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No Helmet, No Riding On Highways - FRSC

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No Helmet, No Riding On Highway - FRSC Warns Motorcycles

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ondo State Sector Command, has reiterated its commitment to arresting motorcyclists riding on highways without wearing crash helmets in the state.

Dr Samuel Ibitoye, FRSC, State Sector Commander, gave the warning while speaking with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Sunday in Akure.

Ibitoye said that the corps had redoubled its efforts to arrest, impound and prosecute any motorcyclist riding on highways without a helmet.

He explained that most of the crashes involving motorcycles without crash helmets usually resulted in fatalities where skulls, limbs and thighs were broken.

"It is good for motorcycle riders to avoid highways completely, but when they find themselves there, they should use crash helmets and not engage in competition with the vehicles, especially heavy vehicles.

"Don't claim any rights on the way as an exposed road user, please let the vehicle go and have your own life intact.

"There is a sanction for any motorcyclist riding on highways without the use of a helmet.

"The motorcycle will be impounded and fine paid, but that is not the major thing we are preaching. We are preaching the use of the helmet and safety first," he said.

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Dr. Ibitoye

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Earlier, the government had issued warnings and ultimatums to residents with houses in swampy areas and along riverbanks to remove the illegal structures or face demolition.

Speaking to The Nation on Sunday, Commissioner for Environment and Sanitation, Hon. Mayowa Adejorin, confirmed that 15 structures were removed in Osogbo, six in Ile-Ife, six in Ilesa, and others in various towns across the state.

He said the action is aimed at safeguarding lives and property by preventing flooding and the potential displacement of residents.

"We have taken proactive steps to

ameliorate imminent flooding in the state following the prediction of NiMET. We have tried our best to dredge all our waterways, and we remove all the refuse dumped in the waterways which may cause blockage.

"Where we have illegal structures, we give them notice to remove them and after the notice, if we notice that it is not removed, we demolish it. We started dredging last December. Governor Ademola Adeleke has been very magnanimous in supporting the ministry and putting the safety of the residents first."

"In Osogbo, we have about 15 structures that we removed, also in Ile-Ife about 6, Ilesa 6 and in other towns. This is to ensure the safety of the residents of the state."

Adejorin assured that with the preventive measures put in place by the government, Osun State will not record flooding that will affect residents of the state.

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Coastal States Call For Unified Maritime Laws To Protect Waterways, Boost Trade

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States situated along the country's coastline have stressed the need for harmonised maritime laws in order to strengthen security across the waterways as well as improve cross-border trade between Nigeria's coastal communities and neighbouring countries.

While converging on Uyo, the capital of Akwa Ibom, the concerned state governments under the aegis of the Nigerian International Coastal Border Platform, the forum, also demanded that a percentage of revenue from maritime taxes and crude oil exports be dedicated to coastal security funding.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the platform's inaugural summit, which was made available to journalists in Akure, Ondo State capital, the forum resolved that Nigerian laws, including the Suppression of Piracy and Other Maritime Offences (SPOMO) Act, should be harmonised for more efficiency in implementation.

While calling for more awareness on



Nigeria International Coastal Border Platform

maritime safety and security to foster a culture of compliance with national and international laws, the forum recommended that the country take advantage of the African Integrated Border Governance Strategy and the African Continental Free Trade Zone to boost cross-border trade between coastal communities and neighbouring countries.

According to the delegates from seven coastal states who attended the event, the forum marks the beginning of a multisectoral approach to tackling issues in the coastal areas.

The delegates include Sen. Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo, Sen. Akon Eyakenyi, Dr. Olayide Adelami, Rt Hon. Peter Odey, Engr Noimot Salako-Oyedele and Sir Monday Onyeme, deputy governors of

Bayelsa, Akwa Ibom, Ondo, Cross River, Ogun and Delta states, respectively, while Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, deputy governor of Lagos state, was represented by the permanent secretary in his office, Mrs. Mobolaji Daba.

According to the chairman of the forum and deputy governor of Bayelsa state, Sen. Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo, the platform became necessary to rally

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FRSC Issues Advisory On Katsina-Batsari Bridge Collapse

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has alerted motorists to the collapse of a bridge along the Katsina-Batsari route. The collapse occurred a few metres after Salbak Filling Station, near Shagari Lowcost, following a heavy downpour on Saturday night.

This is contained in a statement issued on Sunday in Abuja by the Corps Public Education Officer (CPEO), Assistant Corps Marshal (ACM) Olusegun Ogungbemide.

Ogungbemide said the Sector Commander in Katsina, Corps Commander Maxwell Lede, conducted an on-the-spot assessment of the incident on Sunday and ordered the immediate closure of the affected section to traffic.

"The FRSC has cordoned off the area from both ends to safeguard road users," the statement said.

He added that alternative routes had been provided to ease traffic movement.

"Motorists traveling from Katsina to

Batsari are advised to use Ring Road via Al-Qalam University, while those coming from Batsari to Katsina should use the Army Barracks-Jibia Road to reconnect. "Motorists are strongly advised to avoid the collapsed bridge site to prevent road crashes, especially during late evening hours or in rainy conditions when visibility is poor," Ogungbemide warned. He also urged media houses to amplify the advisory for public awareness, emphasising that road safety was a shared responsibility.

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Katsina-Batsari bridge

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The Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi, disclosed this at a recent engagement with the operators at the Ministry of Transportation, Alausa, Ikeja. He stated that the Ministry has observed the deplorable condition of some vehicles operated by drivers under licensed e-hailing platforms within the State, necessitating a comprehensive audit of all vehicles in use.

According to him, any vehicle found unsuitable will not be allowed to operate on Lagos roads.

He further decried the growing safety concerns for motorists and the poor service delivery by some operators, stressing that the State Government is committed to safeguarding lives and property, and will not tolerate practices that

endanger Lagosians.

In addition, the Commissioner raised concerns over the lack of robust databases among many e-hailing platforms, making it difficult to track discrepancies and criminal activities perpetrated through their services. He warned that the Ministry will not hesitate to enforce sanctions where necessary.

Speaking on the same issue, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mr. Olawale Musa, emphasized that the use of vehicles not registered with the Lagos State Government will no longer be tolerated. He noted that such practices hinder effective tracking and pose significant security risks. According to him, the Ministry will strictly enforce penalties for any infractions.

He explained that the digital system developed by the Ministry requires up-to-date data to enable effective regulation of the transportation sector. He added that all drivers must be duly registered and certified by the Lagos State Drivers' Institute (LASDRI), urging operators to [Find Full Story In The Link](#) comply or risk suspension of their licenses.

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In a statement on Sunday by the Special Adviser to the governor on Public Enlightenment, Prince Eze Ugochukwu, and made available to The Guardian, the terminals have world-class facilities, located at designated areas at Naze Junction, Egbu, and Onitsha Roads.

He disclosed that the windows to access parts of the state with ease would create numerous job opportunities for the people, noting that local commerce would be boosted with safe, comfortable, and efficient travel options.

The statement read: "The Imo State government has launched an innovative Mass Transit Programme, featuring the development of three cutting-edge bus terminals designed to transform public



Governor Uzodinma

transportation in the state. This initiative aims to provide residents with safe, comfortable, and efficient travel options while creating numerous job opportunities and boosting local commerce.

"The new bus terminals, described as comparable to mini airports, will serve as modern transportation hubs equipped with world-class facilities. Each terminal will feature fully air-conditioned spaces,

dedicated loading bays, public restrooms, dining options, and shopping areas, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable travel experience. The design mirrors global standards, prioritising passenger safety, comfort, and convenience.

He added that the terminals is to be located at Naze Junction, Egbu, and Onitsha Road are expected to generate significant employment opportunities

across various sectors.

He said, "Positions will be available in security, ticketing, facility management, control room operations, electrical and mechanical departments, maintenance, and bus control. This initiative underscores the government's commitment to economic growth and job creation while enhancing public infrastructure."

He stressed that the investment would provide a reliable and secure system of transport, noting: "By investing heavily in public transportation, the Imo State government aims to provide a reliable and secure transit system that rivals international benchmarks."

Ugochukwu informed that travellers could look forward to a hassle-free experience, with peace of mind which emanates from ensuring their safety and comfort are prioritised.

"As Imo State rolls out this transformative project, residents can anticipate a new era of modern, efficient, and accessible public transportation that will redefine travel within the state," he clarified.

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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 Ajobiewe, 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 Ajobiewe 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 Nigerian Export Promotion Council has announced that the country's non-oil exports climbed to \$3.225bn in the first half of 2025, marking a 19.59 per cent increase over the \$2.696bn recorded in the same period last year.

The Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the NEPC, Nonye Ayeni, disclosed this in Abuja on Sunday while presenting the council's First Half-Year Progress Report on Nigeria's non-oil export performance.

She said the shipment volume also rose to 4.04 million metric tonnes from 3.83 million metric tonnes in the first half of 2024, driven by strong global demand for Nigerian products from emerging markets such as India, Brazil, Vietnam, and other African countries.

According to Ayeni, the report offers a comprehensive overview of the council's achievements, challenges, and prospects as the year draws to a close.

"Gentlemen of the press, it is on this

Nigeria's Non-Oil Exports Hit \$3.225bn In H1 2025 - NEPC

note that I am pleased to inform you that non-oil products exported in the first half of 2025 were valued at \$3.225bn. This shows an increase of 19.59 per cent as against the sum of \$2.696bn recorded for the first half of the year 2024," she said.

The NEPC boss noted that the growth in export value was matched by a rise in shipment volume, recalling that in the first quarter alone, non-oil exports were valued at \$1.791bn, a 24.75 per cent rise over the \$1.436bn posted in Q1 2024.

Volumes in the same quarter increased to 2.416 million metric tonnes, up 24.3 per cent from the 1.937 million metric tonnes shipped in the corresponding period last year.

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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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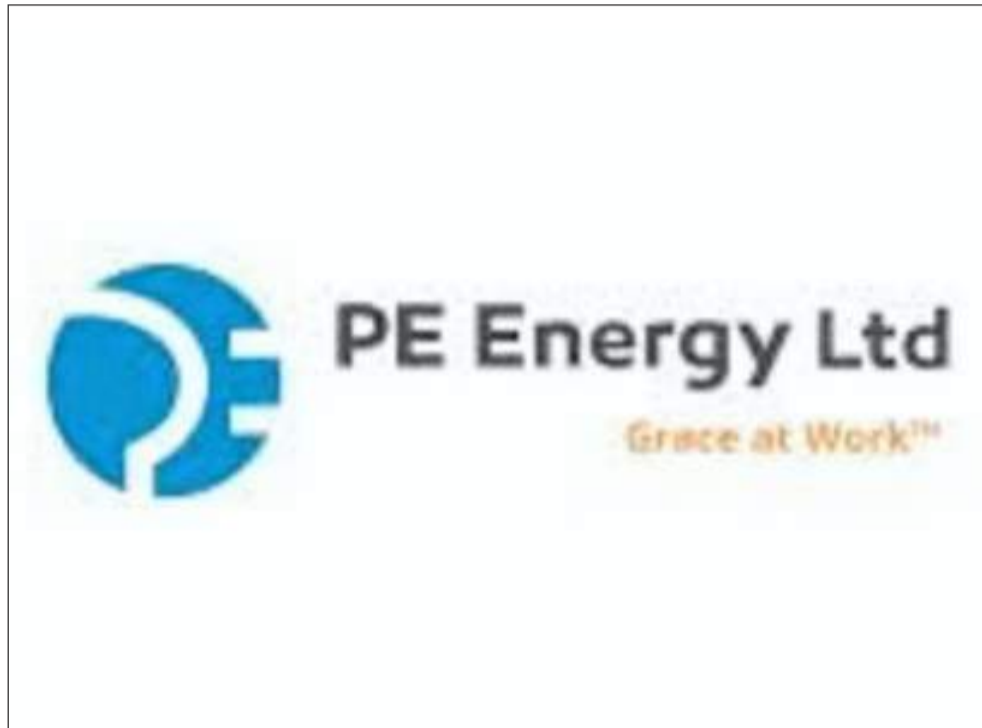


Firms Trains 46, Employs Six To Boost Local Content In Oil Sector

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An oil firm, PE Energy Limited, in collaboration with Chevron Nigeria Limited and the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), has employed six persons out of 46 graduate trainees after concluding its Human Capital Development (HCD) training programme to boost the Nigeria's content in the oil and gas sector. The firm gave automatic employment to the six graduates described as high-performing following their excellent performance after 12-month intensive programme at the PANA Academy, the competency development arm of PE Energy Limited and a subsidiary of PANA Holdings.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, held in Port Harcourt at the weekend, the Group CEO of PE Energy and Chairman, Pana Holdings, Dr Daere Akobo, said the programme underscored the commitment of the company to build the Nigerian content in the oil and gas.



PE Energy Limited

He said: "This initiative is a clear example of our philosophy in action. At PE Energy, we are not only supporting Nigerian content we are building it. Through direct investments in human capital via PANA Academy, we are equipping Nigerian youths with future-proof skills to thrive and lead in the energyspace." "Their active collaboration, technical support, and alignment with national policy objectives are pivotal to

the programme's success", he said.

In his opening remarks, the Executive Secretary of NCDMB, who was represented by the Manager of Human Capital Development, Mrs. Tarilate Teide-Bribena, commended PE Energy Limited and PANA Academy for the efficient execution of the training programme.

She reiterated the board's commitment to strategic capacity-building initiatives to enhance indigenous competence, standardisation, and global competitiveness. She also encouraged the people to actively participate and register on the NOGIC JQS portal to maximize access to training and employment opportunities in the oil and gas industry.

She appreciated PE Energy for living up to the spirit of the HCD programme by providing instant employment to six out of the 46 graduates.

The Representative of Chevron Nigeria Limited, Nonso Echukwu, said that Chevron was satisfied with the successful execution of the training programme.

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Dangote Refinery Receives First Batch Of 4,000 CNG Trucks



Dangote CNG

Dangote Petroleum Refinery & Petrochemicals announced that it has begun receiving 4,000 compressed natural gas-powered trucks for its fuel distribution programme, which is set to officially commence on August 15.

In a statement on Sunday, the company said the project aims to transform Nigeria's fuel distribution system by lowering logistics costs and improving supply efficiency.

The fleet, being imported through Apapa Port, represents an estimated ₦720 billion capital investment.

The first batch of trucks has been delivered to the refinery site in Ibeju-Lekki and was received by Dangote Industries' Vice-President of Oil and

Gas, Devakumar Edwin, alongside refinery staff and customers.

"The fleet of fuel tankers, being imported through Apapa Port, represents a significant capital investment estimated at N720bn. This expenditure underscores the company's commitment to pioneering innovative solutions as the world's largest single-train refinery continues to expand its operational capabilities," the statement partly read.

Group Chief of Branding and Communication, Anthony Chiejina, described the development as a "groundbreaking" step for Nigeria's downstream petroleum sector.

"Given the complexities inherent in global supply chains, the delivery of these specialised CNG-powered tankers is indeed commendable. This approach ensures that we maintain operational efficiency while scaling up the fleet.

"Our unwavering commitment to this programme is reflected in our ongoing collaboration with key regulatory

bodies and stakeholders to facilitate seamless deployment. We believe this initiative will significantly lower distribution costs and improve fuel availability for our customers nationwide," Chiejina stated.

He added that over the next six weeks, the refinery expects at least 60 shiploads of these trucks to arrive in the country.

"This innovative distribution model is expected to catalyse efficiency gains across Nigeria's downstream petroleum sector, fostering greater transparency, reducing transportation bottlenecks, and ultimately enhancing energy security for the nation," he added.

In June, the Dangote refinery revealed its plan to deploy 4,000 CNG trucks across Nigeria for the nationwide distribution of petroleum products.

"This bold initiative is projected to save Nigerians over N1.7tn annually in fuel distribution costs," the company said.

The scheme is expected to significantly benefit over 42 million

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises by lowering energy costs and improving profitability.

The company said, "This strategic programme is part of Dangote's broader commitment to eliminating logistics bottlenecks, enhancing energy efficiency, promoting environmental sustainability, and supporting Nigeria's economic development. Lower fuel distribution costs will reduce production expenses, alleviate inflationary pressures, and stimulate overall economic growth.

"The initiative is also expected to revitalise dormant filling stations, creating over 15,000 direct jobs across the logistics value chain, including positions for drivers, station managers, and attendants at the new CNG stations," the statement noted, stressing that the programme would help curb cross-border smuggling of petroleum products while supporting a more efficient and environmentally friendly distribution system."

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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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Nigeria, 12 Others Selected For \$93m US Food Aid Scheme

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The United States government has listed Nigeria and 12 other nations among the beneficiaries of its \$93 million emergency food assistance programme set aside to address worsening hunger and malnutrition. Speaking recently at a press briefing, the principal deputy spokesperson for the US state department, Tommy Pigott, said the aid will also cover essential food commodities, targeted nutritional support, and emergency logistics.

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Under the leadership of President Trump and Secretary Rubio, the United States is restoring strength, securing prosperity, and standing up for American interests on the world stage," Pigott said.

According to the US Department of State, the programme is expected to provide ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) for nearly one million children suffering from severe malnutrition.

Other benefiting countries are Haiti, Mali, Niger, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Madagascar, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of



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Congo, Djibouti, Kenya, and Chad.

According to the department, the package includes 1,209 metric tons of existing stock and funds to produce an additional 11,285 metric tons.

The announcement comes a month after the closure of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Trump administration's cost-cutting reforms — a move that drew criticism from former US

leaders and global health experts.

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Nigeria, Benin Kickoff Economic Cooperation Talks

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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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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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FIRS, BOI, NITDA, Others Partner ANNIH To Drive New Nigeria Narrative

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In order to bolster the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Bank of Industry, BOI), National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and Sahara Energy, have formed a partnership with Lead Projects Africa, a member of the Bullion Projects Group, to unveil the season 2 of "A New Nigeria Is Here: Season 2" (ANNIH S2).

According to a statement, the partnership was unveiled during the media engagement meeting for ANNIH S2 at Transcorp Hilton Abuja recently.

The organisers stated that the season 2 of A New Nigeria Is Here documentary series will commence airing on August 12th, 2025 on Channels Network, News Central Africa with a review on CNN and special Unicorn editions on CNBC Africa, AIT NETWORK, TVC and Arise News, to reach every corner of the globe through the YouTube Channels, Africa Got Stories.

Speaking at the media parley, Project Coordinator of ANNIH, Jide Peters in the statement said, "This isn't just a documentary series; it's a cinematic journey, a weekly exploration into the heart of Nigeria's transformative

odyssey and economic drivers under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope."

"With the endorsement of the Presidency, the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris Malagi, and executive oversight from the Office of the Coordinating Minister of the Economy, this landmark project is poised to amplify Nigeria's powerful emergence as Africa's undeniable innovation and economic powerhouse", Jide added.

He said, "ANNIH S2 is more than a documentary series; it is a vibrant tapestry woven from public and private sector triumphs, blending exclusive,

candid interviews with grassroots storytelling and profound policy insights. Each compelling 30-minute episode promises to captivate an estimated 300 million viewers globally."

This season delves deep into the key pillars defining Nigeria's "Fennnaissance" (Financial + Renaissance), which is economic renaissance unpacking the bold reforms in fiscal policy, the relentless drive in infrastructure development, and the explosive growth in digital innovation that are propelling Nigeria toward its ambitious goal towards a \$1 trillion economy.

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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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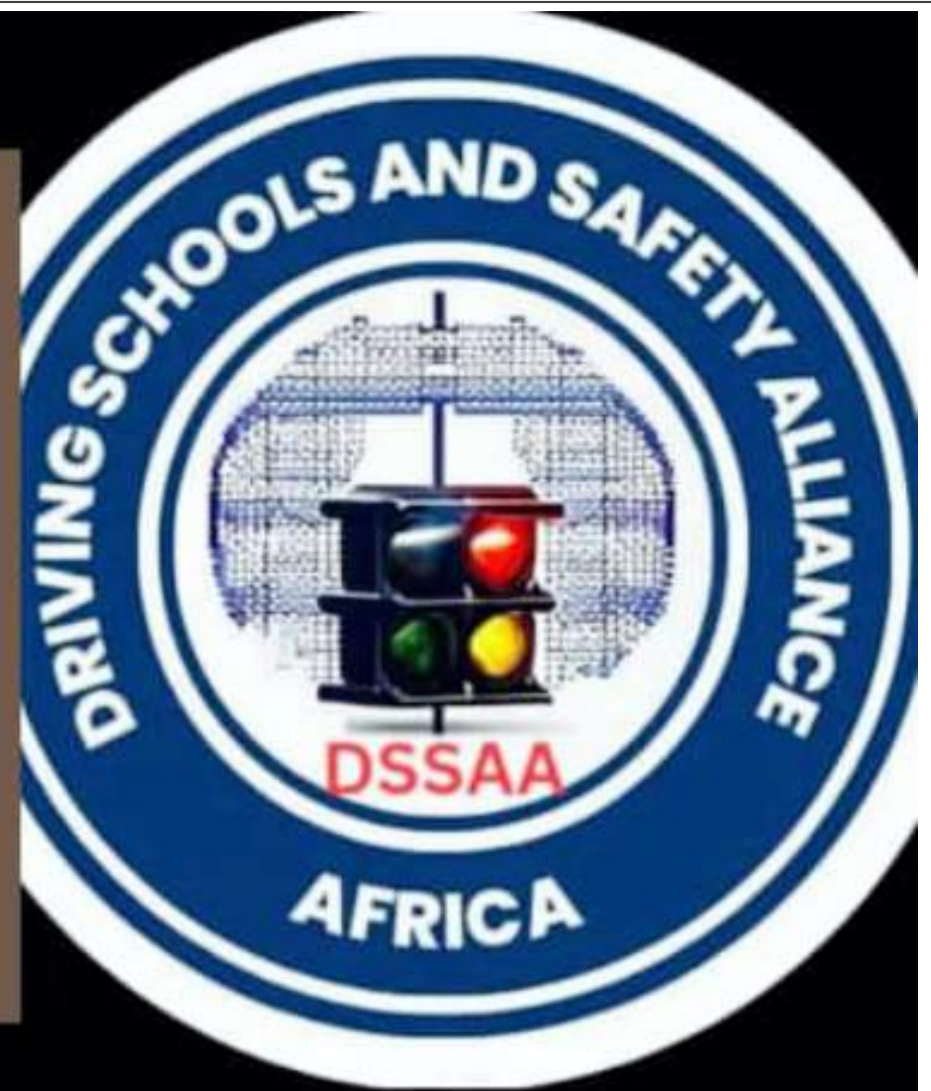


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