Prof Olagbemiro Jegede is in our team, networking, supporting, assisting Prof Soremekun to deliver the promise of e-learning mode and build university capacity to delivery learning and testing, even collaborative research remotely. All that will be required to sustain the tempo is to strengthen existing template and concretise the vision.

If we get our succession right, it will be a proof that you don't need 72 years to compete with the "best and foremost" university in Nigeria and certainly you won't need ages to compete with the best nations of the world. It will also be a confirmation of what is not yet publicly acknowledged, that Nigerian campuses with all its frailties are by far better managed than most states of the nation.



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## The 4th Vice-Chancellor that FUOYE needs

**T**he Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE) puts up an advert recently in the media requesting for eminently qualified and academically suitable candidates to apply and be considered for the exalted position of the Vice-Chancellor of the fastest growing university in Africa.

That FUOYE is the fastest growing African university is incontestable. That credit goes to three gentlemen who nurtured the vision of the Federal Government meandering through myriad of problems to present this pride to the nation. Of the trio of Prof Chinedu Nebo, Prof Isaac Azusu and Prof Kayode Soremekun, the latest, the incumbent, stands tall. . . .and this is not to diminish the feats of the other pathfinders.

Current statistics, the Council, the Management team that he leads, Staff and Students even unions at various times had variously appreciated this unassuming quiet, kind, loving, media cum academic giant at every opportunity on campus. Very calm, always composed in midst of critical administrative challenges, verbal and media assaults from people he did not wronged, Prof Soremekun showed that leadership is about accommodating people's excesses.

His disposition reminds me often of another academic giant, loved by all during my school days at the prestigious University of Ibadan, a literary icon and a very humane, very polished, very considerate Professor of History, Ayo Banjo. As President of Union Campus Journalists (UCJ), Ayo Banjo trusted me so much (how I merit that is a story for another day) and by extension the student group that I led, that he will make sure I attend and moderate every students' union-management meeting. One meeting left indelible memory, when the Public Relation Officer of the students union then, Akinosho Scoror, refused all pleas

but choose to address the VC and his administration climbing on the table that the VC was sitting and talking in uncouth languages. At the end, "Our VC" reversed all the decisions and payments as the students leaders demanded and with unusual ovation was led back to his office. Has Kayode Soremekun worked under the tutelage of Ayo Banjo knowing that between them is about 20years gap? I wouldn't know.

The coming gentleman, who will be unveiled in the months ahead to wear the big shoes of these predecessors as the new Chief Executive Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Chief Public Relation Officer, Chief Personnel Officer and Chief Builder of the university should beyond sterling academic achievements also be a focused, visionary leader.

Already in the advert, the Governing Council, in cognizance of the rationale for establishing the university

mission- a mission to entrench a culture of excellence in FUOYE. Having toiled for several years to select round pegs in round holes in several university organs and mindful of the connection between vision and manpower, no one need doubt that he will do his best to support the very best candidate.

But such is the lot of leaders, always facing attacks, always being misunderstood, always being screened, watching what they do not say and implying meanings to it.

The coming leader should expect more of such. Nigerian environment that FUOYE operates is laden with suspicion. Every government action is seen from prism of doubts. However once the object of attack leaves office, the new occupant becomes the new symbol. That is why the coming gentleman needs focus every time and keep the larger picture in view.

If FUOYE succeeds in the

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in the first place, demanded from the candidates “proven ability to manage men and resources” and specifically distinguished professors with at least 8 years experience preferably from Federal University. This last condition, many posit, is a ploy to edge out some people whose interests they argued are no longer represented.

But the Vice-Chancellor is on a

selection, it will be the first, giving the fact that, the current helmsman and his predecessors were appointed by the Federal Government. That feat will be a pointer to the culture of excellence Prof Kayode Soremekun has been working to establish. It will be bragging opportunity for all Professors and Senate Members for laying a solid foundation for coming academic giants that FUOYE will nurse.

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