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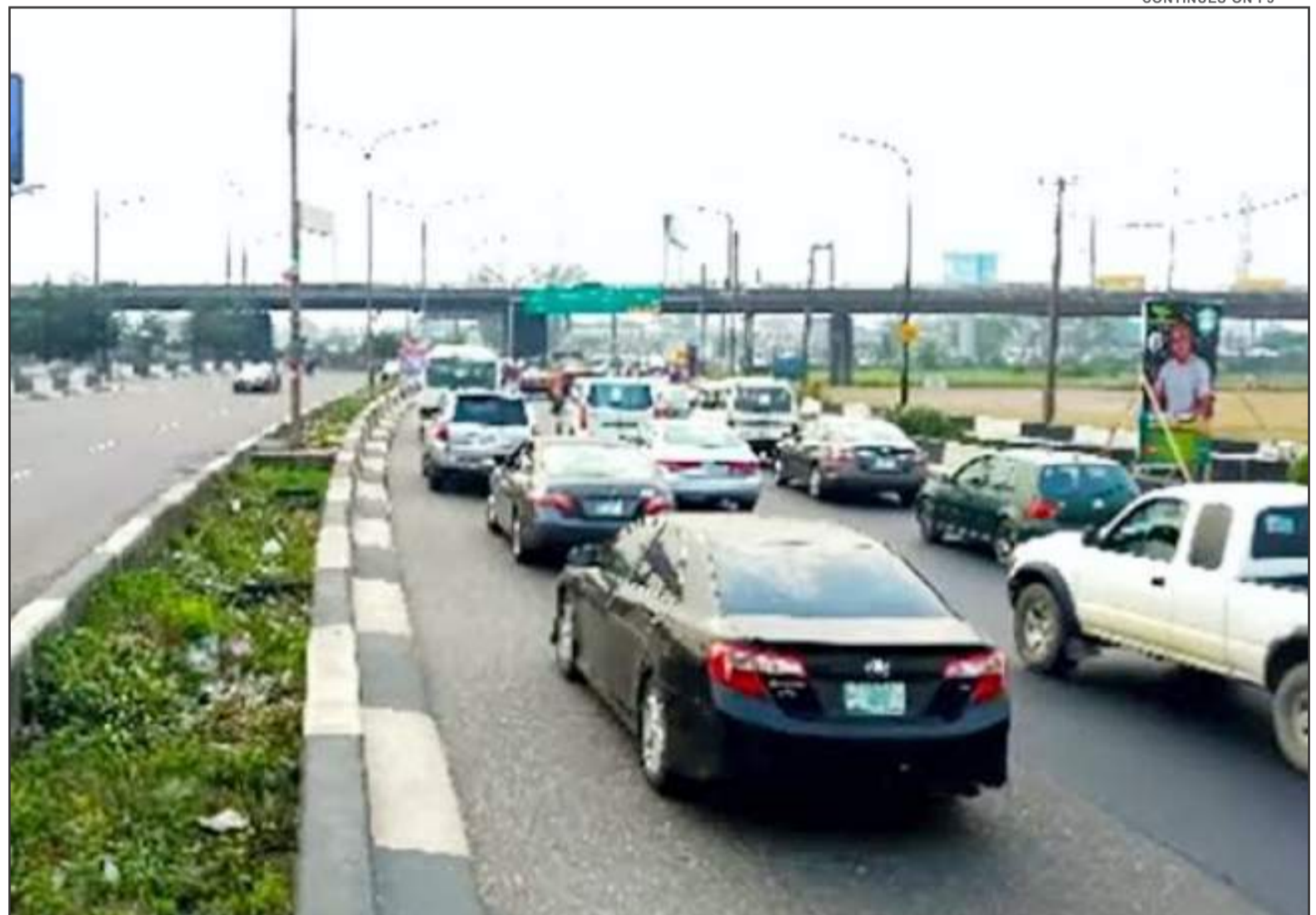
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Niger Govt Hails FG's Waterways Safety Measures

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The Niger State Government, through the Ministry of Transportation, has commended the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy and the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) for the recent donation of 3,500 life jackets to the State and other initiatives undertaken by NIWA to protect lives in Nigerian inland waterways.

The state's Commissioner for Transport, Hajia Hadiza Idris Kuta, addressing journalists who are on a fact-finding mission on the causes of boat mishaps in the country, on Monday in Minna, said the life jackets donated to the State have been distributed to all boat operators in the 17 Local Government Areas connected by water in the State.

The Commissioner, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Niger State, Engr. Lucky Barau disclosed that passengers were saved during a boat mishap recently in the

State, especially those who put on life jackets.

He said, "In a recent boat mishap, some passengers were saved because they were wearing life jackets. This is the impact the jacket has on boat passengers."

The commissioner who applauded the managing director of NIWA, Bola Oyebamiji, said his leadership has transformed inland waterways transport in the country.

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Governor Bago

FRSC Moves Against Truck Drivers Over Container Latching

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), through its Costain Unit Command in Lagos State, has insisted that it will continue to ensure that truck drivers do not leave the ports without getting properly latched to the trucks.

This is to prevent the containers from falling and reduce to the barest minimum the rate of accidents caused by these trucks.

This was made known by FRSC Unit Commander, Chief Route Commander, Victor Okelola, when he led some officers on a courtesy visit to NAN Lagos office on Monday, August 11, 2025.

The agency, which said it will continue to trail truck drivers, noted that in spite of its sustained enforcement, some of them operating within that corridor were still recalcitrant.

Okelola said that the visit was to foster a better relationship with NAN with the aim of improving road safety on the corridor, adding that a large number of

trucks operated on the corridor due to port activities.

The FRSC official said, "We ensure that truckers on this corridor do not leave the ports without getting their containers latched to the trucks so as to prevent the containers from falling.

"Our men at the tank farms and the regulators make sure that no truck leaves without being supervised, and this has reduced to the barest minimum the rate containers fall."

Okelola said that the unit was intensifying efforts to tackle recalcitrant truck drivers.

He also said that the unit was clamping down on overloaded vehicles, adding that it was making sure that commercial buses, particularly, had speed limit devices.

He said, "This has been working tremendously for us, as the rate of crashes resulting from speeding is reducing."

He called for attitudinal change among motorists for improved road safety.

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The accused persons, who are members of the Allied Truck Transport Association of Nigeria, arraigned were: Olatunde Nasurudeen Abioye, Abdullateef Raheem, and Abdullazeez Mudasiru.

The suspects were arraigned before Chief Magistrate Olusegun Ayilara on three counts of obstruction of a public highway, conspiracy, and breach of public peace.

Their counsel pleaded for bail, which the court granted in the sum of N1,000,000 each, with sureties of reasonable means within the court's jurisdiction.

Magistrate Ayilara adjourned the matter to September 25, 2025, for trial.

The incident, according to a statement by the Osun FRSC Sector Commander, Leye Adegboyega, and issued by the spokesperson, Agnes Ogungbemi on Tuesday, occurred on Saturday, August 9,



Court

2025, along the Osogbo-Sekona route, near the main gate of the Government Secretariat, Abere.

The FRSC statement revealed that the patrol team flagged down a mini truck, registration number APM 499 XA, after observing that its driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

"Officials said the driver was issued an FRSC Notice of Offence ticket for the

violation, and his driver's licence was seized pending payment of the fine into the Government Treasury Single Account. However, the offender allegedly refused to accept the ticket and instead contacted fellow members of the Allied Truck Transport Association of Nigeria (ATTAN). "Minutes later, about 50 men arrived in the union's vehicles, blocked the road, and disrupted public order, preventing the

patrol team from continuing their duties.

The FRSC said the mob caused serious obstruction and posed a threat to both the team and road users.

"The patrol team leader remained calm despite provocation and immediately informed the Sector Commander, who contacted the Nigeria Police Force, Ataoja Division, to de-escalate the situation," he said.

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The Kano State Government said on Tuesday that it has awarded over N40.8 billion in contracts for the construction of 17 township roads in Kano metropolis Local Government Areas.

They include Gwale, Nasarawa, Kumbotso, Fagge, Kano Municipal, Tarauni, Dala, and Ungogo LGAs.

The Commissioner for Information, Ibrahim Waiya, said this while conducting the National President of the Nigeria Union of Journalists, Alhassan Yahaya, on a tour of completed and ongoing road projects.

Waiya said that the contracts demonstrated Gov. Abba Yusuf's commitment to providing road infrastructure, which was described as his key campaign promise.

He said that the roads included the Tudun-Yola-Gwarzo Road and the Dansudau Bypass, which were awarded for N1.896 billion.

The list also included the N1.323 billion Jafar-Madobi road and underpass.

He also said that the Sabo Bakin Zuwo

Road Rehabilitation and Muhammad Buhari Road rehabilitations were awarded at N2.014 billion and N4.108 billion, respectively.

Others are the Rijiyar Lemo Road (N494.367 million), Kwanar Durba – Fammur-Kunau Kure Road Erosion Control (N205.983 million) and Airport Road Rehabilitation (N5.956 billion).

According to the commissioner, the projects aimed to improve road connectivity, reduce traffic congestion, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents in the state.

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Commissioner for Transportation, Oluwaseun Osiyemi, disclosed this in a statement on Tuesday, explaining that the diversion was necessary to connect new drainage channels on Modupe Alakija Crescent to the underground system beneath Osborne Road's median.

According to Osiyemi, the project involves constructing a cross culvert, which will require cutting through a section of Osborne Road, just before Foreshore Towers. Work will begin at 10 p.m. on Friday and is expected to conclude by midnight on Sunday.

A traffic management plan will be in place for the two-day period to reduce congestion. This will include a

counterflow system spanning about 100 meters from Modupe Alakija Crescent to the Alfred Rewane Road junction.

Inbound Traffic to Osborne Road from Alfred Rewane Road: Motorists will be diverted into a contraflow lane before rejoining their normal lane.

Outbound Traffic from Osborne Road to Alfred Rewane Road: Movement will be restricted to a single lane to accommodate the contraflow.

For alternative routes, motorists from Osborne Road heading towards Alfred Rewane Road can use Oba Adeyemi Oyekan Avenue to connect Glover Road, Lugard Avenue, or Cameron Road. Similarly, those coming from Alfred Rewane Road towards Osborne Road can take the same alternative roads in reverse.

Osiyemi assured that the road will be fully reopened by Monday, August 18, and that the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) will be on ground to coordinate movement and minimise inconvenience for commuters.

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The permanent secretary, represented by Ahmed Tijani Mohammed, in a statement signed by Nwagwu Daniel, for the Head of Press and Public Affairs, noted that the FCOP will standardise procedures, ensure seamless interactions, and align operations with international best practices.

"The presentation of FCOP to Air



Air Tanzania

Tanzania Company Limited is a significant step in our efforts to promote aviation cooperation and excellence, we are confident that this initiative will yield positive outcomes for both nations,"

He stated that the move aligns with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's agenda to foster regional integration and cooperation in West Africa and beyond. Kana assured Air Tanzania officials of

Nigeria's readiness to provide the necessary support for their operations, urging them to liaise with relevant agencies in the ministry to meet their needs.

Yinka Babayo Iriobe, Director of Air Traffic Regulation at the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), welcomed ATCL's entry into the Nigerian market, expressing optimism about the country's aviation potential.

She disclosed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between both countries would be signed at the NCAA headquarters in Abuja. The MoU will require ATCL to upload all passenger data into the NCAA's AVITECH portal, with the FCOP serving as the authorisation to commence operations in and out of Nigeria.

H.E. Selestine Gervas Kakele, United Republic of Tanzania's High Commissioner to Nigeria, commended the Nigerian government for its cooperation, describing Nigeria as "the gateway to prosperity for all African nations."

He stressed that the new partnership would address challenges in regional connectivity by establishing a durable flight link between Dar es Salaam and Lagos.

"The movement of people, goods and services in Africa have suffered huge setback due to lack of regional connectivity and this is why the two countries are coming together to establish a durable flight link,"

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Four Hospitalised After Two Fuel Tankers Collide In Zaria

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Four persons were injured and hospitalized when an LPG-laden tanker collided with an empty tanker in Dan Magaji Area along Zaria-Kaduna Expressway.

Nasir Falgore, Unit Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission, Zaria, who confirmed the incident, said the accident occurred about 8.30a.m on Monday morning.

Falgore stated that upon receiving the prompt response from the Service, it was discovered that one of the trucks was loaded with LPG, while the other trailer tanker was empty.

He added that preliminary findings revealed that the LPG truck allegedly rammed into an empty fuel tanker, resulting in an explosion.

According to Falgore, three people in the empty tanker and one from the LPG truck sustained injuries and were rushed to a nearby hospital.

Falgore, however, debunked the involvement of a gulf or any other car in

the accident.
“When we arrived at the scene, it was only the two tankers that were involved in the accident. There was no any small car involved,” he said.

He explained that there was no death from the accident, as at the time of filing this report.

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Tanker Explosion

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The FCT commands of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) are strengthening their collaboration to ensure safer roads in Abuja.

This reinforced partnership was solidified during a courtesy visit by the new FRSC Sector Commander, Felix Theman, to NSCDC Commandant, Olusola Odumosu, on Friday.

Odumosu said Theman's visit was a significant step in strengthening the existing relationship between the two agencies.

He assured the FRSC of the NSCDC's continued support in promoting a safe driving culture and preventing road crashes.

“The security and safety of all FCT residents is our priority, and we will continue to support and work with other relevant government agencies tasked with these responsibilities,” Odumosu said. “We will be your support system, ready at all times to work with your men in the field to prevent harassment or

NSCDC, FRSC Partner For Safer FCT Roads

attacks on them by deviant and recalcitrant road users.”

The commandant emphasized that road safety is a collective responsibility and preventing road crashes should not be left to the FRSC alone.

He urged all Nigerians and other security agencies to join the campaign to improve the driving culture in the FCT.

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Oyo: FRSC Inducts 104 New Special Marshals



Inducted Marshals

No fewer than 104 applicants were recently inducted into Special Marshals by the Sector Commander, RS11.3 Oyo Sector Command, Corps Commander Rosemary UK Alo, after being trained on road safety management, traffic control strategies, and other necessary knowledge needed to operate on Nigerian roads.

The induction, held recently in collaboration with the state's executive Special Marshals officers, followed the admission requirements into the Special Marshals Corps in the state.

In her remarks, Corps Commander Alo commended the new intakes for their courage in heeding the call to national service through

road safety advocacy and volunteerism.

According to her, in a country where challenges on roads persist — from reckless driving to overloading, speeding to non-compliance with traffic rules — the roles of Special Marshals are critical, emphasising that the inductees' decision to volunteer their time, intellect, resources and energy for the promotion of safer road use in Nigeria could not be overemphasised.

Speaking further, the Corps Commander noted that their support and presence on highways, in motor parks, religious institutions, schools, and within communities would serve as a vital extension of the Corps' operations.

She added that the efficiency of inductees' participation in special activities on Nigerian roads would require patriotic services to humanity.

“The theme of this year's induction is Voluntary for Safer Roads: Responsibility, Commitment and Results. This is a clarion call for

effectiveness and integrity. As a Special Marshal, you are expected to uphold the highest standard of discipline, compartment, and leadership. As you have taken the oath of allegiance, let it not be a mere formality, let it be a personal commitment to excellence, to safety and to honouring the trust reposed in you by the Road Safety Corps and the people of Nigeria,” she urged.

While commending the Oyo State Coordinator, Pastor John Adegbotoluwa and his executive committee members for a good job done on the progress of the Corps services in the state, she declared that the Corps Management under the visionary leadership of the Corps Marshals Shehu Mohammed (mni) remains committed to empowering special Marshals with the necessary tools, recognition and support needed to succeed in their assignments.

Speaking in the same vein, the State Coordinator, RS11.3 Oyo Sector Command Marshal John Adegbotoluwa, in his welcome

address to officially receive the new intake to the system, praised the leadership of Oyo State Sector Commander, CC Rosemary Uk Alo, for her contributions towards the growth and development of Special Marshal activities in the state by ensuring conducive working environment to operate.

He noted that the training and the induction programme organised for the new intakes were meant for the eligible applicants who successfully passed through the screening exercise for Special Marshal enlistment in the state for the 2024/25 set.

The state coordinator reminded the new intakes into the Special Marshals that the purpose of joining the Corps is to add value and contribute their quota.

“You should not be a violator of road traffic laws, and it is also mandatory to make yourselves available for all the Special Marshals' activities at your various units and at the state levels. Be ready to dedicate your time, resources, and knowledge to this critical profession,” he concluded.

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The RITCS was an initiative launched during the administration of the late former President Muhammadu Buhari in 2019 via Executive Order 007. It was designed to allow private sector investors to fund the construction and rehabilitation of key road networks in exchange for tax credits equivalent to their investment.

"Roads infrastructure is very critical for the country's productivity and economic development. Innovative financing options is inevitable. These include exploring other PPP options, like fuel tax to be used exclusively for funding of roads. But the timing of introducing such



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a tax must be strategically chosen. Nigeria is currently facing a major infrastructure financing challenge, with government budgets or road infrastructure borrowing to exclusively finance road infrastructure is not sustainable as fixing the challenges at the moment.

deficit requires innovative financing strategies.

"Although, in reality the scheme amounts to spending government revenues upfront, which ofcourse has implications for future cash flow of the government. There was also the argument by the subnationals that it was unconstitutional for the NNPC to effect tax credits deduction from its remittances to the federation account. There is also the worries in parliament about aligning the tax credit scheme to the annual appropriation processes. But the reality is that the road infrastructure development in the country has benefited from the RITCS. We already have proofs of concept," Yusuf said.

Under the RITCS, he further explained, government had on boarded NNPC, Dangote Group, NLNG, BUA Group, MTN, ACCESS BANK into the scheme with most of them delivering quality road infrastructure.

For instance, the Dangote Group constructed the 34km Apapa-Oworoshoki-Ojota expressway; it also delivered 43km Obajana-Kabba road. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

Lack Of Funds Delaying Operation Of Baro Port, Says Oyetola



Oyetola

Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, has said insufficient funding is responsible for the delayed take-off of Baro Port in Niger State.

The minister, however, said that the Federal Government is committed to ensuring that the port is a vibrant inland gateway.

He gave the assurance on Tuesday when he appeared before the House of Representatives Ad-Hoc Committee on Stakeholders' Engagement on the Challenges and Prospects of the Baro River Port.

The adhoc committee was constituted after the adoption of a motion on the need to convene a national stakeholder's engagement on the

challenges and prospects of the Inland Port.

Oyetola acknowledged that the Port has been struggling to operate at capacity since its commissioning in 2019 due to gaps in supporting infrastructure and navigability.

He said, "Although commissioned in 2019 under the past administration, the port has faced operational constraints, chief among them, the absence of critical linkages to road and rail infrastructure, and navigability challenges along the River Niger.

"The challenges are there, no doubt about it. When the issue of the port was being conceived, ordinarily one would have expected that infrastructure that would make it operational should have been provided.

"The ministry was created barely two years ago, so we inherited it from the previous administration. And part of what we're trying to do is to ensure the need to do a lot of dredging.

Unfortunately, we are hampered by the scarcity of funds".

The minister however outlined concrete steps to overcome the existing challenges and unlock Baro Port's full economic potential.

According to him, the measures include improving river navigability through capital and continuous dredging, developing road and rail connections for seamless cargo movement, attracting credible private sector operators through concessions and partnerships, and instituting transparent governance systems.

He informed the Committee that the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) plans to dredge up to 2,000 kilometres of inland waterways, a move that will ensure Baro Port maintains the appropriate depth for year-round operations.

He added, "Our Ministry remains unwavering in its determination to transform Baro from a dormant facility into a thriving inland

gateway. We are working closely with the Federal Ministries of Works and Transportation to deliver an integrated framework that combines infrastructure, operational efficiency, and private sector participation."

Oyetola noted that, Baro River Port which is located in Niger State is strategically positioned to link agricultural value chains and serve as a feeder to Onitsha, Lokoja, and Warri ports.

According to him, once operational, it could significantly boost Nigeria's trade competitiveness under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and ease pressure on the nation's highways.

In his presentation, the Managing Director of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), Bola Oyebamiji, recalled that the Baro Port was first established in 1908 by Lord Lugard to facilitate the shipment of agricultural produce and livestock, serving as a major trade link between northern and southern Nigeria. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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Russia Seeks ACMI Deal With Ethiopian Airlines

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

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

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



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

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

Thirdly, the Russian

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

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

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

Tarasyuk reaffirmed Russia's readiness to finalise a bilateral air

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ULCVs) to the route.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

leaders in Washington.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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 "Fennaissance" (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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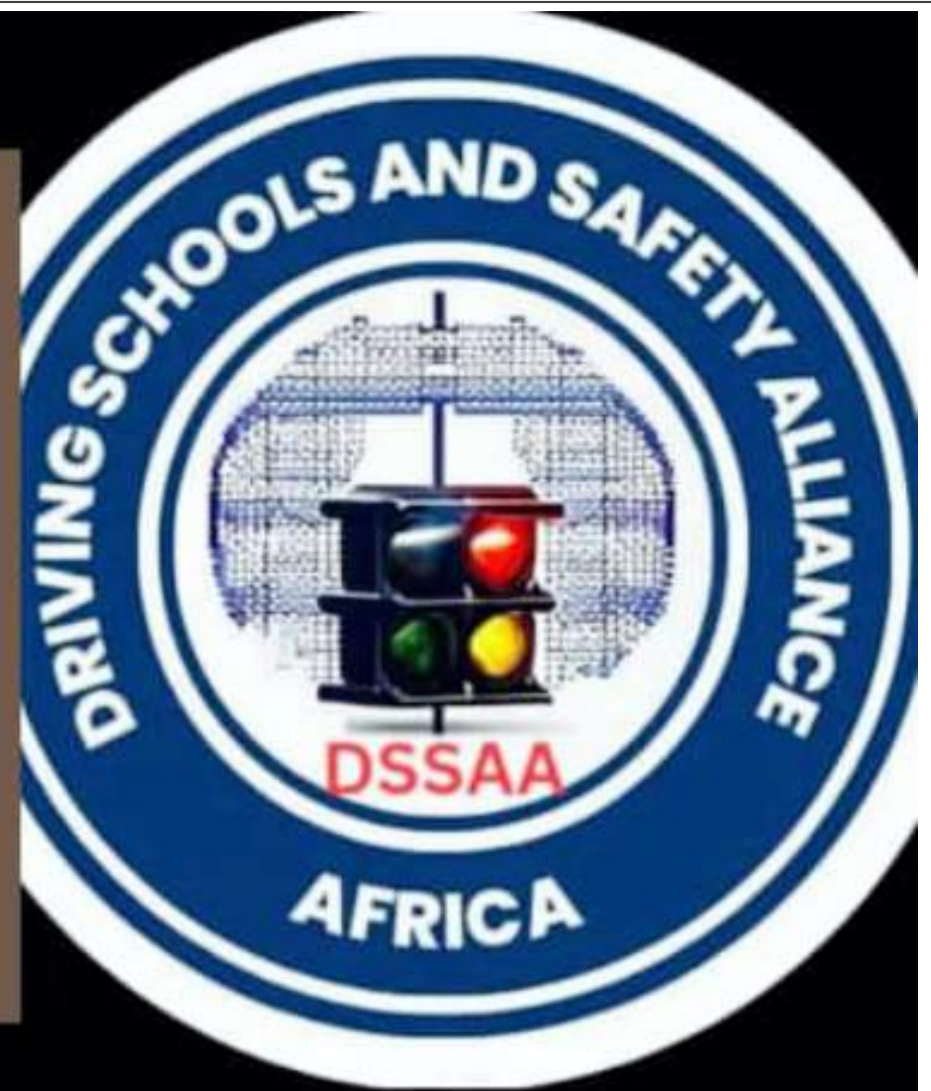


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