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Re-Presidential Visitation Indicts Unilag VC, Mgt.

The attention of the Federal Ministry of Education has been drawn to several syndicated publications in the print Media, including; THISDAY NEWSPAPER,(FrontPage Banner)of Monday, 13th September,2021, The NATION, PUNCH, GUARDIAN, DAILY TRUST, and The VANGUARD, all of the same date, insinuating among other things that the Presidential Visitation Panel to the University of Lagos indicted the Vice Chancellor, Professor Ogundipe and the Management of that University.

The stories also posited that the report exonerated the former Chairman of Council, Dr. Olawale Babalakin.

The Ministry wishes to state in very categorical terms that these claims are false, unfounded, and to say the least, mischievous, as they have no bearing with the report submitted by the Panel, which was chaired by a reputable Four- Star General, Martin Luther Agwai (Rtd), one of the finest Officers of the Nigerian Army.

It will be recalled that the 7-Man Presidential Visitation Panel to the University of Lagos submitted its report along with others to the Hon. Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu on 31st August, 2021 and not 7th of September, 2021 as claimed in the publications.

Government is in the process of setting up White Paper Committees to address all the findings and recommendations of the Panels, including that of Unilag in a holistic manner.

Government had earlier issued a White Paper on the report of the 2020 Special Presidential Visitation Panel to the University of Lagos which culminated in the dissolution of the former Governing Council and the reinstatement of the Vice Chancellor.

Stakeholders and the general public are therefore advised to ignore in totality, these false, malicious and self-serving publications as well as their orchestration on Social and Electronic Media while we await the former release of the Government White Paper on the Panels reports.

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