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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) intervened on Monday in a serious road traffic accident involving a Toyota Highlander Jeep (APP 150 EY) and a painted T4 commercial bus (KJA 328 XH), which occurred in the early hours at Volkswagen, inward Mile 2, Lagos.

Preliminary findings revealed that the tragedy occurred when the Highlander Jeep, travelling at an excessive and perilous speed, lost control and collided with great force into a stubborn commercial bus that was illegally stationed along the roadside while indiscriminately picking up passengers at the said location. The driver of the Highlander Jeep perished instantly at the scene of impact.

Responding with remarkable swiftness to the accident, LASTMA personnel promptly secured the accident scene, extricated the lifeless body from the mangled wreckage, and formally handed over the remains to operatives

of the Ojo Police Division. The police thereafter conveyed the deceased to the C-Niger Mortuary, Abule Ado (inward Mile 2), for preservation.

In a statement, Adebayo Taofiq, Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, LASTMA, said that LASTMA officers ensured the restoration of traffic fluidity along the severely gridlocked corridor, while simultaneously supervising the evacuation of all accident-affected

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In a statement, it was noted that these projects span key local government areas, including Gwale, Nasarawa, Kumbotso, Fagge, Kano Municipal, Tarauni, Dala, and Ungogo.

The disclosure was made by the Commissioner for Information, Ibrahim Waiya, on Tuesday during a tour of completed and ongoing road projects with the National President of the Nigeria Union of Journalists, Alhassan Yahaya.

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The apex Igbo sociocultural organisation, equally said that Mbah's performance justifies the various calls for restructuring and devolution of more powers to sub-nationals, insisting that real development could only come from states.

In a press statement issued by the body's Deputy National Publicity Secretary, Mazi Ikechukwu Bismarck Oji, on Sunday, 'Ohanaeze Ndigbo expressed elation at "the historic developmental strides being



CNG Buses

embarked upon by the governor, in all sectors, all at once."

"Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide takes pride in Governor Peter Ndubuisi Mbah's giant strides across all sectors in Enugu State. We recall that in just two years, he has brought moribund government parastatals such as the United Palm Products Limited, the Hotel Presidential, and NIGERGAS back to life.

"We note the ongoing construction of 260 Smart Green School Projects as well as 260 ultramodern Type 2 Primary Healthcare Centres across the 260 wards of Enugu State, the completion of the magnificent Enugu International Conference Centre, the Nodsra Tractor Assembly and Service Centre, and the ongoing road infrastructure projects across the state.

"We equally note with delight what he has done in the area of security where he invested in the state-of-the-art Enugu Command and Control Centre and over 150 security vehicles all installed with AI-embedded cameras that keep the state under surveillance, thus making Enugu one of the safest states today. Since his assumption of office, Monday Sit-At-Home in Enugu has become history.

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Oyebamiji Backs Ikogosi Road Race To Boost Ekiti Tourism

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The historic town of Ikogosi famed for its mystical warm springs is set to host the 2nd Ikogosi 17.5km Road Race on November 8 marking another bold step in Governor Abiodun Oyebanji's mission to make Ekiti the tourism hub of Nigeria.

Since assuming office, Governor Oyebanji has embarked on massive road and power infrastructure projects, repositioned Ekiti United and Ekiti Queens, upgraded key road networks as well as sporting facilities, and creating an investor-friendly environment. His administration's vision is clear—transforms Ekiti into a destination where tourism and sports drive economic growth.

By endorsing the Ikogosi Road Race-organized in partnership with the Ikogosi Marathon Initiative – the Governor reaffirms his commitment to positioning Ekiti as a global tourism destination. This landmark event is set to draw athletes, tourists, and

investors from around the world, stimulating local commerce, hospitality, and small businesses. More than 500 youths will receive training as volunteers, while artisans, SMEs, and cultural troupes seize the spotlight to showcase the rich vibrancy and creativity of Ekiti State.

The race route- from Ilawe's scenic terrains to the world-famous Ikogosi Warm Spring- will highlight both the state's natural beauty and its improved infrastructure. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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A statement on Monday by Okpebholo's Chief Press Secretary, Fred Itua said the governor decided after driving through the over 20-kilometre road where he stopped at several points and inspected the quality of the drain, pavement and materials being used for the construction.

Edo State Governor, Senator Monday Okpebholo, has expressed displeasure over the slow pace of work on the ongoing Benin-Sapele road project despite the financial mobilisation of contractors.

He said the governor stopped at Peanut junction, Ogheghe junction by Akenuwa Community, Ogheghe road, off Sapele road, Old road, which was abandoned by previous administrations after

several promises to the residents in the area.

Okpebholo said, "I have inspected what they are doing, and the work is solid and good. But the problem is the level of speed which is not good for me. People are suffering due to the slow pace of work and we have to do something drastic to ensure that the road is motorable by reducing the plight of the people who are using the road.

"The second segment of the road, which is another 7km will soon commence, but apart from the road, the drain is important to us because it is responsible for taking water out.

"Drainage is important, and the design stopped the construction of the drainage system in the middle of the town. The question is, where will the water go? We will look at the design again to ensure that the one we will finally construct for this road takes water out of town and desilts it at the proper place. When this is done, it will enable us to have a good and lasting road after its completion.

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"If you are entering Bahumono through Ugep to Usumotong and Ebom, there is no road. If you take the Ndibe axis, there is no road. Presently, inhabitants of that area who stay in Calabar cannot even enter there," he said.

He appealed for the governor's immediate intervention in this regard and also requested the government to inspect the area.

On the plans by opposition parties,

particularly the PDP and ADC, to dislodge the APC-led government in the state, he said the parties cannot do so.

He also said his party, the APC, is not going to underrate the opposition ahead of the 2027 elections because "in politics, you don't underrate anybody."

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Commuters Stuck For Hours On Mokwa-Bida Road

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A severe gridlock has brought traffic to a standstill on the 113-kilometre stretch of road between Mokwa and Bida in Niger State.

The road, which is currently under construction, has become impassable due to its deplorable condition, frustrating commuters and drivers alike.

The situation is further compounded by the poor state of the road in Agaie, where the heavy presence of articulated vehicles has made movement from Mokwa town to Agaie through Bida extremely difficult for motorists.

As a result, a journey that should take less than one and a half hours now lasts between six and eight hours, depending on the level of orderliness. Drivers are being forced to seek alternative routes, while the rains have worsened the situation.

Some commuters who spoke to DAILY POST appealed to the Federal and State Governments to intervene and repair the road, stressing that travel on

the Mokwa-Bida route has become a nightmare.

One tanker driver, Musa Abubakar, expressed his frustration, saying, "I've been stuck here since morning. If I was carrying perishable goods, they would have been wasted by now."

A passenger, Taju Olasukanmi, travelling from Kwara State, shared a similar experience: "I left Ilorin at 7 am and was supposed to arrive Minna by 1 pm, but I am still stuck here at 6 pm. It's unacceptable." [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



Traffic Gridlock

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De-Sadel Nigeria Limited and China Liancai Petroleum Investment Holdings Limited have disclosed plans to commence the construction of a proposed gas and 4000km high-speed rail project in Nigeria.

This was revealed in Abuja when the firms submitted \$60 billion proof of funds to the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Sen. George Akume.

Chief Executive Officer, De-Sadel Nigeria Limited, Samuel Uko, said the fund for the project would be obtained from the Asian Development Investment Bank.

Uko said: "Today is a very great day in the life of this administration. The high-speed rail bullet train project that we started 10 years ago has gotten a nod from this administration. It is this administration that has given us almost 90 per cent of approvals.

"Today, with our partners, I have just presented the official proof of fund for the project. The fund is coming from the Asian Development Investment Bank

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and it is to cover the first phase of the project that cuts across four major cities of Nigeria.

"The rail line is from Lagos to Abuja, to Kano, and from Abuja to Port Harcourt. So this is a very great work that the government has done. The Federal Government of Nigeria, through the ICRC, approved the Outline Business Case (OBC) and the next step was for us to submit the proof of fund to the government, which we just did. So, I believe in the shortest possible time, Nigeria will start enjoying a high-speed rail in Nigeria".

On the cost of the project, he said: "\$60 billion proof of fund has just been submitted to the government through our financial and technical partners.

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Lagos Community Decries Decade-Long Neglect Of Roads



A terrible road in Isolo

Residents of Isolo in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Lagos, have expressed frustration over the poor state of roads in the area, which they say have been neglected for nearly a decade.

Streets such as Yewa Street, Oba Kabiru Adelaja, Ago-Ire Akari Link Road, Isolo Road, and parts of Ajao Estate are riddled with potholes and erosion, making daily commutes difficult and causing residents to lose valuable man-hours.

A resident of Yewa Street, Ashorobi Segun, said: "I have lived on this street for about 20 years and this is how the road has been. We have been appealing to the government to

help us but we have not received a positive response. We even constructed drainage systems with our own money.

"This is the only road connecting to Oke-Afa apart from Kogberegbe. Despite its poor condition, the street is always congested in the evenings as motorists use alternative routes to avoid the traffic between Iyana Isolo and Pako Bus Stop.

"The government continues to promise road repairs, but nothing has materialised. Individual have contributed to fixing things on the street, even resorting to disputes at times to get things done."

Another resident, Azeez Otutu, said: "Oba Osolo Market Road has been in a terrible state for years with no drainage or effort to improve it. It becomes particularly bad during the rainy season. Recently, a construction company poured granite on parts of the road, providing temporary relief. Ballot boxes arrive here during elections, but development does not."

A resident of Nusirat Lasisi Street, Mba Eghosa, said her car broke down on July 2, 2025, due to the poor condition of the road, causing financial loss and wasted time. Adebisi Omotola Street nearby is in a similar state.

Some residents have resorted to self-help. On Akosa Street, locals have built and maintained their own roads to prevent vehicle damage and ensure safe passage.

"When it rains, the situation worsens. The man living in front of me fixed the road in front of his home, making it a little better for my shop; otherwise, it would always be flooded."

The government should help us fix the road; it's extremely bad, and we can't continue living like this," said Ajoke Adeniyi, a 58-year-old food seller in Nusurat Lasisi Street.

A 26-year-old barber on Olubi Street, known as Dtharbs, added: "I don't have a car, so I walk, but the condition of the road still affects me. Lack of streetlights has led to multiple vehicular incidents at night due to the road being covered during

downpours."

When contacted, the Deputy Chief Press Secretary of Oshodi-Isolo LCDA, Damilola Kushimo, said: "In the last four years, the chairman has overseen the construction/reconstruction of over 40 roads. So roads in the Yewa axis...have also been addressed. Kogberegbe falls along the route, and we have carried out palliative work on Yewa road.

"We discussed various roads, including Yewa in our recent meetings. The chairman has mentioned the road, providing assurance of a lasting solution. Work is ongoing on Emzor road and on Karimu road."

On the delay to Emzor road, he explained: "The road is a state government responsibility but the council has taken on the project. Weather conditions also affect the pace of construction. The contractor paused work due to rain, but I can assure residents that the road will be completed soon. The chairman is aware of commuters' plight."

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Chief Executive Officer of APM Terminals Nigeria, Frederik Klinke, opened the forum by expressing gratitude to customers for their trust and continued business despite the challenges affecting the global supply chain. He noted that many of these difficulties, such as congestion, delays, and fluctuating freight costs, are not unique to Nigeria but require a concerted, localised response to ensure the country's ports remain competitive.



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Klinke reaffirmed APM Terminals' long-term commitment to Nigeria, pledging sustained investments in physical infrastructure, strategic partnerships, and advanced digital tools to deliver faster, more transparent, and more customer-focused services. He encouraged customers to continue sharing feedback and Terminal Manager, Steen Knudsen, echoed these suggestions, describing such engagement as essential to identifying bottlenecks and implementing solutions.

Knudsen pointed to recent achievements, such as the launch of regular rail freight services between Apapa and Moniya three times a week, "which have significantly reduced road congestion and improved cargo turnaround times. Other improvements include the expansion of the terminal's examination yard, upgrades to container scanning and inspection processes, greater investment in barge operations to move cargo by water, and the creation of bespoke export packages to speed up clearance for Nigerian exporters. He stressed that progress in these areas could only be sustained if all parties in the logistics chain worked in close alignment."

Speaking earlier, APM Terminals Apapa Commercial Manager, Kayode Daniel, spoke passionately about the central role of customers in shaping the company's trajectory. He said APM Terminals views its clients not merely as service users but as active partners in growth and innovation, remarking that each milestone reached is proof of what can be achieved when there is mutual trust and shared vision.

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Many Feared Killed As Bus Plunges Into Taraba River



The accident

Tragedy struck on Sunday after a commercial bus conveying an unspecified number of passengers plunged into the Namnai River in Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State.

PUNCH learnt this on Sunday from a post on X by a security expert, Zagazola Makama.

According to him, the incident occurred while the vehicle branded Adamawa Express was attempting to cross a collapsed bridge.

Makama also quoted an eyewitness who said the incident occurred in the early hours of the day, while the bus, which was en route to Taraba State, lost balance on the broken portion of the bridge and tumbled into the river.

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"The Namnai Bridge, which collapsed over a year ago, is yet to be rehabilitated despite repeated promises by successive governments to fix it," he wrote.

He further stated that the accident had heightened fears among motorists and commuters plying the route, while they described the neglected bridge as a constant threat to lives and property.

"We have lost many lives and property here because of the government's neglect. This tragedy shows how urgent the repair of this

bridge is," he quoted a resident.

He also noted that details on the number of passengers and possible casualties had yet to be ascertained as of the time of filing this report.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Yahaya Suleiman, could not be reached as his telephone did not connect when our correspondent called it, while a text message sent to him had yet to be replied to as of the time this report was filed.

Attached to the post were the remains of the deceased passengers recovered from the river, as well as the bus.

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Abdulla Salem Alnuaimi, Group Chief Executive Officer of Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX), said: "We are delighted to welcome Emirates NBD Securities as the first General Clearing Member (GCM) on ADX. A key milestone that strengthens our post-trade infrastructure and improves access for investors. This step supports our ongoing efforts to enhance market efficiency, broaden participation and aligns with international best practices. It also reflects Abu Dhabi's growing role as a global financial centre and reinforces ADX's position as a dynamic marketplace connecting regional and international capital with a wide range of investment opportunities." [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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Emirates NBD, a leading banking group in the Middle East, North Africa and Türkiye (MENAT) region, has announced that it has secured approval to become a General Clearing Member (GCM) for UAE equity markets through the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX). This makes Emirates NBD the first entity in the UAE to achieve GCM status. The approval allows Emirates NBD to offer comprehensive clearing services to trading members across the UAE. As a GCM, Emirates NBD can now provide trading members with a suite of tools, products, and access to credit facilities to reduce operational complexities and improve cost efficiencies within the clearing process. This marks a critical step in bolstering the UAE's dynamic stock markets, delivering additional clearing

capacity and broadening the investment options available to participants as the UAE's equity market continues to expand and attract investor confidence.

Hessa Al Mulla, General Manager, Emirates NBD Securities, said: "It is a pivotal moment for Emirates NBD to become first General Clearing Member through ADX.

This milestone positions us at the forefront of market innovation at a time when the UAE equity market has been attracting substantial and growing investor interest.

Our new ADX general clearing membership will open up this opportunity to Emirates NBD's global network of clients. We are now uniquely equipped to provide

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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. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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General News

NBC Empowers 69 New Trainees For Nigeria's Manufacturing Future

Culled:
The Nigerian Bottling Company Limited (NBC) has reaffirmed its long-standing commitment to youth empowerment and industrial growth with the graduation of 69 skilled trainees from the 27th edition of its prestigious Supply Chain Academy. The event took place at NBC's Ikeja Plant in Lagos, drawing dignitaries from government, industry, and the community.



NBC

Established in 1996, the NBC Supply Chain Academy has become a cornerstone of technical and leadership capacity building in Nigeria's beverage industry. Over nearly three decades, the Academy has recruited 1,460 trainees, with approximately 920 securing roles within NBC. Remarkably, 94 graduates have risen to senior positions, including one Plant Manager, underscoring the Academy's role in grooming the next generation of leaders, innovators, and builders for the manufacturing sector. The program attracts the brightest Ordinary National Diploma (OND) holders from polytechnics nationwide each year, while also offering targeted skills development to NBC's existing workforce. More than 1,100 employees benefit annually from

bespoke training programs, ensuring continuous capability growth across the business. The Academy's curriculum blends immersive classroom sessions with extensive hands-on training. Trainees gain experience on mini production lines, work within simulated environments such as driver simulators and safety behaviour modules and have access to world-class facilities including a digital learning lab, library, on-

site clinic, and canteen. At the graduation ceremony, NBC Managing Director, Goran Sladic, highlighted the Academy as a flagship initiative in NBC's broader mission to build human capital and strengthen Nigeria's industrial capabilities. "The Supply Chain Academy is just one way we demonstrate our commitment to Nigeria's socio-economic development. Our investments in technology, infrastructure, and talent are

not just about growing our business, but about empowering people, strengthening local capabilities, and embedding sustainability in everything we do," Sladic said. Sladic also applauded the graduates for their innovative project, 'Smart Traffic Light,' a forward-thinking solution designed to improve safety in NBC's facilities by replacing traditional convex mirrors with a more efficient and protective system.

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Culture, Tourism Will Boost Nigeria-China Ties

Culled:
The Federal Government says culture and tourism will play a key role in boosting Nigeria-China relations. The Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Art, Culture, Tourism and the Creative Economy, Mr Mukhtar Muhammad, said this at the 2025 China-Nigeria Culture and Tourism Festival on Saturday in Abuja. He described the event as a platform for cultural diplomacy, creative exchange, and mutual understanding between both nations. He emphasized that culture and tourism are not just matters of heritage but also powerful drivers of economic transformation. Muhammad noted that Nigeria's rich cultural diversity; more than 250 ethnic groups and a growing creative economy, makes it a beacon of cultural wealth on the continent. He added that China, with its millennia-old civilization and global influence in arts and philosophy, offers important lessons and opportunities for collaboration. He said, "Our Ministry recognizes that culture and tourism are vehicles of identity and heritage, but equally, they generate growth, jobs, and social cohesion. This is why we supported this event; to showcase the immense potential of the creative economy, from African fashion designs to traditional Chinese artistry, while opening new opportunities for investment and cross-cultural partnerships. "The Federal Ministry is committed to leveraging the power of culture and tourism as catalysts for sustainable development. "The tourism sector, in particular, holds immense potential for job creation, foreign exchange earnings, and promoting our national identity." He further disclosed that the Ministry plans to expand cooperation with China in areas such as cultural heritage preservation, creative industry development, and tourism promotion.

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PVC Is Bridge To New Nigeria, Obi Tells Nigerians



Obi

Culled:
Former presidential candidate of the Labour Party, Peter Obi, has emphasised the significance of the Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) in shaping Nigeria's future. Obi, in a post on Monday,

urged Nigerians to take the Continuous Voter Registration and PVC collection seriously, describing the PVC as "the voice of the voiceless, the shield of the weak, and the weapon of the poor against injustice and bad leadership."

Obi emphasised that the PVC is a crucial tool for building a new Nigeria, stating that those who buy votes are not offering charity but investing in their own corruption. He warned that such individuals will loot public funds meant for essential services like schools, hospitals, and job creation. Obi appealed to every eligible Nigerian to register, collect, and safeguard their PVC, and use it wisely to vote for leaders of competence, character, capacity, and compassion. He urged Nigerians not to be intimidated, deceived, or bought, and to stand together to prove that Nigeria belongs to its people, not to those who trade its future for selfish gain. Full statement below; "Today, I want to plead with every

Nigerian, young and old, to heed this call to action. The future of our dear nation is in your hands. "The greatest strength of democracy is in the voter's card. Your PVC is the voice of the voiceless, the shield of the weak, and the weapon of the poor for a better life, against injustice and bad leadership. I appeal to every Nigerian: Get Organised and Make Election Rigging Difficult. Go out, register, collect your PVC, and hold it firmly as your bridge to a new Nigeria. "Let us know this: those who buy votes are not offering you charity; they only invest in their own corruption. They buy votes so that they can buy their way into our treasury to steal public money. *Find Full Story In The Link*



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A father and his child

25% Of Paternity Test In Nigeria Reveal Non-Biological Fathers - Report

Culled: Nigeria's leading DNA centre, Smart DNA, has released its 2025 Annual DNA Testing Report, highlighting a surge in immigration-related DNA cases amid the country's ongoing "Japa" wave, while paternity disputes remain a persistent concern.

According to the report, released on Sunday in Lagos, immigration-related DNA testing rose sharply to 13.1 per cent of all cases between July 2024 and June 2025, a trend driven by families seeking documentation for relocation abroad. "The increase reflects the growing number of dual-citizenship families

securing foreign papers for their children, often as 'second passport' insurance," the centre noted.

The report also shows that Nigeria's paternity exclusion rate remains at 25 per cent, meaning one in four presumed fathers tested are not the biological parents of the children in question. Though slightly lower than the 27 per cent recorded in 2024, the figure underscores the scale of uncertainty in family structures.

Findings further revealed that firstborn children are most affected by paternity discrepancies, with firstborn sons accounting for 64 per cent of negative results.

The study also pointed to a striking gender divide in DNA test initiations: men requested nearly 90 per cent of paternity tests, compared to just 11.8 per cent initiated by women.

Smart DNA's Operations Manager, Elizabeth Digia, called for urgent interventions through legal reform, healthcare integration, and public education.

"Nigeria lacks specific paternity fraud laws, unlike South Africa, leaving men with little legal recourse after years of financial responsibility for children proven not to be theirs," she said.

Digia urged that DNA testing be

integrated into family health programs and premarital counselling, stressing that misconceptions still fuel mistrust.

"Many believe DNA testing is only for wealthy families or assume physical resemblance guarantees paternity. Our role is to provide certainty through accurate testing while encouraging sensitive handling of this life-changing information," she added.

The centre concluded that the data paints a troubling picture of family trust, identity, and the socio-economic pressures shaping Nigerian households today.

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Trustcrow Signs Partnership With NiDCOM, ANPA

IN celebration of Diaspora Day 2025, Trustcrow has officially signed two major partnership agreements with the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM) and the ANPA Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas. These partnerships are focused on one clear mission: to make it easier, safer, and more trustworthy for Nigerians living abroad to invest in

property back home.

For years, many Nigerians in the diaspora have wanted to buy land or homes in Nigeria but are hesitant because of fear of fraud, unclear ownership, or unreliable agents.

With these new deals, Nigerians living abroad can now explore trusted property listings, complete their transactions securely, and get help every step of the way. Whether you're buying your first plot of land,

investing in a family home, or looking to support your roots—the platform gives you the confidence to do it right.

Trustcrow and NiDCOM are collaborating to help more Nigerians abroad invest safely in real estate. NiDCOM will endorse the platform as a go-to place for verified properties and secure transactions, while Trustcrow will provide diaspora buyers with access to pre-

vettted listings and expert guidance.

"These partnerships are about restoring trust. Diaspora Nigerians now have a reliable way to invest in property, and know they're protected every step of the way," said Joseph Orji, CEO of Trustcrow.

Trustcrow is also teaming up with the ANPA Foundation, offering doctors and healthcare professionals a dedicated property support program.

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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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