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Speaking during the presentation, the General Manager of SGX Mobility, Mr. Femi Oyefodunrin, noted that the electric tricycle was specifically built for Nigerian roads and has been tested for durability and efficiency.

According to him, the tricycle is powered by a 4.0 KVA battery capable of covering a minimum distance of 60 kilometers on a full charge. He added that the battery comes with a charger, power bank and requires approximately 4 to 5 hours to fully recharge.

Receiving the tricycle on behalf of the Ministry, the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Olawale Musa, expressed appreciation to SGX Mobility for the donation, stating that the gesture aligns with the state's vision of promoting eco-friendly

transportation alternatives. Also present at the presentation were the Chief Executive Officer of SGX Mobility, Dr. Ayodele Awofala, and members of staff from the Ministry of Transportation.

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"I have directed all the regional directors of the Federal Ministry of Works back to sites in all the regions across the country to compile all inherited but ongoing projects and all new projects in all the regions so that Nigerians will appreciate the huge works that Mr. President is doing in all the regions, irrespective of those who voted for him and those who did not. Mr. President is using a fair distribution of infrastructure to reunite

Nigerians and renew their hope, and only those who open their eyes will see the light of change in Nigeria," the minister said.

Reacting to a report claiming that the South East geopolitical zone has been neglected in the distribution of road projects, Umahi clarified that Tinubu has already paid N108 billion out of the N445.8 billion allocated for the Trans-Sahara superhighway. He accused the report's author of misrepresentation, stating, "What happened in the Federal Executive Council (FEC) of 31/7/2025 was a review of that corridor from 118km x 1 to 231.64km x 1 for N445.8 billion. This misleading writer chose to change the narrative of my press briefing after the Federal Executive Council (FEC) of Trans-Sahara Section 1 (Ebonyi State to Benue border – 123.64km) at N445.8 billion but deliberately chose to call it Oyo-Benue Border road to deceive and incite unsuspecting members of the public."

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According to the press release, the Nigeria Coast Guard operates independently and has its own protocols for verifying the credentials of its members, saying any interference from the Nigerian Navy in these administrative matters serves only to create confusion and disrupt the operations of the Coast Guard.

The release further advised; "we strongly urge the Nigerian Navy to immediately release all Coast Guard members who were recently arrested in Akwa Ibom state. These individuals are



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dedicated members of the proposed Nigeria Coast Guard and should not be unjustly detained from unwarranted interference in administrative matters." Adding, "It is essential for both the Nigerian Navy and the proposed Nigeria Coast Guard to respect each other's jurisdictions and collaborate effectively within their respective mandates. By upholding these

boundaries, both agencies can work together towards enhancing maritime security in Nigeria without undue interference or conflicts.

We call upon the Nigerian Navy to adhere to these principles and focus on fulfilling their own responsibilities, while allowing the proposed Nigeria Coast Guard to manage its administrative matters independently.

Only through cooperation and mutual respect can both agencies effectively safeguard Nigeria's maritime interests." The statement stressed.

The Nigerian Navy has not released an official statement regarding the proposed Nigerian Coast Guard. However, stakeholders have voiced support for the establishment of a Coast Guard, with some suggesting it focus on

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LASTMA Warns Event Centres, Clubs Over Traffic Obstruction

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) has warned event centres, nightclubs, and other social gathering venues to stop obstructing public roads, vowing strict enforcement and legal action against violators.

The warning was issued by LASTMA's general manager, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, during on-the-spot inspections of key traffic corridors across Lagos.

He expressed concern over the recurring trend where large social events spill onto public roads, causing avoidable gridlock and hindering emergency access.

"No individual, corporate organisation, or event organiser—regardless of status—has the right to turn public roads into private parking or event space. We will not tolerate it any longer," he said.

He described the situation as a major contributor to traffic chaos, public inconvenience, and economic disruption in the city, particularly on

weekends and during festive seasons.

According to him, event organisers who ignore the law by allowing indiscriminate parking or blocking access roads will face immediate sanctions and prosecution.

To enforce compliance, Bakare-Oki directed all LASTMA zonal commanders and monitoring units to intensify patrols, gather intelligence, and maintain a strong presence at traffic-prone zones during peak periods. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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Adeleke Orders Emergency Repairs On Iwo-Osogbo Road

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Osun State Governor, Ademola Adeleke, has directed the immediate rehabilitation of the Iwo-Osogbo road.

The governor said the rehabilitation would target the road's most deteriorated sections, pending full reconstruction.

This directive was announced in a statement issued by Olawale Rasheed, Adeleke's spokesperson, on Saturday, after reports of worsening road conditions, especially during the ongoing rainy season, which have made several stretches of the road nearly impassable.

The governor, according to the statement instructed the Ministry of Works to swiftly intervene in the worst-hit parts to ease transportation for motorists.

"The road now has multiple gullies and, in some places, appears almost split into two," the statement read.

The statement also disclosed that in compliance with the directive, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Works dispatched a team of engineers to

assess the damage and formulate a targeted rehabilitation plan.

"The rehabilitation work on the worst portions of the road is set to commence on Tuesday as part of temporary measures before the full-scale reconstruction begins," he said.

Adeleke disclosed that the procurement process for the road's full reconstruction is nearing completion, assuring residents of his commitment to long-term repair.

"To accelerate delivery, we have decided to divide the existing contract into three lots and assign them to three companies, including the original contractor," the governor stated.

He added that the project is expected to be completed in less than a year, once contractors are mobilised and works commence in full.

DAILY POST gathered that the road project was initially awarded during the twilight of the Adegboyega Oyetola administration with only a portion completed in line with funds released at the time. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

Customs Seizes Over 69,000 Litres Of Smuggled Fuel In Anambra, Taraba

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NCS stated that the development was announced during a press briefing on Thursday, 31 July, at the Customs Headquarters in Yola, by Assistant Comptroller-General (ACG) Hussain Ejibunu, who represented the Comptroller-General of Customs (CGC) Adewale Adeniyi MFR.

"This briefing is to inform the public of recent breakthroughs in our operations against smuggling and economic sabotage within Zone D," ACG Ejibunu stated.

He also revealed that in the past six weeks, Customs operatives had seized 2,276 jerrycans of 25 litres of PMS and 19 jerrycans of AGO, totalling over 69,000 litres, all concealed for illegal



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export to a neighbouring country.

The seizures were made across well-known smuggling routes, including Malabu–Belel, Girei–WuroBokki, Gurin–Fufore, Jam Terry, Maiha, Jimeta Waterside, and the Mubi–Sahuda axis. Two vehicles used for transporting the smuggled products were also impounded.

He issued a stern warning to individuals who attack Customs operatives while

performing their lawful duties.

"The Service will not tolerate any form of aggression against its officers. Such acts are criminal and will be met with the full force of the law," he stated.

Also speaking at the event, the Customs Area Comptroller for Adamawa/Taraba Command, Comptroller Garba Bature Bashir, commended officers' efforts under Operation Whirlwind and emphasised that smuggling seriously

threatens national development.

"Smuggling undermines economic growth, threatens national security, and erodes citizens' welfare.

"This fight is not for Customs alone, but a shared responsibility. With collaboration and intelligence sharing, we can defeat this menace," Bashir said.

He urged the media and patriotic Nigerians to support anti-smuggling efforts through public sensitisation and timely intelligence sharing.

Other dignitaries at the briefing included the Deputy National Coordinator of Operation Whirlwind, Comptroller Ike Oladeji, and the State Coordinator of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), Bashir Sirajo. Both commended the officers' dedication and reiterated the call for zero tolerance for violence against personnel.

The NCS further announced that the seized PMS would be resold to the public at ₦10,000 per 25-litre jerrycan, in line with federal directives to alleviate fuel hardship. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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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.

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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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Oyetola Pledges Reforms To End Boat Mishaps On Nigerian W'ways



Oyetola

Determined to end recurring fatalities on Nigeria's waterways, Adegboyega Oyetola, Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, has pledged that the Federal Government would implement sweeping reforms targeted at improving maritime safety.

Speaking in Abuja while receiving the report of the Special Committee on the Prevention of Boat Mishaps in Nigeria, Oyetola reiterated the Federal Government's unwavering commitment to making Nigerian waters safe for all users.

He declared that the current spate of boat mishaps was unacceptable and preventable, and must be tackled through a blend of policy

enforcement, stakeholder cooperation, and behavioural change. "The safety of our citizens on water is not just a policy responsibility; it is a moral duty. Every life lost in a boat mishap is one too many. This report will serve as a foundation for immediate and long-term reforms. We will study the recommendations closely and act where policy adjustments or institutional coordination are required," Oyetola assured.

He stressed the urgent need for attitudinal change among water transport users, especially regarding the use of life jackets, describing such safety gear as non-negotiable.

He further revealed that the Federal Government is set to phase out rickety boats, often implicated in fatal accidents, and replace them with safer, standard-compliant alternatives.

In a strong call to action, Oyetola appealed to state governments and other sub-national authorities to align

with federal initiatives. "The fight against boat mishaps cannot be won by the Federal Government alone. We call on state governments to collaborate with us in enforcing standards and saving lives," he said. The Minister further disclosed that he recently approved a nationwide distribution of life jackets to riverine and coastal communities as part of a strategic intervention to curb the alarming rate of boat mishaps and related fatalities.

He urged the beneficiaries to prioritise safety by consistently and correctly using the life jackets whenever they travel on water.

The 16-member Special Committee, inaugurated by the Minister on 27th February 2025, was tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of commercial boat operations in Nigeria, identifying causes of boat mishaps, and proposing sustainable solutions.

The detailed report, which outlined the structure and key findings, was presented to the Minister by Bola Oyebamiji, Managing Director of the

National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), who also serves as the chairman of the Committee.

According to Oyebamiji, the committee exceeded its initial six-week mandate to ensure a thorough and credible outcome.

The report, comprising six chapters, includes detailed analyses of current operations, regulatory gaps, design standards, and institutional capacity. It also proposes a comprehensive plan to enhance safety and oversight.

Among the 64 recommendations reviewed by four technical sub-committees, 17 key proposals were highlighted in the final chapter. These include: establishment of a Coastal Guard to enforce waterway safety regulations; creation of a National Boat Design Policy to standardise permitted vessel types; mandatory certification and formal training for boat operators; increased funding for NIWA to strengthen hydrographic and marine engineering functions; and setting up search and rescue stations at strategic locations across inland waterways.

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Japan Donates N3.6bn Road Maintenance Equipment To FERMA

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The Japanese government has donated N3.6 billion worth of road construction and maintenance equipment to the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA).

During the commissioning of the equipment on Saturday at the agency's asphalt yard in Kuje, Abuja, Aderemi Oseni, the chairman of the house of representatives committee on FERMA, commended the leadership of the agency.

Oseni lauded the agency's leadership for outstanding performance and its transformative approach to road infrastructure maintenance across Nigeria.

Additionally, Oseni, speaking for the committee, showed confidence in the FERMA management team and stressed the need for ongoing support and independence.

"At the National Assembly, we have no doubt that with your expertise and the



FERMA

necessary autonomy to perform, our roads will become enablers of a better quality of life, increased business opportunities, and enhanced national development," the lawmakers said.

He also described the event as historic and symbolic, noting it aligns with President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda that prioritises infrastructure development.

Oseni appreciated the

opportunity. An opportunity to make our roads work again and demonstrate to our development partners that Nigeria is committed to infrastructure renewal," he said.

In his keynote address, Bello Goronyo, the minister of state for works, said the donation is a game-changer for FERMA and the road maintenance sector in Nigeria at large.

"This is a momentous occasion that underscores the strong bilateral ties between Nigeria and Japan," Goronyo said.

"These machines will significantly boost FERMA's capacity to carry out repairs and maintenance more efficiently and to a higher standard."

He appreciated the Japanese government for their continued support and reaffirmed the federal government's commitment to infrastructure as a cornerstone of national development.

"President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has placed infrastructure at the centre of our development strategy, and this donation brings us closer to achieving safer, more efficient, and well-maintained roads," he said.

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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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Emirates Expands In China, Launches Hangzhou As 5th Mainland Destination

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Emirates has officially launched its new daily flights to Hangzhou city, making it the fifth gateway in mainland China and further expanding its East Asia network.

On July 31, 2025, Emirates announced that this marks the airline's second new destination in under a month, following the addition of Shenzhen.

"Adding two new gateways within just one month is a major milestone that underscores our deepening commitment to the Chinese mainland," said Adnan Kazim, Emirates' Deputy President and Chief Commercial Officer. "This expansion also demonstrates the strong momentum our East and Southeast Asia growth strategy has gained over the past year."

The inaugural flight, EK310, arrived at Hangzhou



Xiaoshan International Airport (HGH) on July 30, 2025, receiving a warm welcome from local dignitaries, airport officials, and a ceremonial water

cannon salute.

Our arrival was marked with a traditional water salute as we touched down in our fifth gateway to mainland China.

According to the airline, the flight from Dubai to Hangzhou carried passengers from across Emirates' global network, including the UAE, Nigeria, Italy,

Spain, Saudi Arabia, and Brazil, as well as a VIP delegation led by Emirates' senior management, and members of the international media.

The flight was operated by an Emirates Boeing 777-300ER, which has eight First Class suites, 42 Business Class seats, and 304 Economy Class seats.

According to Emirates, the new Dubai–Hangzhou route will further open "new opportunities for Chinese brands to reach a global audience while offering customers from across Emirates' global network better access to this powerful tech hub."

Emirates said flight EK310 will depart Dubai at 09:40 local time and arrive in Hangzhou at 22:00. The return flight, EK311, departs Hangzhou at 00:10 and reaches Dubai at 04:55.

Emirates currently operates 49 weekly flights to five major cities in China: Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, and Hangzhou. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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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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NIESV Lagos Chairman Leads Delegation To Adron Homes, Seeks Strategic Collab

Culled:
In a significant move toward fostering synergy between key players in the real estate sector, the Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV), Lagos State Branch, ESV Tosin Kadiri, led a high-powered delegation on a courtesy visit to the Chairman of Adron Group, Sir Aare Adetola Emmanuelking KOF. The visit, which took place at the Adron Homes Head Office, demonstrated the growing need for strategic partnerships to accelerate housing delivery and professional integration within Nigeria's real estate ecosystem.

Welcoming the NIESV delegation, the Group Chairman, Sir Aare Adetola Emmanuelking, a proud member of the Institute, shared an inspiring insight into the journey that birthed Adron Homes. He recalled his early professional experiences in estate management, which shaped his vision to transition into property development, not merely to build houses, but to create cities, communities, and homes that endure.

"Adron Homes was not born out of convenience, but of a calling," he stated. "The industry is rife with



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challenges, but if you are truly called and driven by vision, you will stand out. We've seen many fall by the wayside, but with determination, resilience, and strategic thinking, we have continued to build and grow."

He highlighted Adron's innovative application of the labelling theory in estate development, thematically branding each estate to reflect cultural or geographic inspiration. This, he noted,

along with Adron's heavy investment in infrastructure, has set the company apart as a responsible, visionary, and futuristic developer.

Speaking on behalf of the visiting team, the Chairman of NIESV Lagos Branch, ESV Kadiri Tosin, lauded Adron Homes as a formidable pillar in the Nigerian real estate landscape. He admired the scale and consistency of Adron's developments and emphasized the need for a

more structured relationship between the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV), and Adron Homes.

"We are here to seek collaboration. We believe that our members can tap into the vast structures and opportunities that Adron Homes has already created," he stated. Adding to the discourse, the Chairman of the NIESV Cooperative Society echoed the call for a deeper

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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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FG Partners FAO To Boost Food Security In Nigeria



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Culled:
The Federal Government, through the Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation, has reiterated President Bola Tinubu's administration's commitment to boosting food security through strategic partnerships with development agencies, aimed at encouraging increased investment in food production across the country.

According to a statement by the Director, Information and Publicity, Funmi Imuetinyan, shared by the Nigerian Television Authority on its

official X account on Sunday, the Minister of Water Resources and Sanitation, Prof. Joseph Utsev, disclosed this when the newly appointed Country Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organisation to Nigeria, Dr. Gudain Hussein, and his delegation paid him a courtesy visit in Abuja.

The statement noted that Utsev, during the visit, emphasised Tinubu's strong commitment to enhancing food production in the country.

He recalled that those efforts inspired the "Declaration of a state of emergency on food security and the administration's sustained drive to attract investment in various aspects of agriculture and the food value chain."

"He assured the delegation of the Ministry's readiness, through the

Department of Irrigation and Drainage, to collaborate fully with FAO in advancing food production in Nigeria in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda and the mandate of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation."

"The minister added that the FAO's Hand-in-Hand Initiative and the proposed Investment Summit coming up in Abuja will serve as a veritable platform to unite investors and stakeholders to accelerate food security efforts nationwide", the statement added.

The statement noted that Hussein, in his remarks, explained that the courtesy visit was to inform the Minister of the forthcoming FAO Hand-in-Hand Initiative. *Find Full Story In The Link*



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Private sector

Nigeria's Private Sector Records Sixth Consecutive Month Of Growth

Culled: Nigeria's private sector has sustained its positive growth momentum for the sixth straight month, with business confidence reaching new highs amid easing macroeconomic pressures, an improved investment climate, and rising sectoral resilience.

According to the June 2025 edition of the Business Confidence Monitor (BCM), jointly released by the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) and Stanbic IBTC, the Current Business Performance Index rose to 113.6 points—up from 109.8 points in May 2025.

The NESG attributed the sustained

growth to “broad-based improvements across all sectors of the economy,” driven by declining inflation, more efficient supply chains, and strengthened business resilience despite ongoing structural challenges. “The Nigerian business environment continues to show remarkable resilience,” said Dr. Olusegun Omisakin, Chief Economist and Director of Research at NESG. “The fact that we have seen six straight months of positive performance signals that businesses are adjusting better to prevailing economic realities, and are cautiously optimistic about future prospects.”

The report highlighted significant improvements in the Manufacturing, Non-Manufacturing, Trade, Agriculture, and Services sectors, all of which posted index readings firmly in expansion territory.

Notably, the Manufacturing Sector emerged as the top performer, with its index rising to 123.6 points, driven by robust output in Textiles, Cement, and Plastic and Rubber Products.

Dr. Omisakin noted, “The manufacturing sector's momentum is particularly commendable. Despite persistent cost pressures, manufacturers are recalibrating their operations to take advantage of

emerging market opportunities and policy-led interventions.”

Similarly, the Trade Sector recorded a significant rebound, with the index rising to 121.0 points, buoyed by strong retail performance which recovered from a contraction in May.

The NESG attributed this improvement to “heightened consumer demand for essential goods, relative price stability in fast-moving consumer goods (FMCGs), and more efficient logistics management across urban centres.”

In the Agriculture Sector, business confidence rebounded to 108.9 points, reversing a temporary dip observed in May.

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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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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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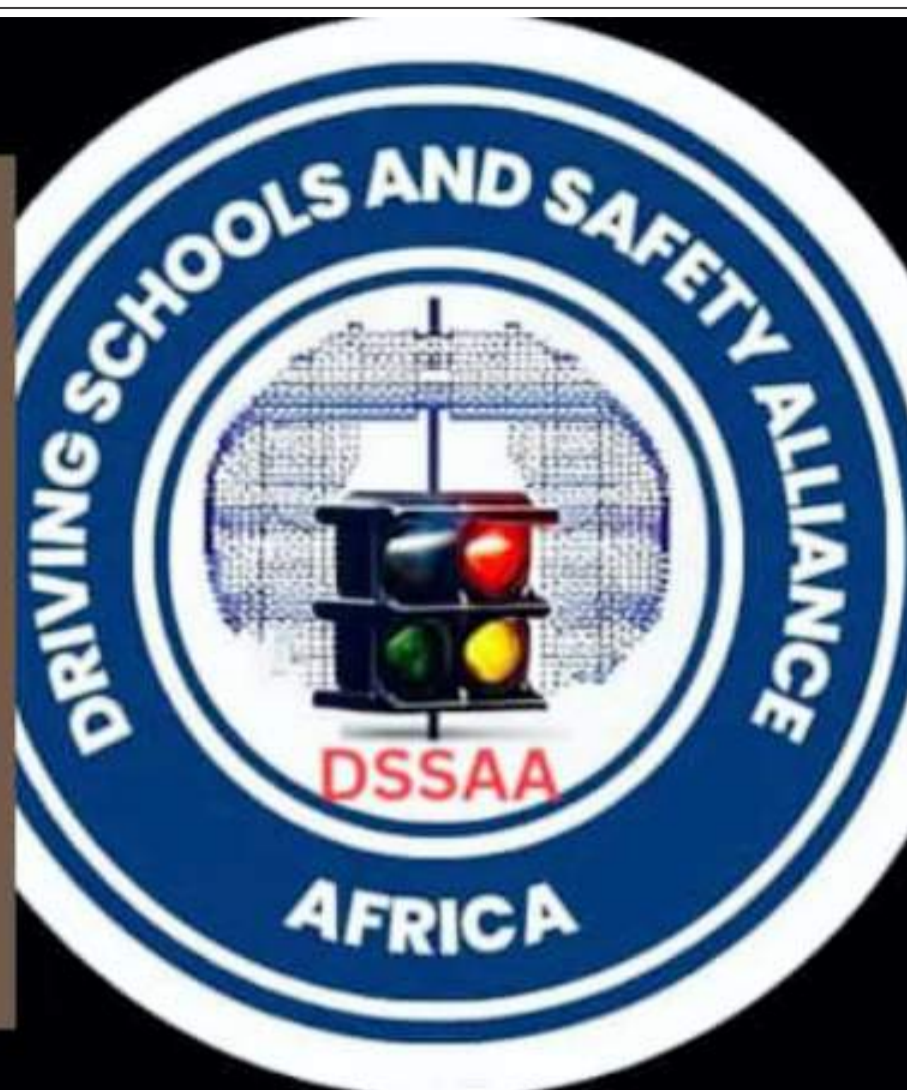


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