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The Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, ICPC, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, has pledged the Commission's readiness to collaborate with the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority, NCAA in the fight against corruption, particularly in sector regulation and service delivery.

Aliyu made this commitment during a courtesy visit by the Director-General of NCAA, Captain Chris Ona Najomo, and his team to the ICPC Headquarters in Abuja on Monday.

In his welcome remarks, the ICPC Chairman underscored the importance of collective effort, noting that "no agency can fight corruption alone," and called for a multi-sectoral approach to addressing systemic corruption in the Aviation sector.

Aliyu proposed the establishment of a Joint Corruption Prevention Roundtable between both institutions as a proactive platform to exchange

insights, develop anti-corruption strategies, and identify and mitigate corruption risks within the aviation industry.

Aliyu also suggested the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalise the partnership, emphasising that such collaboration could significantly strengthen institutional integrity and boost the confidence of foreign investors in Nigeria's aviation sector.

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To ensure a seamless transition, the Ministry, in collaboration with the E-Call Up Technologies, has launched a familiarization exercise across the approved parks. This initiative includes free system testing and hands-on guidance for truck drivers on registration and operational procedures. To date, approximately 10,000 trucks have been registered,

with more currently being onboarded.

The initiative aims to streamline truck movements, ease traffic congestion, eliminate illegal parking, and enhance compliance among operators. It is expected to significantly improve traffic flow, safeguard road infrastructure, enhance public safety, and stimulate economic activity along the corridor.

The Lagos State Government urges all stakeholders to complete their registration and work collaboratively with relevant agencies to ensure the successful implementation of this initiative, which marks another step toward a smarter and more efficient transportation system in the State.

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Maritime Bank Chief Advocates Domestic Capital Mobilisation To Fund Infrastructure

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The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Maritime Development Bank (RMDB), Adeniran Aderogba, has emphasised the urgent need to mobilise domestic capital to fund maritime logistics, infrastructure, energy and other critical enablers of industrialisation.

He said local content development could not be achieved in isolation from financial sustainability and that African capital markets and institutions must evolve to meet the scale and complexity of the continent's development needs.

Aderogba stated this on the sidelines of the recently concluded African Natural Resources and Energy Investment Summit (AFNIS 2025), held in Abuja.

He underscored the critical importance of shifting the financing narrative from dependence on foreign capital to a more deliberate mobilisation of domestic financial resources.

The summit, themed 'Harnessing Local Content for Sustainable Development',



Aderogba

convened senior government officials, industry leaders, investors, and development partners from Africa and beyond.

Discussions centred on leveraging local content development as a cornerstone of economic growth, with a focus on building inclusive, resilient and future-facing resource governance frameworks.

"If we are serious about sustainable development, we must stop relying solely on external capital. Africa needs to harness its domestic financial instruments, institutions and networks to fund infrastructure, energy, maritime logistics and other critical enablers of industrialisation," he stated.

According to him, the RMDB was established with a mandate to close

long-standing gaps in maritime and trade-related infrastructure financing and is now positioning itself as a partner for broader development finance initiatives.

Aderogba stressed the need for improved coordination between governments, financial institutions and private investors to align policies and reduce duplication.

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NRC Alerts Passengers On Fraudulent Booking Platforms

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The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has alerted passengers to beware of fraudulent booking platforms in the system.

The NRC Chief Public Relations Officer, Mr Callistus Unyimadu, issued this warning in a statement on Tuesday in Lagos.

He said: "The attention of the management of NRC has been drawn to the activities of fraudulent and unauthorised platforms soliciting train ticket payments from unsuspecting members of the public via individual bank accounts.

"The NRC wishes to categorically state that these platforms are not affiliated with the corporation and any payment made through such channels is done at the victim's risk.

"Passengers are strongly advised to desist from engaging with these fraudulent sites and must not, under any circumstances, pay into personal or unverified accounts for train bookings."

"For the avoidance of doubt, listed the only authorised online booking platforms for NRC train services to include: Warri-Ikake Train Service (WITS): <https://nrc-fane.ng>

"Abuja-Kaduna Train Service (AKTS): <https://nrc.tps.ng>, Lagos-Ibadan Train Service (LITS): <https://nrc.gsdg.ng>."

The NRC spokesman encouraged passengers to verify all booking platforms through the NRC official website: www.nrc.gov.ng or by contacting NRC customer service centres.

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Motorists Lament Deplorable State Of Roads In Benin's GRA

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Motorists and commuters plying the Government Reservation Area, Benin, Edo State, have continued to groan over the deplorable state of the roads.

With the rainy season peaking and most of the area without drainage, most of the roads are now with potholes, while some turn into mini ponds after heavy rain.

The issue is made worse as transporters now use the GRA to link the farther part of Sapele Road through the Country Home Road to avoid bad spots on Benin-Sapele Road.

A drive around the GRA on Tuesday shows the level of decay. Boundary Road towards Adesuwa Road and Airport is always waterlogged when it rains, with the water receding after three or four days.

Ihama Road is also not spared, as the road is almost completely cut off close to Adesuwa Road, same for Akhionbare Road.

The same situation plays out along Giwa Amu Road from the Airport Port Road end, and Gapiona Road, where floodwater has

formed artificial lakes, subjecting motorists to hardship as they meander through the ponds.

Almost all the roads around Commercial Avenue, where the official lodge of the Deputy Governor is located, the tail end of Golf Road by the 4th Brigade Headquarters gate, Aiguobaswin Crescent and the adjoining roads, are filled with potholes and always flooded after it rains.

The Reservation Road that leads to Osadebey Avenue, where the Government House is located, is usually heavily flooded anytime it rains, despite the palliative works carried out recently.

One of the commercial vehicle operators, who gave his name as Paul, said the transporters had no choice but to take the GRA to link Sapele Road through Country Home Road.

He said, "There is nothing we can do other than to pass through the GRA. The Adesuwa junction, Limit Road junction on Sapele Road are bad, so we need to go through the GRA if we don't want to finish our earnings on vehicle repairs."

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Ebonyi Aviation Ministry To Train Staff Of Airport Commissioning - Obichukwu

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The Ebonyi State Commissioner for Aviation and transport technology, Mrs Ngozi Obichukwu said the ministry has concluded plans to embark on training at Chuba Okadigbo international Airport for staff and commissioning of airline traffic lights.

Obichukwu who spoke to newsmen in Abakaliki on Tuesday shortly after visiting the Ebonyi State House of Assembly committee on public account, lauded the unwavering commitment of the governor, Francis Nwifuru to get the airport working efficiently.

She said: "I am always encouraged when they invite us like this. It tells us that we have monitors. It tells us that we ought to be prudent and transparent. It tells us to be cautious of people watching what we are doing.

"And fortunately, today, we came. They equally agreed with us and even said it by themselves that aviation is one of the most complex capital-intensive ministry.

"We may not be reaping what we are



Obichukwu

sowing now, but it will gradually come. And from the interaction we had with them, they are pleased with what we are doing at the aviation. And they are encouraging us to continue, especially the issue of flight movement.

"That the flight movement is helping to advertise the airport. And I thank God for that. I am equally grateful to His Excellency who has doggedly determined to ensure that the airport

works. We are the supervising ministry and we are making sure that the airport does not fail.

She noted further that: "Very soon, we will be having our training. Very soon, we will be commissioning the airline traffic lights. That has made us not to be flying in the night. Once the installation is done, we will now have flight operation in the evenings as well.

Speaking on the Ebonyi Airline PLC,

CAC registration, she said: "Yes, CAC pertains to the Ebonyi Airline PLC. Without the CAC and the board members that are working for the airline, we may not be able to have what we call the air transport license.

"The CAC includes the CAC of the board members as well. We have the Rice World CAC. We have the ICT CAC. And then, those of us that are not company, we must have to show our payee, pay as you earn tax for 33 years. All these things are fund intensive.

"But I thank our dear Governor, Francis Nwifuru, once he is determined to do something, nothing stops him. We have gone ahead to get all the CACs that are required. And now we are heading for the air transport license.

"Once the air transport license comes in, the next thing is the airline, the aircraft. That means the aircraft will soon be ready? Not that the aircraft is already ready, wherever it is. But once the rudiments and all the activities, all the requirements, all the documentation,

which are currently ongoing.

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NiMet, LASWA Partner To Improve Lagos Waterway Safety

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The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) and the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) have agreed to integrate NiMet's real-time meteorological data into LASWA's operations to enhance safety, optimise ferry schedules, and support smarter, weather-informed transport planning across Lagos State.

The agreement was reached when the Director-General of NiMet, Professor Charles Anosike, received a delegation from LASWA led by its General Manager, Mr Oluwadamilola Emmanuel, at NiMet's headquarters in Abuja.

Both parties also discussed signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalise and strengthen the partnership.

The proposed collaboration is expected to improve ferry routing, reduce weather-related disruptions, and enhance emergency response capabilities.

They also emphasised the need for

operator training and public awareness as vital components of safer and more efficient water transport in Lagos State.

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Prof Anosike and Mr Damilola

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President Tinubu has called on citizens and entrepreneurs to strictly comply with safety regulations on Nigeria's waterways to prevent avoidable tragedies.

He made the call on Monday in a statement issued by his Spokesperson, Mr Bayo Onanuga, while sympathising with families affected by the recent flood disaster in Yola, Adamawa State, and the boat mishap in Guni village, Niger State.

"We must prioritise safety on our waterways and adhere to the rules set by relevant authorities to prevent the needless loss of lives," President Tinubu said.

He expressed concern that incidents of flooding and waterway accidents continue to persist despite awareness efforts by the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, and the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA).

While acknowledging flooding as a global challenge driven by climate

Tinubu Calls For Compliance With Waterway Safety Rules

change, the Nigerian Leader warned citizens against engaging in practices that aggravate the situation.

President Tinubu mourned the lives lost and praised the courage of emergency responders in Adamawa and Niger States, including local divers, volunteers, and community leaders involved in rescue operations.

He also directed the National Emergency Response Centre and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to carry out immediate and coordinated rescue and relief operations in collaboration with the two state governments.

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Dangote Refinery Withdraws Lawsuit Against Fuel Importers

was filed before the court. It stated, "Take notice that the plaintiff herein discontinues this suit against the defendants forthwith."

The notice did not provide an official reason for the decision to discontinue the case, and details regarding the reliefs sought or whether an out-of-court settlement was reached remain unclear.

Dangote Refinery had sought N100 billion in damages from the NMDPRA, alleging that the agency violated Sections 317(8) and (9) of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) by issuing import licenses to petroleum marketers, including NNPC Ltd, Matrix Petroleum Services Limited, AYM Shafa Limited, A. A. Rano Limited, T. Time Petroleum Limited, and 2015 Petroleum Limited.

The refinery argued that such licenses should only be issued in cases of petroleum product shortfalls and that the NMDPRA was failing in its statutory responsibility to encourage local refineries like Dangote.

In a counter-affidavit filed on November 5, 2024, the marketers, represented by Ahmed Raji (SAN), requested the court to dismiss Dangote Refinery's claims, asserting that competitive practices are crucial for Nigeria's economic health and the oil sector's viability.

They maintained their qualification to receive import licenses under Section 317(9) of the PIA and suggested that the plaintiff was attempting to monopolize the Nigerian petroleum industry.

The NMDPRA, through Idris Musa, a Senior Regulatory Officer, further clarified in its counter-affidavit that it issued oil licenses to NNPC Limited and other marketers to address petroleum product shortfalls in the country, as Dangote Refinery's production does not meet the national daily consumption requirement.

Musa added that the agency is mandated to promote competition and prevent monopolies, denying allegations of conspiracy against the plaintiff.

The legal proceedings had seen previous developments, including a motion by the plaintiff on December 9, 2024, to amend its originating process to correct the name of the second defendant to "Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited."

NNPC Limited had raised a preliminary objection, arguing the suit was incompetent due to misidentification, but this was dismissed by then-Judge Inyang Ekwo on March 18, 2025.

The judge ruled that the error did not render the suit defective and that defendants should have responded to substantive claims before raising procedural objections. On March 19, the judge granted the amendment motion and directed parties to proceed on the merits.

The Federal High Court in Abuja had previously set September 29 for the hearing of the suit, following a request for adjournment by Dangote Refinery's counsel, George Ibrahim (SAN), to allow parties to regularize their processes. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



Dangote refinery

Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals has officially withdrawn its lawsuit against the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC Ltd), and five other petroleum companies.

The case, filed at the Federal High Court in Abuja with suit number FHC/ABJ/CS/1324/2024, was formally discontinued on Monday by the plaintiff's legal team.

A notice of discontinuance, dated July 28 and signed by Dangote Refinery's lawyer, Ogwu Onoja, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN),



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NIWA Urges Imo Residents To Prevent Flood Disaster

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The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has urged residents of flood-prone areas in Imo to adopt preventive measures to mitigate the impact of the impending flood disaster.

The Managing Director of NIWA, Mr. Bola Oyebamiji, made the call at a one-day sensitisation campaign on flood control and safety on waterways at Oguta in Oguta Local Government Area of the state.

The Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NiMet) and Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) had predicted flooding in 27 states, including Imo, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), among others.

Oyebamiji, who was represented by the Owerri Area Manager of NIWA, Mr. Vincent Odi, said that the event aimed to prevent avoidable loss of lives and property, following the predicted 2025 flooding.

He emphasised that most accidents on



Oyebamiji

waterways were caused usually strike first. as a result of our by human carelessness “It would be a great carelessness,” he noted. and not supernatural disaster if you went on a Oyebamiji, therefore, forces. journey and did not urged them to abide by “The essence of this return. the directives on safety engagement is to bring “Most of these accidents by avoiding late-night Oyebamiji, made the call at a one-day disaster awareness to that happen on our transportation on the sensitisation campaign on flood control and residents of high-risk waterways are not waterways and ensuring safety on waterways at Oguta in Oguta Local areas, where floods caused by demons, but the use of life jackets, GovernmentArea of the state.

among other measures.

Also speaking, Gov. Hope Uzodimma of Imo reaffirmed the state's commitment to mitigating the effects of the impending flood disaster.

Uzodimma, who was represented by the State Commissioner for Special Duties, Mr. Nelson Abazu, urged residents of flood-prone areas to relocate to safer grounds.

He assured them that the state government had concluded necessary logistics to relocate and safeguard the lives and property of residents.

“As soon as we notice the rise in water level, the government will issue alerts and instructions,” he said.

The event was attended by officials of the National Emergency Management Agency, the State Emergency Management Agency, and personnel of some security agencies.

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Reps Probe Baro Island Port Project, Summon Oyetola, NIWA Boss



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The House of Representatives Ad-hoc Committee investigating the multi-billion-naira Baro Inland Port project has issued a stern summons to the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, and the Managing Director of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), Bola Oyebamiji, over what lawmakers described as glaring anomalies and wasted public funds tied to the abandoned project.

Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Saidu Abdullahi, who led a heated session on Tuesday at the National Assembly, described the situation as a national scandal and insisted that key officials must appear before the panel to account

for the funds expended.

“We are not here to fight anybody. But let's stop playing games — somebody must take responsibility for what is clearly a scandal,” Abdullahi declared. “The Managing Director and the Minister are summoned to appear. The matter has been referred to this committee and we are going to do our work thoroughly.”

He further directed NIWA and the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy to, within seven days, submit complete documentation on the project — including contracts, payment records, inspection reports, photographs, and any official communication that proves the port was ever functional.

“We need everything — full contract files, evaluation reports, evidence of what was done and what was not done. We want the financial breakdown,” Abdullahi demanded, stressing that the committee is determined to uncover the truth behind the non-operational status of a port supposedly completed and

commissioned.

Lawmakers expressed outrage over conflicting accounts of the port's status, noting that despite being inaugurated by former President Muhammadu Buhari in 2019, there is no evidence of cargo movement or road access to the facility.

“This is a very serious matter. We cannot allow a project that has gulped several billions of naira to go to waste. This House will not accept it,” Abdullahi warned. “We have a responsibility to the Nigerian people to ensure that this kind of waste does not continue unchecked.”

The committee dismissed claims of political targeting, asserting that the investigation is rooted in accountability and public interest.

“This is not about witch-hunt. It's about accountability. The people deserve to know what happened to their money,” one lawmaker added.

Defending NIWA's role, the General Manager of Ports and Environmental Services, Engr. Agbahe Fidelis, who

spoke on behalf of the NIWA Managing Director, admitted that the port remains idle due to a mix of access challenges, waterway siltation, vandalized railway infrastructure, and insecurity — despite its physical completion.

However, the committee was unimpressed, noting that the continued non-use of the facility negates its core purpose — to decongest the nation's overburdened seaports and promote inland water transportation.

The committee resolved to conduct a follow-up visit to the Baro Inland Port for an independent assessment of its condition and viability. It also warned that agencies like the Federal Ministry of Works and the Nigeria Railway Corporation, which failed to appear at the session, must be present at the next hearing.

The lawmakers reiterated that billions have been sunk into the project without commensurate value, a reality they described as both “unacceptable and indefensible.”

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market dynamics and supply chain constraints," the group said.

The airline's outlook remains unchanged regarding the unpredictable tariff landscape, saying its "diversified network and verticals will reduce its exposure to specific regions or market segments," and will stay flexible to capture opportunities.

SIA began equity accounting for Air India's financial performance in December 2024 following the full integration of Vistara into Air India. SIA now has a 25.1% stake in the Indian flag carrier. Vistara had been a joint venture between SIA and Indian conglomerate Tata Group. Tata acquired Air India in 2022.

For its fiscal first quarter ended June 30, SIA Group's net profit was S\$186 million (\$145 million), down from S\$452 million a year earlier. SIA did not specify how much was attributed to Air India. Air India has not published its earnings for the March-June 2025 period. SIA Group's revenue for the quarter improved marginally, 1.5%, to S\$4.8 billion from S\$4.7 billion a year ago. SIA Group carried 10.3 million passengers in the quarter, up 6.9% year-over-year. However, yields continue to face pressure and slid 2.9% to 10 cents per RPK in healthy during the summer peak but faces "heightened competition," the company said. For its September quarter, SIA is expecting developments and macroeconomic air travel to remain fluctuations to changing

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US, Russia Ditch Nigerian Ports, Seeks Access To Togo Ports

The increase in volume of trade between Asia and West Africa has seen Lomé port transform into a key regional container port.

Major ocean carriers, specifically MSC, have responded by redeploying ultra-large container vessels

(ULCVs) to the route.

This has come as a major boost for liner connectivity of West African ports including Lomé.

In view of these trade advantages, the U.S has pledged to expand its African market access through Lomé port.

Last week, the U.S Embassy in Lomé, led by the Chargé d'Affaires, Richard C. Michaels, conducted a tour of the port facility.

The delegation also held a meeting with the management of Lomé Container Terminal, LCT, to explore commercial opportunities for U.S businesses.

"With advanced deep-water capabilities, cutting-edge equipment, and an annual throughput exceeding 30 million tons, Lomé offers U.S businesses unmatched access to African markets.

"Ongoing infrastructure expansion, including a dry-port and industrial zone, further enhances the port's role as a growing gateway," commented U.S Embassy in Togo.

The port tour followed shortly after U.S President, Donald Trump, met five African

leaders in Washington.

The African leaders were largely from countries in West Africa, including Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania and Senegal.

The meeting with Trump concentrated on trade opportunities for both sides, at a time the U.S government is cutting aid in Africa and other regions.

Meanwhile, Russia has ratified its military cooperation agreement with Togo, which was initially signed early this year.

As per the agreement, Russia and Togo will jointly hold military exercises, training exchanges and weapons and military equipment support.

Notably, the agreement also covers support in hydrography, navigation and combating piracy.

According to some observers, the agreement will give Russia unfettered access to Togo's strategic seaport of Lomé. Visit by Russian military ships to ports in Togo is covered by the cooperation.

"Togo is considered the most organised and equipped in Tropical Africa. For example, the busiest seaport in West Africa is located on its territory," said Vladimir Gruzdev, a member of the Russian Government Commission on Legislative Activity, which drafted the ratification law of the defence.

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General News

31st Nigerian Economic Summit Portal Opportunity For Nigeria - NESG

Culled:
Following Nigeria's major influence on Africa's economy and in the global stage, the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, NESG, yesterday, asserted that the 31st Nigerian Economic Summit, NES #31, is a pivotal opportunity for country's socioeconomic advancement and consolidation.

In a statement signed by the Ag. Head, Strategic Communication & Advocacy Nigerian Economic Summit Group, NESG, Ms. Ayanyinka Ayanlowo, disclosed that the Summit is scheduled to hold in Abuja on October 6-8, 2025 with the theme 'The Reform Imperative: Building a Prosperous and Inclusive Nigeria by 2030'.

According to Ayanlowo, the NES #31, will bring together key national and international stakeholders including business leaders, policymakers, civil society actors, academics, and youth to reimagine Nigeria's economic direction amid shifting global paradigms and domestic priorities.

The Summit will feature plenary sessions, technical dialogues, high-level roundtables, and curated sector-specific engagements. These conversations will aim to



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galvanise multisectoral action, influence public policy, and strengthen Nigeria's capacity to deliver on its development commitments.

She also said it will be a "Moment of Reflection and Renewal", which is building on the outcomes of the 30th Nigerian Economic Summit (NES#30), but the 2025 Summit is more than a policy dialogue it is a strategic checkpoint for Nigeria.

"The 31st Summit comes at

a critical time as the nation strives to consolidate the gains of past reforms, safeguard macroeconomic stability, and lay the groundwork for sustained and inclusive prosperity. The theme underscores the imperative to entrench bold, systemic reforms that translate into real, measurable development outcomes for all Nigerians.

"Guided by the strategic pillars of Reforms, Resilience, and Results,

NES #31 will serve as a rallying point for reinforcing economic resilience and building national consensus on the policy and institutional changes needed to secure Nigeria's economic future.

"Nigeria's Role in Africa and the Global Economy: As Africa's most populous nation and one of its largest economies, Nigeria's domestic policies have ripple effects across the continent."

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Nigeria's N187tn Debt Unsustainable-Obi

Culled:
Peter Obi, the Labour Party LP Presidential candidate in the 2023 election, on Tuesday described Nigeria's N187 trillion debt as unsustainable

Obi, writing on his X handle, noted that the Senate had on July 22, 2025, approved an additional \$21 billion, €2.2 billion, ¥15 billion of external borrowing for the 2025–2026 fiscal cycle.

According to him, "It also approved a N750.98 billion domestic bond issuance and a €65 65million grant."

He declared that with an already existing public debt of about N149.39 trillion as of the first quarter of 2025 and the earlier loans of about N37.2 trillion, Nigeria's current total debt comes to about N187 trillion with concerns that the debt might likely be over N200 trillion by the end of 2025.

The nation's Gross Domestic Product GDP before rebasing was about N269.2 trillion (about \$180 billion), and the government has borrowed the equivalent of nearly 70% of our previous GDP.

"Even after the rebasing, which pushed our GDP to about N372.8 trillion (about \$243.7billion), the government would have borrowed about 50.16 % of the new GDP (with the approved loans), the highest debt-to-GDP ratio in our history as a nation.

"While the year-on-year increase is about N27.72 trillion and the quarter-on-quarter increase is about N4.72 trillion, we are accumulating very exponential levels of unsustainable debt with little or nothing to show for it in critical areas such as education, healthcare, electricity generation, security of lives and property, and pulling people out of poverty."

Obi, a former Governor of Anambra State, noted, however, that despite the huge loans, Nigeria still rank low in all major human development indicators.

"While education is underfunded and standard in continuous decline, healthcare remains inaccessible to millions of Nigerians, particularly the poor," Obi said.

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Sanwo-Olu Endorses GITEX Nigeria, Vows State Backing



Governor Sanwo-Olu and others

Culled:
Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has officially endorsed the inaugural GITEX Nigeria, promising the full backing of the Lagos State Government to ensure the success of the international technology

and innovation event. Describing Lagos as Nigeria's digital heartbeat, the Governor affirmed his administration's dedication to making GITEX Nigeria a world-class experience for both local and global participants.

The Governor's assurance

came during a strategic courtesy visit to Lagos House by a high-powered delegation. The delegation included Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), and the President and Vice President of the Dubai World Trade Centre. This visit forms a crucial part of the preparations for the maiden edition of GITEX Nigeria, which is scheduled to take place in Lagos and Abuja from September 1st to 4th, 2025.

During the meeting, the NITDA Director General highlighted the significance of GITEX Nigeria in advancing President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, particularly concerning economic diversification through industrialization, digitization,

creative arts, manufacturing, and innovation. Inuwa also noted that the conference aligns with NITDA's Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan (SRAP 2.0), which emphasizes driving digital transformation through global partnerships and inclusive growth.

The event is projected to attract over 15,000 participants, including 3,000 international delegates, and is expected to deliver substantial economic and societal benefits for Lagos and Nigeria as a whole.

GITEX Nigeria will be a dual-city event: Abuja will host the AI Leadership Summit, featuring a presidential roundtable on digital transformation, while Lagos will be the venue for the Global Future Economy Summit.

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FG Unveils BRIDGE To Link Diaspora Experts With Nigerian Varsities

Culled: The Federal Ministry of Education has launched a new technology-driven platform known as BRIDGE - Bridging Research, Innovation, Development, and Global Engagement to connect Nigerian professionals in the diaspora with tertiary institutions and research centres across the country.

Speaking on Channels Television, Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, described the platform as the first of its kind in Nigeria, designed to enable diaspora experts to contribute directly to academic development in the country.

“This is the first time in the history of the

country that we're tapping into the vast resources of our diaspora population in a structured and technological way,” Alausa said. “Nigerians excel everywhere in the world. Now, we are using this excellence to support our universities, polytechnics, colleges of education, and research institutions.” Nigerian cuisine recipes

According to the minister, the BRIDGE platform operates as a digital matchmaking system. Nigerian professionals living abroad can register their academic qualifications, areas of expertise, and preferred modes of contribution, ranging from curriculum development and virtual lecturing to co-

research and mentoring. These details are stored and vetted on the back end of the system.

Simultaneously, local tertiary institutions are also expected to register their areas of need. The platform then connects institutions with relevant diaspora professionals who can help address those gaps.

Alausa said the initiative was not just a policy concept but a working solution already in operation. “It's not just talk. This is structured, digital, and monitored,” he said.

He explained that the platform enables support in various ways, including curriculum review, member

development, and specialised online lectures. A live demonstration of the platform took place during its launch, with a Nigerian lecturer based at the University of York delivering a virtual session to students in Nigeria.

For Nigeria's education sector, long plagued by a shortage of qualified lecturers and outdated curricula, the BRIDGE platform is expected to provide much-needed expertise and global best practices through flexible and remote engagement.

Alausa noted that the initiative is aligned with the administration's broader push for human capital development. **Find Full Story In The Link**

Nigeria, Colombia Partner To Tackle Terrorism

Nigeria has intensified its efforts to address violent extremism and support victims of terrorism with the launch of a high-level Policy Dialogue and Training on Victims' Assistance and Violent Extremism Prevention.

The event, held at the National Counter Terrorism Centre in Abuja, brought together local and international stakeholders under the framework of South-South Cooperation.

Representing Nuhu Ribadu, National Security Adviser, Adamu Laka, National Coordinator of the Centre, welcomed participants to the event aimed at enhancing collaboration and knowledge sharing among security agencies, civil society organisations, ministries, and international partners, notably the delegation from Colombia's Unit for the Attention and Integral Reparation of Victims.

“This important engagement reflects

our collective commitment to placing the rights, needs, and dignity of victims at the heart of Nigeria's counter-extremism efforts.

“It is part of a broader South-South Cooperation Technical Mission dedicated to building the capacity of our national steering committee on preventing and countering violent extremism”, the Coordinator said.

Participants at the dialogue include representatives from various

Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), security and intelligence bodies, traditional and religious leaders, as well as experts in post-conflict recovery and peacebuilding.

The Coordinator highlighted that Nigeria continues to face a complex web of security threats, including terrorism, banditry, ethno-religious violence, kidnapping, separatist movements, and recurring farmer-herder conflicts. **Find Full Story In The Link**

DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
2. Africa Road Transport Safety Summit and Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO) - The largest gathering of Researchers and Industry Leaders in Road Transport Safety featuring exhibitions of technology devices and Innovations.
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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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Driving Schools and Safety Alliance Africa - DSSAA is Africa's premier Professional Association of Driving School Owners, Instructors, Driver Assessors and Road Safety professionals.

It is registered in the Gambia and UK with National offices in all the Capital cities in Africa.

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