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Tell us about your advocacy work and what inspired it.

Our work is multi-dimensional. As a product designer and social enterprise developer, I focus on using cycling as a practical solution to bridge educational access for underserved public school children in Nigeria. Our initiative - Cycle2School Plus (C2S)—is launching its pilot phase this September/October and will provide free, safe mobility to students, especially girls, who are burdened by long and dangerous treks to school.

This advocacy was born from a tragic incident on October 21, 2006, when over 100 people were killed in a crash at Agric Bus Stop, Ikorodu. My wife, the only known survivor, spent a year in recovery. This deep personal loss ignited my mission. I came to understand the gravity of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety and resolved to contribute through innovation and grassroots empowerment.

Our target beneficiaries belong to the endangered and vulnerable groups of road users, therefore, amplifying the protection and enhancement of Cycling and walking is at the fore of our development.

Cyclists especially are target of hostile, unfriendly and unqualified motorist, sometimes even cyclist and pedestrians are a challenge to themselves on the road due to the low level of road safety education in Nigeria. With a platform like Cycle 2 School Plus we believe that we can be 'the change' when it comes to addressing the poor road user illiteracy in Nigeria.

We believe road safety must be democratized, decentralized, and enterprised - and we are delivering that through C2S .

Is your message being understood by your audience and partners?

Absolutely, but there's room for growth. Our vision aligns with SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 8,

Mr. Gabriel Rotimi Aroge, a road safety advocate and the Founder cum President of **GRA Empowerment Foundation**, in this interview with **OLORUNDARE ENIMOLA**, revealed how his foundation is using cycling as a practical solution to eliminate cost of transportation to schools for indigent public school students through an initiative he called; 'Cycle2School Plus (C2S)' with plans to donate 1000 bicycles during the launch of the pilot project between September and October.



Aroge

11, 13, 16, and 17. We're addressing poverty, good health and wellbeing, quality education, gender equality, descent work and economic growth,sustainable cities,climate action, peace justice and strong institutions & partnership to achieve the goals through a single scalable platform.

Reorientation of the Nigerian road users is the most critical challenge we are faced with today, investment in behavioural change programme is urgently needed to help the road users appreciate the effort of law enforcement agents.

We estimate a 70% acceptance rate for our initiative, with the remaining 30% relying on how well we communicate cycling as a game-changing solution. Policy influencers and private sector leaders must understand that this is not a luxury—it's a necessity.

What are your notable achievements to date?

Hosted the Executive Director of Re~Cycle Bikes to Africa at Sussex Innovation Centre, UK. Conducted a working visit to Re~Cycle's warehouse in Colchester, UK. Organised the first-ever Nigerian visit of Re~Cycle's Executive Director in Feb 2025 and partnered with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) for the 8th UN Global Road Safety Week.

We celebrated World Bicycle Day 2025 with FRSC and other partners. Appointed brand ambassadors including former national cycling champion Afitz Bakare. Onboarded brand strategist Dr. Charles O'Tudor as mentor and fundraising lead. We've already received a donation of

1,000 bicycles and international support to ship our first container of 500 bikes into Nigeria - what we now need is local backing to complete the implementation plan of this program.

How do you fund your operations?

Our biggest resource is people - volunteers and partners who've worked pro bono for years. Re~Cycle UK covered the full shipping cost of 500+ bikes to Nigeria. Sussex Innovation Centre sponsored a business incubation program worth over £10,000. Brighton Bike Hub trained me as a volunteer, and today, they're technically supporting our operations.

All these are at a huge cost if we were to pay from our pocket. The Brighton Bike Hub where I initially volunteered as a mechanic apprentice during my MSc programme in the University of Sussex led me to our principal partner Re-Cycle Bike to Africa, who has donated 1,000 bikes to help us launch our pilot programme in Lagos.

These foreign partners didn't need to know me or where I was coming from to support. This cause is great, they have visited Nigeria to verify our claim, they are going ahead to push even harder than what they have done in the other African countries.

But we cannot sustain this momentum without Nigerian partners. We are calling on banks, insurers, FMCGs, telecoms, and philanthropic organizations to join this historic effort. Education isn't free when students must pay up to ₦90,000

yearly in transport. With C2S , we will eliminate this burden.

for the first time, we shall be launching a bicycle fleet for school children where they would access a free bicycle service for the whole of their tenure in school.

When you hear free education, you would think its actually free. What about the transport? Is that also free? Meanwhile this is a recurrent daily cost that usually leads to many dropping out of school while those who can still manage, do a lot of long and dangerous trekking to get to school in a staggered pattern which does not culminate to the excellent result and optimal performance such children would have had given the same opportunities as their peer.

What would you say to the Nigerian government about cycling infrastructure?

Infrastructure is key, but behavioral change is more urgent. Let's start with public education, policy enforcement, and road safety campaigns. We must tackle driver hostility and unsafe road habits before any infrastructure can be effective.

Moreso, cities like Lagos must integrate bike lanes and accessible paths into urban planning. The Non-Motorized Transport (NMT) policy from LAMATA must be fully implemented. But we must also leverage what we have—safely.

How can we reduce road crashes in Nigeria?

Invest in road safety education for all road users. Enforce traffic laws and punish violations - justice is a deterrent.

Train the next generation through schools, starting today. Promote walking and cycling as viable transport options.

Integrate and amplify SDG 16 (Peace and Justice) in transport governance.

Our Cycle2School+ programme will help prepare tomorrow's

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LASTMA has finalized prosecutorial frameworks for the immediate arraignment of 18 vehicle owners recently apprehended for willfully driving against traffic flow. As part of their prosecution, each offender will be required to undergo a comprehensive psychiatric evaluation to assess their cognitive fitness and behavioral

disposition.

According to the General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, this initiative reflects global best practices in advanced traffic psychology and behavioral enforcement.

“The enforcement of psychiatric assessments is not intended to stigmatize or punish,” Mr. Bakare-Oki emphasized. “Rather, it is a necessary intervention designed to protect the general motoring public from

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LASTMA

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The Federal Road Safety Corps has said no fewer than 620,000 traffic offenders across the country between January 2024 and July 2025.

Spokesperson for the corps, Olusegun Ogungbemide, who confirmed the figure said it included 350,536 violations recorded between January and June 2024, and nearly 300,000 fresh infractions documented from January to July 2025.

Ogungbemide, in an interview with Saturday PUNCH, said the arrests were part of intensified efforts to reduce road crashes and fatalities, especially those involving commercial vehicles.

“Every index that contributes to road crashes is what we address through our enforcement. So, when I say we arrested close to 300,000 in the first six months of the year (2025), it means we likely prevented 300 potential crashes,” he said.

The FRSC spokesperson noted that the majority of the infractions involved

speeding, failure to use seatbelts, use of mobile phones while driving, overloading, and defective vehicle parts. He also stated that commercial drivers remained a major concern due to recurrent violations despite various interventions by the agency.

Gungbemide, “The upsurge in road crashes this year has been mostly linked to commercial vehicles. Unfortunately, members of the public sometimes undermine safety measures despite our constant advocacy.”

He explained that in 2024, the corps was able to reduce road crashes by 10 per cent and fatalities on 1%, but a significant number of deaths were still recorded due to fuel scooping incidents after crashes.

The FRSC spokesperson stressed the shared responsibility of road safety, noting that the safety of Nigeria's over 200,000 km road network couldn't be left to the FRSC alone.

Ogungbemide further advocated for a shift toward multimodal transportation to reduce pressure on Nigerian roads.

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Hardship Hits Marketers As P’Harcourt Refinery Shutdown Lingers

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Port Harcourt refinery bulk petroleum retailers have called on President Bola Tinubu to urgently release funds needed for the completion of repair works at the old Port Harcourt refinery, which has remained shut beyond its scheduled reopening date.

Dealers decried the economic hardship they currently face as a result of the prolonged shutdown of the plant, urging the Federal Government to revive the facility.

This comes amid recent revelations by the Group Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited, Bayo Ojulari, that the government's investments in its refineries were not yielding the desired results.

It also followed a doubt by the President of the Dangote Group, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, that the refineries may never work again despite \$18bn spent on their maintenance.

Addressing a press conference, the Chairman of the Host Community Bulk



Port Harcourt Refinery

Petroleum Retailers Association, Mike Amadi, condemned the failure of NNPC to reopen the refinery that was shut down on May 24 for a 30-day repair work.

“We, the Port Harcourt refinery bulk petroleum retailer's association, bring to the attention of the public the concerning delay in the rehabilitation of the Port Harcourt Refinery. The old Port

Harcourt refinery was shut down on May 24, 2025, for a scheduled 30-day repair. “Unfortunately, it has been 60 days, and the refinery remains non-operational. This prolonged delay has had a devastating impact on the economy and business activities in and around the host communities, exacerbating the already challenging economic environment,” he said.

Amadi called on Tinubu to wade into the matter, saying the delay might undermine his administration's transformative efforts.

“We respectfully, yet urgently, call on President Bola Tinubu to intervene in this matter, as the delay may irreparably undermine his administration's transformative agenda for Nigeria,” he said.

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NCAT Seeks Additional Equipment, Improved Funding

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The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT) Zaria has appealed to the government for additional equipment and improved funding to harness its potential for providing the manpower needs of the aviation sector in the region.

Dr Danjuma Ismail, Rector, NCAT Zaria, made the appeal in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Zaria on Sunday. Nigerian cuisine recipes

He said the college was poised to become an aviation training hub and a one stop-solution for aviation industry training in Nigeria and beyond.

“Currently, the college is in partnership with some African countries, such as Kenya, South Sudan, Egypt, Ethiopia among other African countries.

“Last month, the Civil Aviation Authority of South Sudan visited the college where we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with them on training.

“We have trainees from Egypt who

spent almost six weeks on training and two months ago, trainees from French speaking countries were at the college for different trainings," he said.

He, however, added that none of these countries have an aviation college that was as big as NCAT in terms of programmes and infrastructure.

Ismail said, “In spite of these, NCAT is also lacking in some other aspects, notwithstanding, our courses are meeting the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards.

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Dr. Danjuma

FAAN Signs MoU With ATOM Partner On Aviation Training

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The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ATOM Training Services, an aviation institute based in Dubai.

This is contained in a statement on Sunday by Mrs Obiageli Orah, FAAN's Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection.

Orah said the strategic partnership aligns with FAAN's efforts to deliver on the six-point agenda of its Managing Director, Mrs Olubunmi Kuku.

She noted that the agreement, signed through FAAN's training school, boosts staff competence, particularly in critical safety and operational areas.

According to her, the initiative began earlier in the year, after several planning sessions and strategic engagements between both organisations.

She stated that the MoU was officially signed on 22 July 2025 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, by both parties.

FAAN's delegation was led by Dr Luqman

Emiola, Director of Human Resources and Administration, while ATOM was represented by Abdulla Almemari.

During the visit, the FAAN team toured the ATOM facility and held detailed discussions with its management, leading to the MoU signing.

Orah noted that FAAN would benefit greatly from ATOM's expertise in delivering ICAO-compliant, industry-specific aviation training programmes.

ATOM provides tailored solutions to boost skills, regulatory compliance, and operational effectiveness among aviation personnel.

She explained that areas such as air traffic management, emergency response, and safety oversight would be enhanced through this collaboration.

FAAN's workforce is set to benefit from globally benchmarked training, reinforcing its commitment to safe and efficient airport operations.

She described the partnership as a strategic investment in workforce capacity and the pursuit of aviation excellence. *Find Full Story In The Link*

CEGA Hails 37 New Crude Routes, Says NUPRC Winning War On Oil Theft

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The Centre for Energy Governance and Accountability (CEGA) has commended the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) for securing federal government approval of 37 new crude oil evacuation routes as part of a broader strategy to curb oil theft, deepen transparency, and revive Nigeria's oil production.

Gbenga Komolafe, Chief Executive of NUPRC, had on Tuesday at the 2025 Nigeria Oil and Gas (NOG) Energy Week in Abuja announced the new routes and provided updates on sector-wide reforms designed to reposition Nigeria's upstream industry for resilience and global competitiveness.

He said the commission's alignment with the armed forces and security agencies has also helped protect critical oil infrastructure.

In a statement on Sunday, CEGA described the development as “a major milestone” in Nigeria's decades-long struggle with oil theft and revenue losses, and praised Komolafe for



Komolafe

“translating policy into measurable results.” Nigerian Airways merchandise

“The approval of 37 new evacuation routes is not just a bureaucratic adjustment—it is a strategic intervention in a sector that bleeds billions annually. This move signals seriousness in plugging leakages and restoring investor confidence,” said Dr. Kelvin Sotonye Williams, Executive Director of CEGA.

Dr. Williams said Komolafe's leadership

at NUPRC has helped stabilise a regulatory environment that had, until the passage of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) in 2021, been plagued by uncertainty and opacity.

He said the results are already becoming evident with the \$16 billion investment commitments secured under the Tinubu administration in just two years.

“These are not paper promises. These

are real inflows driven by clarity of vision, regulatory consistency, and aggressive digitisation,” Williams said.

He also praised the commission's One Million Barrels Initiative, which aims to ramp up daily production from the current 1.7 million barrels per day (bpd) to 2.5 million bpd by 2026.

Komolafe said the strategy was launched in 2024 and is yielding results by reviving dormant fields, accelerating project approvals, and eliminating bottlenecks in the upstream licensing regime.

According to CEGA, raising production is the clearest route to energy security and fiscal independence, especially in an era when global upstream investment needs to reach \$640 billion annually to meet demand projections through 2030.

“Komolafe is correct to warn that failure to invest in supply will threaten global and regional stability. Nigeria's oil reserves are a strategic asset that must be optimally managed, not underutilised,” the CEGA Executive Director said.

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He lamented that the association still faces significant challenges in accessing capital, citing high bank interest rates ranging from 28% to 33%. He appealed to petroleum marketers in the state to remain patient, assuring them that the association is committed to advocating for their welfare and ensuring they benefit from positive changes in the downstream sector. The PEDAN chairman also highlighted the association's recent achievements, including securing a rented office space.



FRSC

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The Nigerian Ports Authority has reported that a total of 1,350 vehicles are expected to arrive at the Ports & Terminal Multipurpose Limited at the Tincan Island Port between July 19, 2025, and July 21, 2025. Out of the total number of vehicles expected, 1,000 units are new ones, while 350 units are used ones. According to a Shipping Position Daily obtained by our correspondent, the vehicles are expected to arrive at the port amidst naira stability in the last few days. As of July 20, 2025, the rate of the dollar at the parallel market was N1,544 per dollar. Maritime analysts stated that this stability has significantly impacted the importation of vehicles, as they urged the apex bank to sustain the drive. The stability of the naira has been attributed to the Central Bank of Nigeria's injection of \$4.1bn into the foreign exchange market in the first half of 2025. This move was aimed at stabilizing the naira and easing liquidity

1,350 Vehicles Arrive At PTML In Two Days

pressures in the currency market. According to a report by CSL Stockbrokers Limited, the CBN's aggressive intervention reflects a stronger commitment to defending the naira amid persistent volatility and weak capital inflows. The naira, which opened the year at N1,535 to the US dollar in the official market, appreciated slightly to N1,530/\$ by the end of June, supported largely by these FX injections. However, industry analysts have expressed concerns over the sustainability of the currency defense strategy, citing weak oil earnings, subdued foreign portfolio investment inflows, and uncertainties around external financing.

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NSC Unveils Five-year Roadmap To Overhaul Port Operations



Akutah

The Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) has announced a five-year strategic plan (2025–2029) to guide the implementation of the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy's goal of improving trade logistics, cargo management and port infrastructure development. The Council also issued a call for a digital shift within the agency, declaring that the era of paper-driven bureaucracy is over and that performance, outcomes, and measurable results will now define the Council's operations. Speaking at the opening of a two-day NSC Management System Retreat yesterday in

Lagos, the Executive Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, NSC, Dr Pius Akutah, said this reform is designed to align the Council with the Federal Government's strategic priorities under President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda. The retreat is themed: “Achieving Strategic Intent Through Performance Lens.” Akutah expressed discontent with the current inefficiencies in Nigerian ports, citing unacceptable cargo dwell times and vessel turnaround statistics. To address this, he announced a policy directive for the Regulatory Services and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) units to jointly develop a real-time integrated dashboard in collaboration with terminal operators and the Nigeria Customs Service. He said the dashboard will provide live updates on cargo and vessel processing metrics and will feature prominently in the Council's monthly performance reviews.

The NSC boss also issued a December 2025 deadline for full deployment of the Council's Enterprise Content Management (ECM) system. Akutah stated that all internal documentation, from memos to approvals, must transition to the digital platform by the end of 2025 third quarter, warning that departments' failure to comply will face administrative sanctions. He also stated that the Council must pivot from being a process-heavy institution to a performance-based regulatory agency, while directing departments to align their yearly workplans with the national marine and blue economy policy. On human resources, Akutah emphasised that the Federal Government's Performance Management System is now mandatory, noting that every staff member is to be assessed based on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), with promotions, postings, and recognitions tied directly to individual and departmental outcomes.

He said the Human Resources and Strategic Planning departments have been tasked with finalising and implementing these performance contracts. On infrastructure delivery, Akutah emphasised the importance of Inland Dry Ports and related projects in Jos, Ogun (Gateway IDP), Kano (Dala IDP), Potiskum Vehicle Transit Area (VTA), and the Border Information Centres, stressing that these initiatives must progress beyond the planning stage into execution. He announced his oversight of project timelines, budgets, and stakeholder coordination, with biweekly progress reports mandated from the Inland Transport Services Department and relevant zonal coordinators. Speaking earlier, the Director, Strategic Planning and Research Department, NSC, Rotimi Anifowoshe, underscored the significance of the session, saying it is a reaffirmation of the council's shared commitment to accountability, results-based performance, and continuous improvement.

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This followed reports of unauthorised groups allegedly causing unrest and clashing with officially recognised unions in various parts of the state.

In a statement issued on Friday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Omolola Odutola, said the attention of the command was drawn to the disruptive activities of certain transport groups who, without approval, were collecting levies and fomenting trouble.

Citing a communiqué from the Ogun State Ministry of Transportation dated July 8, 2025, Odutola listed the only unions and bodies lawfully recognised to operate and collect revenue within the sector.

“1. Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) – Buses



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and taxis, 2. National Management Services of Nigeria (AMORAN), 5. Union of Road (O G S P A M), 3. Riders and Owners of Transport Workers A m a l g a m a t e d Motorcycle Organisation (N U R T W) – in Commercial Motorcycle (ROMO), 6. Riders and collaboration with: , Owners and Riders Owners of Tricycle Ogun Stations Association of Nigeria Organisation (ROTO) – This followed reports of unauthorised groups Operation Management (ACOMORAN) – Okada, Keke Napep, 7. Tricycle allegedly causing unrest and clashing with Services (OSOMS), 4. Articulated Motorcycle Owners and Riders officially recognised unions in various parts of Ogun State Park and Riders Association Association of Nigeria the state.

(TORAN), 8. Three Wheelers Operators and Riders Association (TWORA),” Odutola stated

She warned that any other group operating outside of these officially sanctioned unions would be treated as unlawful and a threat to public order.

She added,” Such unauthorised activity will be met with immediate enforcement action, including arrest and prosecution.”

The command further urged any group or association seeking legal recognition to go through the appropriate registration channels with the Ogun State Government.

“The command remains committed to maintaining peace, safety and lawful conduct within the transportation sector.

“Any group or individual that engages in acts capable of breaching public order will be dealt with in accordance with the law,” Odutola added.

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Dr. Lukman

The Chairman and CEO of Gasoline Associates International Limited (GAIL), Dr. Lukman Akande Bolaji is set to revolutionalise the petroleum industry with the introduction of a private refinery.

According to Bolaji, the refinery to be sited at Ipokia, a quiet corner of Ogun state, is designed to process 100,000 barrels of crude oil per day in its initial phase, with the capacity to scale up to 450,000 barrels daily.

Once operational, it will deliver essential fuels such as Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), and Jet Fuel (ATK), along with petrochemical derivatives for both

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domestic use and international markets.

This initiative represents a strategic response to Nigeria's dependency on imported petroleum products and positions Ogun state as a hub for energy and industrial innovation in WestAfrica.

The project has attracted attention from both local and international stakeholders, including the WOFBI Alumni Association, whose mission to promote transformational leadership resonates deeply with Bolaji's ethos.

A man of many firsts with over 25 years of diverse professional experience spanning information technology, banking, energy, academia, and international business consulting, he noted.

His credentials are equally remarkable: he is a fellow and member of globally recognised institutions, including the Institute of Internal Auditors, Chartered Institute of Bankers, Nigeria Institute of

Management, Chartered Institute of Marketing (UK), and the Chartered Institute of Cost and Management Accountants (Nigeria).

He said this robust intellectual and professional foundation equipped him with unmatched insight to steer GAIL's operations with precision and foresight.

His international footprint extends across Nigeria, China, and the United States, while his previous role as director and person of significant control at Gasoline Associates International UK Limited underscores his ability to bridge global capital with local opportunities.

His engagement with the Nigeria-American Chamber of Commerce where he served as President of the Ogun State Chapter and later as a national director further highlights his commitment to partnerships that foster economic diplomacy and sustainable development.

What sets Dr. Bolaji apart is not merely the scale of his achievements

but the values that underpin them: faith, integrity, and a deep sense of purpose.

In an era where public trust in private ventures can be fragile, he remains a refreshing example of leadership rooted in vision, accountability, and social impact.

For Dr. Bolaji, it is a legacy in the making—a promise of shared prosperity, national renewal, and a future where energy becomes a catalyst for progress.

As the WOFBI Alumni Association celebrates his story in Universal Truth Magazine, it underscores a broader narrative: Dr. Lukman Akande Bolaji is not merely refining oil. He is refining hope, transforming a bold vision into a legacy that generations will celebrate.

According to Bolaji, the refinery to be sited at Ipokia, a quiet corner of Ogun state, is designed to process 100,000 barrels of crude oil per day in its initial phase, with the capacity to scale up to 450,000 barrels daily.

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CREDICORP Launches Nigeria’s Largest Credit Intervention For Youths

Culled:
In his Democracy Day address on June 12, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu made a promise that this July, the Federal Government would launch a credit initiative to impact 400,000 Nigerians including youth corp member with consumer credit. Today, that promise comes to life with the official launch of YouthCred, a national initiative under the Nigerian Consumer Credit Corporation (CREDICORP), aimed at empowering young Nigerians with responsible access to credit—starting with NYSC Corps members.

The launch follows the successful Strategic Planning & Debriefing Session of NYSC State Coordinators, where CREDICORP formally signed an MOU with the National Youth Service Corps and trained NYSC officers across all 36 states on the YouthCred platform. This marks a critical institutional alignment between both agencies to deliver credit, not just as financing, but as a tool for economic transformation. Nigerian cuisine recipes YouthCred is more than a loan program; it is a deliberate act of cultural re-orientation. For decades, credit in Nigeria has been



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misunderstood, misused, or completely out of reach for young people. This initiative changes that. By combining credit education with structured and affordable access to financing, YouthCred is equipping a new generation to understand credit, use it wisely, and begin building a credit history from an early age. The platform is now live at www.youthcred.com. The first phase of the initiative targets members of the

National Youth Service Corps, who will be required to complete a short digital credit education program before they can access tailored loans for personal and productive needs whether it's to relocate, purchase a device, finance training, or fund a small business. For the first time, young Nigerians will not only be able to access credit they'll understand how to manage it, repay it, and build trust with the financial system.

With the launch now live for Corps members, the next phase of YouthCred will extend to employed youth, giving entry-level professionals the opportunity to access credit that matches their realities and supports their aspirations. This will be followed by youth-led enterprises, where young entrepreneurs can access the financing, they need to grow their ventures and contribute meaningfully to the economy. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

Nigeria, China Strengthen Customs Ties



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Culled:
In a renewed move to boost global partnerships and reform its operational capabilities, the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has deepened strategic engagement with China's General Administration of Customs (GACC), focusing on knowledge exchange, modernization, and training collaboration. At a high-level meeting held in Beijing on July 25, 2025, senior officials from both countries discussed enhanced cooperation in customs training, the adoption of advanced

technologies, and the implementation of modern administrative models. Nigerian cuisine recipes The Nigerian delegation, led by Assistant Comptroller-General Oluyomi Adebakin, Commandant of the Nigeria Customs Command and Staff College, Gwagwalada, comprised 21 senior officers. The Chinese authorities showcased their highly structured training system, which leverages cutting-edge tools such as virtual reality (VR), 5G-enabled platforms, and blended e-learning methodologies. According to a statement by the National Public Relations Officer, Assistant Comptroller Abdullahi Maiwada, PhD, the GACC conducted over 8,000 physical training sessions and launched 360

online courses in 2024 alone—demonstrating a strong commitment to capacity development. The engagement also spotlighted Nigeria's growing involvement in China's international customs training programmes. Since 2023, more than 200 African customs officers including 89 Nigerians have received training in thematic areas such as trade facilitation, food safety, anti-smuggling operations, and digital port supervision. China's customs authorities commended Nigeria's sweeping reforms and praised the emergence of Comptroller-General Bashir Adewale Adeniyi, MFR, as Chairperson of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) Council. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

Gunmen Abduct Six Law Schools Students In Benue

Culled:
No fewer than six students of the Nigerian Law School have been abducted by suspected gunmen while travelling from Onitsha, Anambra State, to Yola, Adamawa State. PUNCH Online gathered that the incident occurred in the late hours of Saturday, July 26, as the students were on their way to resume academic activities at the Yola campus of the Nigerian Law School, scheduled to reopen on Monday, July 28, following their court externship break. A fellow law student at the Yola campus, Damilare Adenola, confirmed the incident to PUNCH Online via phone call on Sunday, saying, “Six students of the Nigerian Law School have been reportedly kidnapped by suspected armed bandits while travelling to resume school after their court externship break.” He added, “Some missing students have been identified as Rev. Ernest Okafor, Ogbuka Fabian, Nwamma Philip, Okechukwu Obadiegwu, Obalem Emmanuel, and Obiorah David.”

According to him, the reports suggest that the abduction took place along the route between Wukari in Taraba State and a part of Benue State—an area known for insecurity and frequent attacks on travellers. A student leader at the Yola campus, who spoke with PUNCH Online on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the case, disclosed that the matter had already been reported to the police. “We are currently in Yola. We have contacted the Adamawa Police Command. We are just waiting for more updates from them. We haven't got any concrete information yet,” the student leader said. When contacted on Sunday, the spokesperson for the Adamawa State Police Command, Yahaya Suleiman, confirmed that the command was aware of the abduction but clarified that the incident did not occur within Adamawa's jurisdiction. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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ActionAid Decries Worsening Hardship, Insecurity Despite FG's Reforms

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The General Assembly of ActionAid Nigeria has accused the Federal Government of failing to tackle deepening insecurity, worsening hunger, and ballooning public debt, despite its stance on recent economic reforms and symbolic gestures.

In a press conference in Abuja, following its meeting on Saturday evening, the Assembly commended a few policies of the Tinubu administration, including the signing of the Tax Reform Act, a reported increase in Gross Domestic Product figures, and the declaration of a state of emergency on food security.

It, however, noted that these milestones have not translated into tangible relief for ordinary Nigerians.

“The General Assembly of ActionAid Nigeria commends the Federal Government on its recent milestones, particularly the successful commemoration of Nigeria's Democracy Day, the signing into law of the Tax Reform Act aimed at strengthening domestic revenue mobilisation, an increase in GDP, and the declaration of a state of emergency on food security.

“These are important steps toward reform, and we recognise the efforts made so far.

“However, ActionAid Nigeria's General Assembly remains deeply concerned about the worsening state of the nation — from economic instability, rising hunger, inequality and inflation, to growing insecurity and governance failures.

“Despite two years of the 'Renewed Hope' agenda, millions of Nigerians still grapple with hardship, as insecurity in the North Central zone drives food prices higher and the nation's continuous borrowing risks pushing debt to unsustainable levels.

“While the declaration of a national emergency on food security is a welcome step, there has been no

significant change in plans, budgets, or actions within the sector that would meaningfully change the situation,” the statement read.

ActionAid also slammed the Tinubu administration for its alleged disconnect from the plight of Nigerians. Among the critical issues highlighted by the Assembly is the worsening security situation, which it says is marked by herder-farmer conflicts, unchecked military airstrikes on civilians, and the suppression of peaceful protests, while calling for the urgent reform of the nation's entire security architecture to restore confidence and protect lives.

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Finance Minister Inaugurates NDIC New Management

Nigeria's Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr Wale Edun has inaugurated the new Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC), Mr Thompson Oludare Sunday and Executive Director (Operations), Dr Kabir Sabo Katata at the Ministry of Finance, Abuja.

In his speech during the occasion, the Minister submitted that the NDIC, as a

component of the financial safety-net has a crucial role to play in the nation's march to economic stability and prosperity.

He therefore charged the Management team to bring their diverse wealth of experience to bear on their new assignment while assuring them of the ministry's full support in the task ahead. Responding, Mr Sunday who spoke on behalf of the Management team, expressed appreciation to His

Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for their appointment.

He assured the Hon Minister of the readiness of the Management under his leadership to live up to expectations of the President in particular and the nation in general in the discharge of their duties.

The Management later received by the Corporation's Head Office with a warm welcome by the workforce.

A statement signed by Head,

Communication & Public Affairs
Department, Hawwau Gambo
Revealed that Addressing the workers
on behalf the Management team, Mr.
Sunday promised to work in harmony
with the staff to move the Corporation
to its next level performance.

He stressed that the Management's focus would be based on the public policy objectives, functions and mandate devolved on the Corporation by the enabling law that established it.

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- 4.Africa Road Safety Partnerships and Research board (ARSPARB)- A hub for the advancement of partnerships with development agencies, National Governments and corporations as well as a Research Faculty for Road Safety Research Projects.

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DSSAA aims to bring all the critical stakeholders together to build the capacity of Driving School operators and support Road Safety through advocacy, public education, lobbying, fund raising, training and certification.

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