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RAIN WREAKS HAVOC IN UI, VC CALLS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT / OYO STATE'S ASSISTANCE

The rain of the evening of Friday, 26 August, 2011 which ravaged Ibadan city, also wreaked a lot of havoc on the University Campus.

The Management Team led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. I.F. Adewole went round the Campus to inspect the extensively damaged portions. The fish pond, the Zoo, the Teaching and Research Farms, the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, some residential homes and security fence round the University were badly damaged.

The Fish Farm lost its entire investment. 200,000 fry, 10,000 fingerlings, 30,000 juveniles, 1,000 pieces of parachanal obscura, 2600 medium size cat fish, 250 pieces of 0.8 kg point of sale catfish, 500 pieces of 2 kg-brood-stock catfish, about 1000 pieces of table size red tilapia and many other species of fish, kept aside for research purposes were swept away.

The Zoo recorded the loss of its hyena and a warthog while the fanciful bamboo bridge was swept away by the flood. The entire playground for kids was covered by water which is just drying up.

The ETF Poultry House under construction at the Teaching and Research Farm was destroyed, the entire super sweet corn farm flooded by excessive rains while the fish pond under construction was swept away. The fence around the Dairy Farm collapsed and so also the general fence around the University collapsed in many places.

The official residence of Dr. O.B.C. Nwolise was damaged by a fallen tree while Ajibode village was cut off completely because the road was washed away.

The drainage between Abadina Quarters and the Department of Forest Resources Management collapsed and the offices in the building were deluged and books and other academic materials worth millions of naira were destroyed. The entire drainage system of the University has collapsed. The basement of Awo Hall was flooded and most of the roofs of the buildings are leaking badly.

Tedder Hall, Queen Elizabeth II Hall and the University Bookshop were flooded. Books worth millions of Naira were damaged at the Bookshop.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adewole puts the estimate of the loss at about ₦10 billion and calls on the Federal Government and the Oyo State Government to come urgently to the aid of the University. He assured that the Management would do all it could to ameliorate the effect of the disaster.

In the meantime, he has directed the Director of Works to repair the broken fence, generate electricity in the Lecture Halls, between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. to enable the students prepare for the forth coming examinations. He regretted that the over 32 electricity poles damaged by the rainstorm within and outside the campus, and the damaged underground cables make it difficult for the University to generate electricity into all the Halls of Residence.

He has appealed to all members of the University Community to see the unfortunate rainstorm as a situation beyond the control of human beings and to empathize with Management in its handling of the situation. He expressed optimism that with our human capital and resilience, UI will come out stronger.

Management



Dean of Agric & Forestry, Prof. E. A. Aiyelari showing damaged structures to the VC & his Team



Damaged UI fence along Orogun Road



Washed away Fish Pond



Damaged Bamboo Bridge in the Zoo



Damaged fence behind the Department of Forest Resources Management



Dr. Omitoyin showing the VC the extent of damage at the Fish Pond



The damaged newly constructed Fish Pond



Damaged fence