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Corona College of Education calls for a State of Emergency in Nigeria's education sector

CORONA College of Education has called on the federal government to declare education as an emergency, due to the emergent Security Issues in the country and its effects on education sector.

They also affirmed that there is urgent need for value re orientation and value transformation to adequately address the precarious state of the educational system in the country.

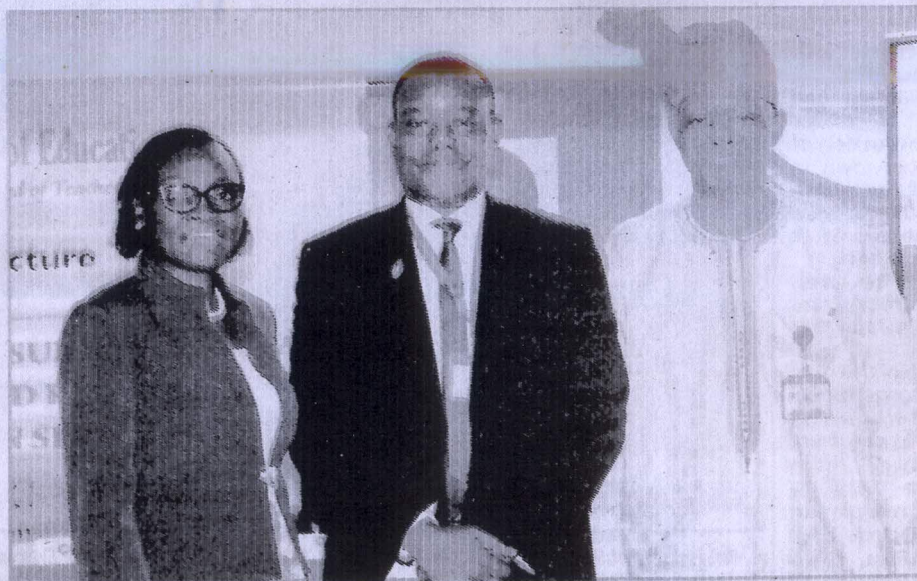
The call was made recently at the 3rd Public Lecture organized by Corona College of Education in Lagos.

Speaking on the theme 'Emergent Security Issues in Nigeria: The Facts, Puzzles and Remedies for the Education Sector, the Director-General of Nigerian Institute Of International Affairs; Africa's Foremost Foreign Policy Think Tank, Prof. Eghosa Osaghae, who was also the guest lecturer urged the government and every stakeholder who identifies with the problems of education in the country not to handle these emergent Security Issues with levity.

According to him "People really need to know what it means when there is a crisis in a sector. It means that the country cannot make any meaningful economic development or growth if we don't fix that sector."

"The Spate of the challenges, ranging from kidnappings, to banditry, militancy, terrorism, civil unrests, riots, environmental hazards, armed robbery and unprovoked shootings have a way of keeping our students out of school and when this happens, our youths will be an easy recruits

•Demands for national value transformation and re-orientation



L-R: Dr. Olajumoke Mekiliuwa, Provost, Corona College of Education, Professor Eghosa Osaghae Director General, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) and Dr. Ademola Wahab Azeez, Provost/CEO FCE(T) Akoka at the 3rd Public Lecture organized by Corona College of Education in Lagos.

world on economic and infrastructural development.

He also conversed for a technological driven curriculum which will help job competencies of our youths, that will help

are not in school. Even when children go to school, the education they receive is often of low quality; based on outdated curricula without impacting the critical skills necessary to compete with children from

the numerous security threats confronting the nation's educational institutions, from primary, secondary to tertiary schools, in recent times.

According to her the lecture was designed to generate discourses around pertinent issues in education with the effect of galvanizing sustainable change in the education sector in Nigeria.

Dr. Mekiliuwa noted that education sector is a determining factor of change for the development of any country, not just Nigeria, but Africa as a whole.

"Government should embrace more actions and less talk in solving the problems of education which include, but not limited to, lack of innovation, lack of infrastructure and teaching aids, poor funding, and governance." She stated

She noted that these are apparently challenging times for parents, teachers, proprietors, administrators, staff and students nationwide as the nation's institutions have become the target of attacks from enemies within and without. She said that the spate of attacks on schools in Nigeria in recent times is unprecedented and reports of teachers, lecturers, students abducted from schools, reports of teachers beaten by students/parents, reports of pupils attacking, bullying and inflicting harm on peers are all frightening dimensions to the issues of insecurity that warrants a gathering such as this.

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