



COAL CITY UNIVERSITY, ENUGU

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PRESS STATEMENT ON THE RECENT SAHARA REPORTERS PUBLICATION CONCERNING COAL CITY UNIVERSITY

The Management of Coal City University has noted with serious concern the recent publications by Sahara Reporters containing allegations against the University. The University categorically states that the publications contain false, misleading, malicious and unverified claims that do not reflect the realities within the institution.

These publications follow an earlier false media report published in March 2026 alleging that the University admitted students into a Law programme beyond approved regulatory limits. The University subsequently clarified that it neither operates a Faculty of Law nor offers a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) programme and therefore could not have admitted students into a programme that does not exist within the institution.

The University specifically rejects the allegations by Sahara Reporters regarding salary non-payment and purported strike action by staff. These allegations are deliberate, intentional, false, misleading and entirely without factual basis. They misrepresent the realities within the institution and create a distorted impression of the University's operations and overall condition.

The publications also falsely portrayed the events surrounding the June 10, 2026 incident involving a student and certain University personnel, presenting a distorted and misleading account of the facts. Contrary to the impression created by the reports, the University had already taken decisive preliminary actions, including the suspension of all staff and students directly involved and the constitution of a Review Committee to thoroughly examine the matter and make appropriate recommendations to Management. These measures had already been put in place prior to the Sahara Reporters publication on the matter.

The University further wishes to clarify that the student involved in the incident is a beneficiary of the University's scholarship programme, reflecting the institution's commitment to supporting students and promoting access to quality higher education. This fact, however, does not in any way affect the University's commitment to a fair, impartial, and thorough review of the matter in accordance with established procedures.

Beyond the misrepresentation of the incident itself, the publications contain inaccurate and unsubstantiated claims concerning the University's academic activities, internal administration, and treatment of members of its community. The University categorically rejects these allegations and affirms that its operations have consistently continued in accordance with its established policies, standards, and obligations.

For the avoidance of doubt, Coal City University has always remained fully operational. Academic activities, administrative functions, student services, examinations, research activities, and other institutional programmes have consistently continued in accordance with approved schedules and established institutional policies.

The allegations were published without any iota of verification and without a fair presentation of the University's position. The continued circulation of inaccurate reports concerning the institution is capable of misleading the public and causing unwarranted damage to the University's reputation.

Management therefore urges the public to disregard the allegations contained in the Sahara Reporters publications and to rely only on information communicated through the official channels of the University.

In view of the false and misleading nature of the publications, Management has directed the University's legal advisers to formally engage Sahara Reporters and demand an immediate retraction of the publication, together with appropriate corrective action. The University expects the publication to be withdrawn and the record corrected in the interest of fairness, accuracy, and responsible journalism.

Coal City University remains committed to academic excellence and will take all lawful steps necessary to protect its reputation and institutional integrity.

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Management
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