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## Residents Protest Poor State Of Ikare-Ogbagi-Akoko Ado-Ekiti Road

Residents and commuters plying the Ogbagi-Irun Akoko to Ado-Ekiti Federal highway have taken to the streets in protest

against the deplorable state of the road which they said had become a death trap. The protesters, who came out in their

numbers on Monday expressed their frustration over the poor state of the road, saying that it had become nightmarish

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## Aviation Unions Call For Transparent Airport Concession Process

Speaking at the freedom square at the headquarters of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Ikeja, during the unions Congress, the

union leaders described the exercise as a dectet without carrying the workers along. Addressing workers,

the President of National Association of Air Transport Employees (NUATE) Comrade Ben Nnabue called

for restart of the whole process and allow for bids by interested organisations in a transparent manner.

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# Keyamo, Aviation Experts On War Path Over Airport Renovation

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The analysts expressed their views to Vanguard as Mr Tunde Moshood, Special Adviser on Media and Communications to Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Mr Festus Keyamo, questioned what could be done to please them.

Moshood, in a statement titled: 'MMIA Renovation Bruhaha—What Do Nigerians Really Want?', also described them as cafeteria experts who had never built terminals or operated airliners.

Speaking on the backlash that has trailed the development, the minister's spokesperson stated: "Suddenly,

everyone became an infrastructure economist, a seasoned aviation planner, or worse, a self-styled corruption watchdog. But in all of this noise, one crucial question has been ignored: what do Nigerians really want? Is it a modern, world-class international airport that can stand toe-to-toe with global benchmarks or another patchwork job that barely scratches the surface of over four decades of infrastructural decay?"

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# Kano Govt Warns Motorists Against Violating Traffic Rules

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Kano State Roads Traffic Agency (KAROTA) has warned motorists and tricyclists that they will face prosecution for violating traffic rules and regulations, particularly those who disobey traffic lights.

KAROTA's Managing Director, Hon. Faisal Mahmud Kabir, emphasised the agency's commitment to enforcing strict compliance with traffic lights installed on major roads and streets in Kano Metropolis.

"We will prosecute motorists and tricyclists who violate traffic rules and regulations, especially those who are in the habit of beating traffic lights whenever it stops them," the Kano agency boss said.

He commended Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf for installing solar-powered traffic lights that operate 24/7 on major streets, aiming to ensure smooth traffic flow and safeguard citizens' lives and properties.

In a related development, the Landlords/Caretakers Association in

Kano has expressed concern over exorbitant tenancy fees and multiple taxation imposed by the Fagge Local Government Area and the Kano State Government's Ministry of Land.

The association's chairman and secretary, Chief Basil Ulasi and Comrade Kunle Johnson Ogunleye, appealed to Governor Yusuf to intervene in the matter.

"We have been paying tenancy fees and rates to Fagge Local Government Area without hassles over the years, but in 2025, they brought in consultants who hiked the rates and fees to over N1 million," the statement read.

The association also accused the state Ministry of Land of exploitation and multiple taxation, demanding over N1.6 million in annual rates and fees from landlords.

The landlords urged Governor Yusuf to address the issue promptly, warning that if left unchecked, it could lead to anarchy.

"Everybody is aware of the biting economic hardship in the country.

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# Makinde Approves Resoncstruction Of 23km Okaka-Igbojaye-KAP Village Road

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The approval came on the heels of the governor's commitment in April 2025 during the unveiling of the Film Village, as he expressed his administration's readiness to enhance rural infrastructure and promote culture and tourism in the state.

Governor Makinde, while disclosing the approval on Tuesday at the Hijrah 1447 luncheon organised by the state government and held at the Presidential Lodge, Secretariat, Ibadan, stated his administration's determination to finish on a strong note by delivering landmark projects and achieving its vision of sustainable development for the state.

He called on residents of the state to intensify efforts in praying for the



Seyi Makinde

government, supporting it, and giving constructive criticisms and credible advice towards ensuring that the last 22 months of the administration are as eventful as the past six years and two months.

According to the governor, the support, advice, and prayers of Oyo State residents have, over the years, helped his administration to achieve

unprecedented developments, which have also made the state a model in terms of peace, security, and economic prosperity.

Noting that his government is determined not to leave uncompleted projects, Governor Makinde stated that the government had delivered on most of its promises under Omituntun 2.0 and that residents of the state should

continue to remind the government about its promises.

He said: "Over these years, we have listened to different sermons to mark Hijrah, but there are certain things that are constant. One of them is the fact that we are not just celebrating for the sake of celebration, but because God has sustained our lives to celebrate the moment.

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## Local Transport News

# NCAA Suspends Two ValueJets Pilots For Violating Safety Protocol

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The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has suspended the licences of Captain Oluranti Ogoyi and First Officer Ivan Oloba, over a serious ValueJet pilot safety breach at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja.

According to a statement released and signed by Michael Achimugu, Director, Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, the pilots were involved in a serious breach of aviation safety regulations on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

“Preliminary information indicates that the pilot in question commenced departure procedures from the designated bay without adhering to the mandatory pre-departure clearance protocols,” Achimugu said in the statement.

“This reckless action endangered the safety of ground personnel and other airport users, contravening established civil aviation regulations and international safety standards.”

This safety breach was said to have endangered the lives of ground personnel and other airport users, in direct violation of civil aviation rules.

To emphasise its zero-tolerance stance on safety violations, NCAA suspended the pilot's and co-pilot's licences immediately, pending the outcome of a full-scale investigation.

According to the NCAA, this suspension will remain in place pending the conclusion of a full investigation into the incident.

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ValueJets

# Veritas Kapital Assurance Seeks Safety For Motorists

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Veritas Kapital Assurance Plc, in partnership with the Car Love Show and K-Cool Automobile, has launched an initiative to promote safety awareness and protect motorists across the country. At an interactive session organised by Veritas, a community of car owners, including female e-hailing drivers gathered to mark the company's first step in a broader plan to promote road safety and reduce preventable vehicle-related accidents in Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, Adaobi Nwakuche, managing director/CEO, emphasised the company's commitment to fostering a safety-first culture, starting in Lagos and expanding the initiative nationwide.

“This initiative is about prevention, education, and safety. We're starting here in Lagos, but the plan is to roll it out across all our branches,” Nwakuche said.

“When people understand how to maintain their vehicles, they reduce the

chances of accidents, protect lives, and make our roads safer for everyone. That's the kind of impact we're committed to as a responsible insurer.”

Arinze Adigwe, head of Marketing and Corporate Communications, described the event as a CSR initiative focused on direct community impact.

“This isn't about selling insurance; it's about being present where it matters. Educating everyday car owners on basic maintenance is one way to reduce claims, yes, but more importantly, it's how we help people stay safe and avoid harm,” Adigwe stated.

“Through this platform, we're enabling conversations that ultimately contribute to a safer society.”

The event featured free vehicle diagnostics, interactive questions and answer sessions, and one-on-one consultations with automotive professionals from K-Cool Automobile Workshop and Academy.

Oluwakayode Increase Osorun, general manager at K-Cool, provided insights on essential maintenance practices and

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# Nigerian Firm To Develop Deep-Water Port, Economic Zone In St. Kitts

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A Nigerian private firm, Gemini Integrated Commodities, has signed a \$40 million agreement to develop a deep-water port and special economic zone in St. Kitts and Nevis, in a deal backed by Afreximbank.

The agreement was signed on July 28 during the Afri-Caribbean Trade and Investment Forum in Grenada. The firm's founder, Aisha Maina, signed on behalf of Gemini Integrated Commodities, while the Minister of Agriculture, Samal Duggins, signed on behalf of the government of St. Kitts and Nevis. Prime Minister Terrance Drew witnessed the signing.

The project includes the construction of a Panamax-class port in the capital, Basseterre, and the development of a 10 square kilometre economic zone focused on agro-processing, bonded warehousing, and light manufacturing. Maina said feasibility and environmental studies are expected to begin in August, with financial close projected for the first quarter of 2026.



Deep-water Seaport

She explained that the project is intended to facilitate direct shipping between West Africa and the Caribbean by removing the need for cargo to transit through Europe. “Africa and the Caribbean need assets, not just aspirations. With this port we move from promise to throughput, from talk to tonnage,” she said.

Maina, who is also Managing Director

of Aquarian Consult, has led a trade mission across Grenada, Jamaica, and Trinidad as part of a broader effort to expand private sector involvement in trans-Atlantic trade.

At the Caribbean Investment Forum in Jamaica on July 30, Maina spoke about the role of private capital and execution in shaping sustainable trade between Africa and the Caribbean.

“Without direct investment and execution, progress would stall,” she said.

She reiterated this position on August 3 in Trinidad, where she delivered a keynote at the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Symposium. There, she drew a connection between logistics infrastructure and wider development goals, including job creation, food security, and increased exports.

The St. Kitts project is the latest step in a broader collaboration between African and Caribbean stakeholders. The initiative gained momentum following the Afri-Caribbean Investment Summit held in Abuja and was further strengthened in June when a chartered flight conveyed 120 Nigerian entrepreneurs to St. Kitts.

Maina said the project is expected to attract up to \$300 million in additional private capital over time and contribute to regional efforts to improve trade links, logistics capacity, and industrial output.

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## Local Transport News

# FRSC, Ekiti Govt Partner To Improve Road Safety, Ease Traffic

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Ekiti State Ministry of Transportation have reaffirmed their commitment to improving road safety and traffic management across the state. FRSC Sector Commander, Corps Commander Sanya Adeoye, led a delegation on a courtesy visit to the Ekiti State Commissioner for Transport, Kolawole Kehinde Ajobiwe, to discuss areas of collaboration, according to a statement posted on the Corps' official X account on Sunday.

The meeting, held to strengthen inter-agency cooperation, focused on tackling pressing traffic issues, including failed road portions, indiscriminate parking by trucks, and frequent violations of traffic lights.

Commander Adeoye stressed the need for urgent interventions, while Commissioner Ajobiwe praised the FRSC for its efforts in reducing road crashes and pledged the ministry's support to address the concerns raised.

Both parties agreed to deepen their partnership in ensuring safer roads and more efficient traffic systems throughout Ekiti State.

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, Ondo State Sector Command, has arrested no fewer than 15,145 traffic offenders from January to July in the state.

The Ondo FRSC Sector Commander, Samuel Ibitoye, made this known in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria on Sunday in Akure.

Ibitoye explained that the offenders were booked for 15,536 offences during the period under review.

He said that the offences include seat belt violation, riding motorcycle without crash helmet, number plate violation, speed limit violation, overloading and use of phone while driving.

Ibitoye, who stated that the personnel of the FRSC were always on road from Monday to Sunday to enforce traffic rules and regulations, said that the idea was to reduce road traffic crashes.

"We don't always go to road to book people; we also go to the road to play advisory role as safety check.

"We also go on advocacy, because there is need for attitudinal change by people," Ibitoye said.

# FRSC Arrests Over 15,000 Ondo Traffic Violators In Seven Months

He called on motorists who had not fixed speed limit device on their vehicles, especially commercial vehicles, to do so, saying the benefits were numerous.

According to him, the speed limit device will not only regulate the speed, it also saves the life span of vehicle, reduces fuel consumption and enhance safety of the people on the road.

"The major cause of death and crashes in Nigeria today is speeding by the drivers.

"The major concern is for every motorists and Nigerians to take ownership of the road safety matters, if not, they are endangering their lives and lives of others road users.

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# Port Harcourt Airport's Revenue Hits N21bn



Port Harcourt Market

Regional General Manager, South South and Airport Manager of Obafemi Jeremiah Awolowo International Airport (PHIA), Omagwa, Mrs. Ifesinachi Lynda Ezike, has stated the airport generated a total revenue of N21.41 billion or about \$631,479 between 2021 and 2024.

In a presentation titled: "Investment Opportunities In Airport Public-Private Partnerships", Ezike said the airport generated N2,141,273,717.79 (\$109,949.39) in 2021 and N10,643,614,713.83 (\$71,112.08) in 2024. According to her, a total of N7,465,086,663.73 (\$171,668.78), representing 70 per cent of total 2024

revenue has been generated between January and June 2025 (a six-month period). N1,988,772,170.57 (\$4,073.52) was generated in January and N1,284,877,729.02 (\$11,668.20) in June 2025.

She said the Port Harcourt International Airport established in 1978 was designed to bolster connectivity in Rivers State and underpin economic expansion and has undergone significant modernisation, now serving approximately 1.5 million passengers annually across domestic and international routes. It supports 64 daily flights with major airlines like Lufthansa and Qatar Airways.

In her analysis, Ezike identified the strength of the airport to its strategic location in Nigeria's economic hub, growing air travel demand in Nigeria and Africa, world-class international passenger and cargo terminals.

She listed other attractions of the airport to include its annual passenger traffic capacity of about 1 million and

extensive land mass of over 2,687 hectares for expansion.

On its challenges, she said the managers are contending with ageing infrastructure and inadequate facilities, reliance on manual operations and high operational costs, limited international airline operations: only four international carriers, heavy dependence on aviation-related income and aging staff demographic and need for continuous training.

She highlighted opportunities in the airport to include: diversification into non-aeronautical revenue like hotels, technology adoption for efficiency and passenger experience, the potential to become a regional aviation hub for West Africa.

Others she said include: expanding cargo handling to capitalize on e-commerce and available land for airline home base facilities.

Ezike said: There are threats like economic downturn impacts traffic and purchasing power, increasing competition from other regional

airports, security challenges impacting operations and safety, cost and availability of spare parts for operations and fuel price volatility affecting airline profitability.

"Port Harcourt International Airport has met over 75 per cent of the NCAA requirements for aerodrome certification, with the aerodrome manual and SOPs already developed and appropriate implements to close gaps on order for the aerodrome license to be acquired.

"There is a need for the construction of a taxiway lane to the isolated aircraft parking bay, implementation of airfield lighting CAT 2, installation of conventional taxiway lighting and construction of a ground handling equipment bay."

She further said the rationale for the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model of airport development has become imperative in order to achieve improved Infrastructure.

She said: "PPPs enable project delivery without sole reliance on public funds. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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# Fuel Retailers Oppose NMDPRA's Proposed Decommissioning Rules

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The Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority has proposed fresh rules on the safe decommissioning of filling stations, sparking opposition from retail outlet owners in the downstream sector.

The draft regulation, currently undergoing public scrutiny at the Stakeholders' Consultation Forum on the Proposed Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Safety and Environmental Regulations 2025, includes a clause that mandates formal procedures for the abandonment and decommissioning of retail fuel outlets.

But stakeholders at the event kicked against the move, calling on the NMDPRA to limit the scope of the regulation to midstream operations alone. In its defence, the authority insists the regulation is necessary to address environmental hazards linked to poorly managed or abandoned petrol stations.

It will form part of broader efforts to



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harmonise safety and at the agency limit the regulation to the environmental headquarters on midstream instead of standards across the Tuesday in Abuja. extending it to the downstream facilities.

The discussion formed the NMDPRA Secretary The NMDPRA is, and Legal Adviser, however, insisting that Joseph Tolurushe, said there should be a proper way of abandoning filling stations in a manner that downstream operators urged the authority to

will not contaminate underground water.

He said, "In 2023, we made three regulations that set the boundaries of safety and the environment in the mainstream and downstream petroleum sector. So the regulations focus on safety regulations, abandonment and decommissioning regulations, and environmental regulations. So we decided to consolidate these three regulations into one. That one is called Mainstream and Downstream Safety and Environmental Regulations.

"The reason why we decided to consolidate is mainly because we want to have one single regulation. So that it will be easy to refer to, so that it will also be easy to do business. It is also an opportunity for us to amend some parts of those regulations we made in 2023.

"Just because of the engagement we have had and because of the suggestions and comments we received on those regulations. We also use it as an opportunity to review it. So in reviewing it, we have consolidated the three regulations into one.

"If you recall, we had consolidated about ten

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## Oil Firm Inaugurates a Fund For A'ibom Host Communities



Sumedha Energy Limited

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Exploration & Production Limited (NEPL) in partnership with Sumedha Energy Limited (SEL), officially inaugurated the Board of Trustees (BOT) for the OML-13 Host Communities Development Trust (HCDDT) in Akwa Ibom state.

The event, held at Joodag Hotel in Eket, Akwa Ibom State, drew dignitaries from the oil and gas sector, government officials, traditional rulers, and community leaders.

The inauguration marked the formal implementation of a key provision of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) 2021, which mandates the establishment of HCDDTs to drive

grassroots development through oil industry revenue.

Delivering the keynote address, Mr Auwal Ya'u, Deputy Chief Operating Officer of NEPL, highlighted the significance of the event and the relationship between NEPL, SEL, and the host communities of OML 13. He reaffirmed the joint venture's commitment to the full implementation of the PIA, including the allocation of 3% of annual operating expenditure into the Host Community Trust Fund.

Mr. Ya'u underscored that the formation of the BOT was not just a legal compliance measure, but a heartfelt step toward fostering peace, shared responsibility, and a transparent development structure that will directly benefit the people at the grassroots level.

"We are not just managing oil and gas operations—we are co-writing a new story of impact and unity with our communities," he noted.

Representing the Nigerian Upstream

Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC). Mr. Etim Etukudo, State Coordinator in Eket, read a speech on behalf of the Commission Chief Executive, Engr. Gbenga Komolafe. He acknowledged the milestone achievement and praised NEPL and SEL for following due process in establishing the trust.

Mr. Etukudo reminded all present that the role of the NUPRC goes beyond regulation—it includes strict oversight to ensure project implementation, fund accountability, and community participation.

He noted that over 146 HCDDTs had been registered nationwide, with many already funded and executing projects. He urged the new BOT to invest wisely in long-term community benefits like education, renewable energy, healthcare, and skills acquisition, emphasizing that their legacy should outlast the oil itself.

The goodwill message from the Akwa Ibom State Government was delivered by Mrs. Ikwobia Esq, who

stood in for the Honourable Commissioner for Environment and Mineral Resources (Petroleum), Rt Hon Nsikak Ekong.

She commended the NEPL-SEL joint venture for achieving this critical milestone, describing the inauguration as a strong demonstration of sincerity and a desire to work collaboratively with host communities.

Mrs. Ikwo who emphasized the importance of community inclusion, assured the gathering of the state government's support under the leadership of Governor Umo Eno especially in providing a conducive environment for investment and ensuring that HCDDT aligns with the Arise Agenda for economic growth and infrastructural development in the region.

Accepting the leadership role on behalf of the newly inaugurated trustees, the BOT Chairman delivered a heartfelt and passionate speech. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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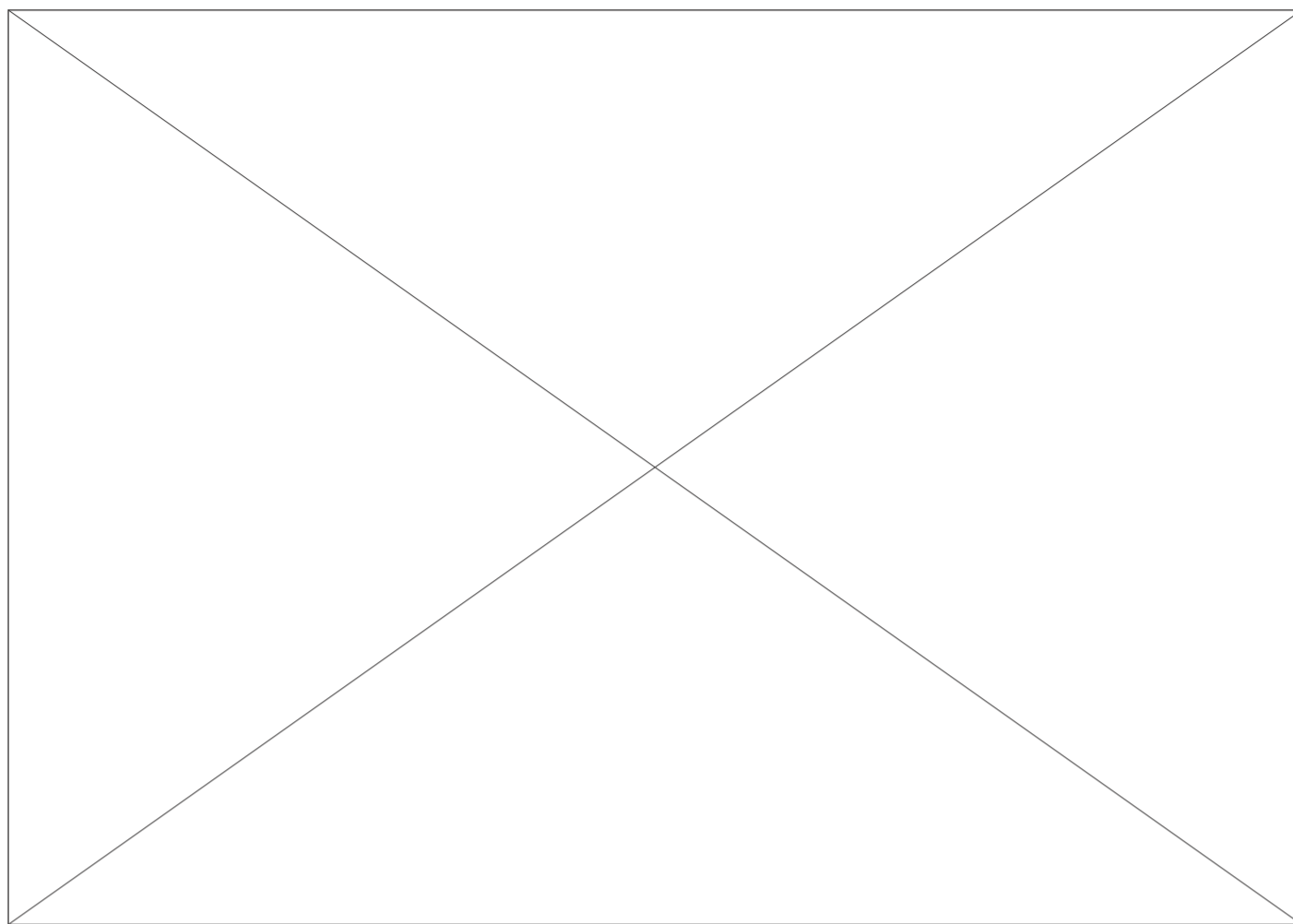
# Russia Seeks ACMI Deal With Ethiopian Airlines

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Russia wants to wet lease aircraft from Ethiopian Airlines (ET, Addis Ababa International) and has proposed collaboration on aircraft maintenance, noting Ethiopia's existing Boeing accredited MRO capabilities, according to a statement from the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA).

This follows a visit to Addis Ababa by a Russian delegation led by trade commissioner Yaroslav V. Tarasyuk, which met with Ethiopia's Civil Aviation Authority Director General Yohannes Abera on July 29 to explore expanded bilateral cooperation in aviation, including aircraft leasing, maintenance, and equipment supply.

Facing challenges acquiring additional aircraft during the Russian peak summer season, the Russian delegation sought clarity



from the ECAA regarding the regulations for wet-leasing from Ethiopian Airlines. They also expressed interest in supplying

Ethiopia with Russian-made navigational aid equipment, stating that Russia provides such equipment to many Indian airports.

Thirdly, the Russian

delegation expressed interest in building and expanding MRO facilities in Ethiopia. "As

is known, Ethiopia has a Boeing-accredited MRO, and if Russia is

interested in joining this, there will be an opportunity," the regulator stated.

Tarasyuk reaffirmed Russia's readiness to finalise a bilateral air

transport agreement between the countries. While a bilateral agreement had been signed previously, a new air transport agreement, compliant with Russian law, is in progress and Russia is eager for its speedy conclusion.

He also requested Ethiopia's backing in Russia's bid for re-election to the council of member states during the upcoming 42nd session of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), set to take place from September 23 to October 3 in Montréal.

Abera welcomed Russia's proposals, affirmed opportunities for Russian suppliers to participate in competitive tenders for aviation equipment, and expressed willingness to review Russian collaboration offers regarding MRO facilities after further consultation with stakeholders.

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Despite ongoing reforms and efforts to construct new ports and rehabilitate existing ones, world powers, including the United States and Russia, are actively seeking to secure access to the Port of Lomé in Togo which has emerged as a key maritime hub in West Africa.

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

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

(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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# Law Corridor To Host Stakeholders On Nigeria's Real Estate Challenges

**Culled:** Law Corridor, a cosmopolitan and dynamic law firm, is set to host stakeholders in the real estate sector on ways to address the structural challenges confronting Nigeria's real estate sector.

According to the firm, the conference entitled, 'Policy Dialogue on the critical issues affecting Nigeria's Real Estate Ecosystem,' is aimed to provide a platform for objective engagement and interrogation of legal, institutional, and structural challenges confronting Nigeria's real estate sector.

The conference seeks to propose actionable and evidence-based policy and regulatory solutions to reposition the sector as a viable contributor to Nigeria's economic development.

"The real estate sector remains a major contributor to national development, generating substantial employment, attracting investment, and facilitating infrastructure expansion across the country. However, the sector is increasingly vulnerable to systemic inefficiencies, regulatory lapses and fraudulent practices.

"In line with its commitment to strengthening legal and regulatory



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frameworks across key sectors of the Nigerian economy, Law Corridor has consistently initiated programs in the advancement of crucial socio-economic policies and goals, hence the Policy Dialogue.

"Policy Dialogue is a multi-stakeholder deliberative platform where issues affecting the economy and related policies can be properly engaged and interrogated. It is with this

objective that Law Corridor is convening a Policy Dialogue on Critical Issues affecting Nigeria's Real Estate Ecosystem," it stated.

The Policy Dialogue will assemble key stakeholders in the real estate sector to interrogate these issues, identify practical solutions, and promote reforms that will enhance integrity, transparency, and investor confidence in the Nigerian real estate space.

According to the firm, the

keynote address will be delivered by the executive secretary of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA), who will share deep insights into the problems as they affect governance and economic development.

The thematic focus areas include: tackling illegal property sales, prevalence of fake developers, and licensed agent's real estate fraud and legal remedies; addressing the weak

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# Nigeria, Benin Kickoff Economic Cooperation Talks

**Culled:** Nigeria and the Republic of Benin have begun formal steps to implement the economic cooperation agreement signed during the inaugural West Africa Economic Summit held in Abuja in June.

This development emerged after a two-day bilateral meeting between officials of both countries from August 1-2 in Cotonou, aimed at outlining the framework for economic collaboration.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, described the move as aligning with the broader objectives of regional integration championed by the Economic Community of West African States.

Odumegwu-Ojukwu, in a statement signed by her media aide, Magnus Eze, on Sunday, commended President Bola Tinubu's leadership in conceptualising the summit, stating that it is already producing tangible outcomes for regional cooperation.

The minister described the bilateral engagement as timely, emphasising that the two countries were bound not only by geography, but by centuries of shared history, familial ties, culture, commerce and vibrant commercial activity.

According to the statement, Odumegwu-Ojukwu also congratulated Benin on its 65th Independence anniversary, noting that it was fitting that the dialogue was taking place during a moment of national pride.

She stated that the bilateral relationship had evolved over the years. However, she noted that cooperation had remained a constant in addressing shared challenges.

"Our shared successes affirm a truth we must never lose sight of: that cooperation, not conflict; dialogue, not suspicion, remain our best tools for overcoming obstacles," the minister said.

According to her, the visit of the Nigerian delegation was more than just technical discussions.

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# Nigeria-US Trade Ties Hold Amid Tariff Shift



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**Culled:** The renewed commitment followed a strategic meeting in Abuja between Jumoke Oduwole, Nigeria's Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment and US Deputy, Richard M. Mills

Jr. and incoming U.S. Consul General to Nigeria, Rick Swart.

At the centre of discussions was the evolving trade landscape triggered by a July 31 Executive Order signed by US President Donald Trump, which officially placed Nigeria

among a list of approximately 40 Countries subject to elevated tariffs under a revised reciprocal trade policy.

The new rate, up from 14% in April to 15% takes effect on August 7, 2025.

Oduwole acknowledged that Nigeria's tariff on trade with the United States had moved from 14% to 15%, clarifying that despite this adjustment, Nigeria remains a favorable environment for US investors.

She emphasised the scale of duty-free machinery, equipment and services entering Nigeria from the US, underlining the mutually beneficial nature of this commercial exchange.

She highlighted the ongoing business-to-business engagements stemming from the

commercial investment partnership launched on June 24th, "which continues with momentum and are set to culminate in a Ministerial meeting on November 20th. This underscores the enduring relationship between both nations and their shared commitment to economic collaboration,"

Oduwole reiterated Nigeria's dedication to advancing food sovereignty, digital trade, and competitiveness under President Bola Tinubu's "Nigeria First Policy and Intervention" initiative.

She noted that recent monetary, fiscal, and trade reforms had yielded measurable results in stabilising the economy and setting it on a growth trajectory.

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# Taiwan-Nigeria Investment Pact To Boost Collaboration In Tech, Others

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The Chief of Taiwan Mission at the Taipei Trade Office in Nigeria, Andy Yih-Ping Liu, says the renewed Investment Protection and Promotion Agreement between Nigeria and Taiwan will open doors to deeper economic collaboration and long-term investment benefits for both Nigeria and Taiwan.

Speaking during an interview on TVC News on Tuesday, Liu explained that the agreement—an upgrade of a similar pact signed in 1994—will serve as a legal and institutional framework to protect and promote investments between both sides.

He said the updated agreement, which

has been under negotiation for over two years, will allow Nigeria to attract investments in key sectors, including agriculture, electric vehicles, solar energy, transportation, and artificial intelligence.

“With the renewal and signing of the agreement to replace the 1994 version, Taiwan and Nigeria can begin to discuss major and massive investment collaboration. “Any kind of investment Nigeria would like to attract from Taiwan—whether in high technology, clean energy, or infrastructure—can now be pursued under a more secure and forward-looking framework,” Liu said.

According to him, the new agreement includes stronger provisions not just for protecting investments, but also for actively promoting them, thereby increasing the potential for capital flow, technology transfer, and job creation in Nigeria.

Liu also gave assurances of fairness and mutual benefit, stressing that Taiwan honours agreements.

“Taiwan plays by the book. We are good students. We don't cheat on anyone. Once the agreement is negotiated, passed by the Nigerian government, and signed, it becomes a registered obligation with the WTO,” he said.

He added that the agreement will benefit not only new investors but also existing Nigerian businesses already operating in Taiwan.

“There is already a huge Nigerian population doing business in Taiwan. They are earning well and exporting to Nigeria. If the environment was not beneficial, they wouldn't remain there,” he said.

Liu also praised President Bola Tinubu's vision of transforming Nigeria's southeast into the “Taiwan of Africa,” describing it as a strategic direction that aligns with Taiwan's readiness to partner in Nigeria's development goals.

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## APC Threatens Nigeria's Unity, Progress - El-Rufai

Former Kaduna State Governor, Nasir El-Rufai, has called for collective efforts to sack the ruling All Progressives Congress in the 2027 general elections.

El-Rufai, who visited Sokoto State on Saturday as part of his grassroots mobilisation campaign to galvanise support for the opposition coalition, said the country's prospects would be at risk if the APC was given another chance.

He described the APC as “incompetent and clannish,” warning that the party's continued stay in power posed a threat to the country's unity and progress.

Speaking at a series of meetings with political stakeholders, youth groups, and women from across the 23 local government areas of the state, El-Rufai emphasised the urgent need to rescue the nation from what he termed “poor governance and failed

leadership.”

“I didn't get into politics to enrich myself but to serve. And when a government ceases to serve the people, it is my duty as a senior citizen to not only speak out but take action to reverse the situation,” he said.

The former governor noted that the opposition coalition's adoption of the African Democratic Congress as its platform for 2027 was a strategic move to unite Nigerians under a

credible alternative that prioritises national interest over personal ambitions.

He said, “If we allow this APC government another term, what remains of Nigeria's social fabric may be destroyed. This is the fight of our lives.”

El-Rufai said the coalition would continue to mobilise Nigerians across the country to resist and vote out the ruling party.

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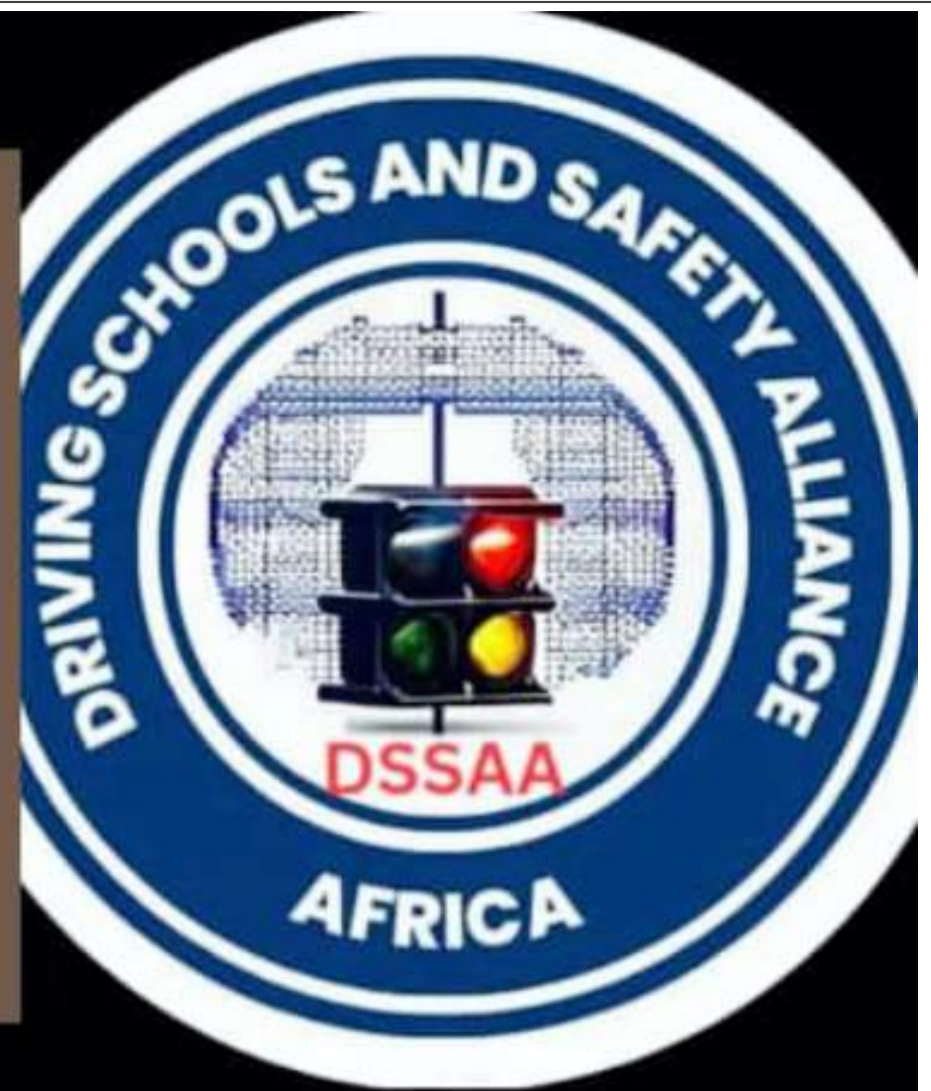


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