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In a statement issued on Wednesday by LASTMA's Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, Adebayo Taofiq, the authority described the claim as false.

"The Lagos State Government has only granted temporary approval for motorists to use the BRT corridor at Odo-Iya Alaro and Eko Bridge," Taofiq said.

"This measure was introduced as a stopgap intervention to ease congestion caused by the ongoing rehabilitation of the expansion joints at the Ifako-Ogudu

Bridge, inbound Lagos. At no time was approval given for use of the BRT lane at Idi-Iroko or any other part of Ikorodu Road outside the designated points."

He added that an internal investigation confirmed no officer of the agency had authorized motorists to use the corridor from Ojota to Idi-Iroko.

Visual checks conducted by LASTMA at the time of the alleged infraction showed that traffic on the main carriageway at Idi-Iroko was moving without obstruction.

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LASTMA Officers

Nigeria Slashes Crude Oil Losses By 50.2% In Seven Months - NUPRC

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Nigeria has made significant strides in reducing crude oil losses, with figures from the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission revealing a 50.2 per cent reduction in crude oil losses during the first seven months of 2025.

In a statement on Thursday by the Head of Media and Strategic Communications at NUPRC, Eniola Akinkuotu, it was noted that between January and July 2025, the country lost 2.04 million barrels of crude oil, averaging 9,600 barrels per day, which is the lowest level since 2009 when losses were recorded at 8,500 barrels per day.

This marks an improvement compared to the 4.1 million barrels lost in 2024, which had an average daily loss of 11,300 barrels.

The latest figures also highlight a significant reduction from the record losses of 37.6 million barrels in 2021, when the country lost an average of 102,900 barrels per day.

The current figures represent a 94.57 per cent drop from the losses experienced in

2021.

The statement read, "Between January and July 2025, crude oil losses were contained at 2.04 million barrels, averaging 9,600 barrels per day over the seven-month period. This marks a clear departure from the high-loss years that have long plagued the industry.

"By comparison, the entire 2024 calendar year recorded 4.1 million barrels lost at a daily average of 11,300 barrels. Remarkably, in just the first seven months of 2025, losses were cut by 50.2 per cent, with only 2.04 million barrels lost over the period.

"The figures for the period ending July 2025 also represent a dramatic 94.57 per cent drop in crude oil losses compared to the full year of 2021, when Nigeria lost a staggering 37.6 million barrels at a daily average of 102,900 barrels."

According to the statement, the progress was made possible by a combination of effective regulatory measures and collaboration with security agencies, oil operators, and local communities.

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NPA Managing Director, Dr. Abubakar Dantsoho, said the initiative tackles the long-standing problem of truck diversions, which disrupted productivity, traffic flow, and port operations, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Thursday. He explained that the new system would improve gate control, transparency, and coordination of truck movements within the port complex.

"The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) says it has successfully implemented the installation of Electronic Barrier Systems (EBS) at all terminals in



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Lagos port to enhance operational efficiency and improve traffic management.

"The Managing Director of NPA, Dr Abubakar Dantsoho, said this in a statement by the General Manager, Corporate Communication and Strategy, Mr Okechukwu Onyemekara, in Lagos on Thursday," the NAN report read in part.

It added, "According to him, the Electronic Barriers have been fully integrated with the Eto Electronic Call-Up System, managed by MESSR Trucks Transit Parks Ltd. (TTP).

Dantsoho said that the integration guaranteed that only trucks with valid Eto-issued call-up tickets would be granted access to terminal facilities, thereby eliminating unauthorised

entries and enhancing gate control operations."

The Electronic Barriers, fully integrated with the Eto call-up system, began live operations at all Lagos Port Complex terminals on September 1. The authority noted that this deployment represents a significant step toward modernising port infrastructure and automating key operations.

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Local Transport News**NIWA To Recruit 800 Water Marshals To Boost Safety****Culled**

The National Inland Waterways Authority, says plans are ongoing to recruit and deploy about 800 water marshals across the country by December.

The recruitment, according to the Managing Director of NIWA, Mr Bola Oyebamiji, is part of efforts to strengthen safety and regulation on Nigeria's waterways.

Oyebamiji, while addressing newsmen on Wednesday in Abuja, said the move was aimed at curbing incessant boat mishaps, enforcing life jacket compliance, and monitoring unauthorised loading points.

According to him, part of the responsibilities of the water marshals is to sensitise passengers and operators on safe navigation practices.

"The Federal Government is doing a wonderful job on water safety. We have all the gadgets to enhance safety.

"We currently have between 350 and 450 water marshals and the goal is to

increase the number of marshals to ensure that authorised jetties across the country have more than one marshal to enforce safety rules.

"All the equipment and the navigational aids we need are provided and we plan to have more police and more marshals to monitor our waterways because they are not enough.

"We are working to increase the number before the end of the year to 800 if we have the opportunity to finance it," he said.

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Oyebamiji

Gov Ododo Commissions CNG Tricycles, Assures Fall In Transp't Fares**Culled**

Gov. Usman Ahmed Ododo has described the introduction of CNG powered Tricycles in the State as a deliberate efforts geared towards reducing the harsh effect of the subsidy removal.

Gov. Ododo made the disclosure while receiving the first batch of the 50 CNG Tricycles allocated for Kogi State, described the initiative as a deliberate efforts to cushion the harsh effect of the subsidy removal.

Gov. Ododo speaking at the commissioning of first phase of 19 of the 50 CNG Tricycles donated to National Association of Tricycles owners motorcycle owners and Riders Association, (NACTOMORAS), by the Federal Government, under the Presidential Initiative, praised the Tinubu's administration for always making the well-being of citizens first.

Represented by the Commissioner for Transport, Hon. Atuluku Victor Levi, said the Presidential initiative will help

drastically reduce the high transport fare associated with the fuel subsidy removal in the State.

Gov. Ododo praised President Tinubu for his lofty policies geared towards reducing the impact of the subsidy removal on the people, described the present administration as one with human face.

While noting that the CNG Tricycles will promote the use of cleaner and ecofriendly energy in the State, added that it is also a job creation opportunity for teeming young Nigerian's.

Speaking at the commissioning, the Kogi State NACTOMORAS Chairman, Hon Amos Onuche Isah, described the first batch of the CNG Tricycles as a turning point in the transportation sector of the State.

He noted that the presidential initiative will help reduce transportation cost, create jobs and also improve the livelihood of thousands of families who depend on commercial Tricycles and motorcycle operators for their daily sustenance.

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Akinloye said offenders would henceforth be arrested and prosecuted.

He gave the warning at a news conference held on Thursday at the council secretariat in Eredo-Epe.

He said such reckless behaviour would no longer be tolerated, stressing that offenders would be dealt with in line with the law.

According to him, driving against traffic poses a serious threat to lives, disrupts traffic flow, and endangers both motorists and pedestrians.

"Driving against traffic is not only unlawful but also a dangerous act that can lead to avoidable accidents and loss of innocent lives.



Monsuru

"As a responsible government, we are committed to ensuring the safety of all road users," he said.

Akinloye appealed to residents, commercial drivers, and private vehicle owners to strictly obey traffic rules, noting that discipline on the road remained a shared responsibility that guaranteed safety for all.

The council chairman reaffirmed his administration's commitment to promoting orderliness, public safety, and sustainable development, in line with the THEMES agenda of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat.

He urged motorists to drive responsibly, respect traffic regulations, and contribute to

making Eredo LCDA safer for everyone.

The News Agency of Nigeria recalls that a fatal accident on September 1 at Ibeju Bus Stop, along the Lekki/Epe Expressway, claimed six lives and left nine others injured.

The crash involved a blue Volvo FL6 truck and a white 18-seater Mazda commercial bus with registration number AKD 336YD.

The head-on collision was attributed to speeding, route violation, and dangerous driving by the truck driver, who was driving against traffic.

The six passengers confirmed dead included two men, three women, and a male child.

Nine others sustained varying degrees of injuries, while four passengers escaped unhurt.

The injured were rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Epe, and Hammond Hospital, while the deceased were deposited at the FMC morgue.

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NEDC Assesses Flood Damage, Promise Swift Road Intervention

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The North East Development Commission (NEDC) Taraba State Coordinator, Malam Adamu Lawan, has carried out an on-the-spot assessment of flood-damaged culvert and road erosion in Iware, Ardo-Kola Local Government Area.

The assessment followed recent heavy flooding which caused infrastructural damage in the area.

Malam Lawan explained that the visit was a proactive measure to obtain accurate information for timely intervention by the Commission.

He noted that the main objective of the inspection was to prevent the total collapse of critical road infrastructure serving Iware and surrounding communities, thereby ensuring continued accessibility and economic activities.

Malam Lawan was accompanied by Engineer Amahyel Tagwi Tarfa and a building expert, Abubakar Sani Ahmed.

The team conducted a detailed

inspection, documented damages, and analyzed possible solutions for immediate repair and future resilience.

During the visit, the inspection team also engaged residents and stakeholders to understand how the flood disaster has affected daily movement, livelihoods, and access to essential services within the affected communities.

The Coordinator assured that the NEDC remains committed to delivering quick interventions to restore the damaged infrastructure.

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The flooded area

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Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has directed pilots not to fly unruly passengers to strengthen safety and discipline in the aviation sector.

The Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Michael Achimugu, gave the directive yesterday during a meeting with all domestic airlines in Abuja.

Achimugu said pilots would only be allowed to fly after issues had been resolved amicably or the unruly passengers were removed by security from the aircraft.

He said: "Pilots must not fly the plane until unruly passengers are removed from the aircraft by security or the issue is resolved amicably. This will go a long way to protect cabin crew and make passengers treat them with courtesy.

"Cases are overblown because the pilots in command did not take charge. Going forward, no passenger has the right to touch any cabin crew". He, however, warned cabin crew to be professional in discharging their duties. "Cabin crew should not be rude and passengers

NCAA Bars Pilots From Flying Unruly Passengers

should not misconstrue firmness of cabin crew as rudeness," he said.

The Senior Special Assistant to the Director-General of the NCAA, Mrs Ifueko Abdulmalik, warned that the NCAA would sanction airlines if they fail to notify and offer care to passengers when flights are delayed or cancelled. Airlines present at the meeting were Arik, Ibom, Aero, United Nigeria, Green Africa, Max Air, Rano Air, ValueJet, Air Peace and Overland.

NIGERIAN Meteorological Agency (Nimet) has, in another development, sought improved revenue generation from government agencies, airlines, and other customers that benefit from its weather forecasts in a bid to continually discharge its duties optimally.

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Excitement As Ilisan-Ilara-Akaka-Ode-Remo Road Nears Completion

Remo to Akaka, as well as from Ilisan through Ilara to Akaka.

Speaking to newsmen who were on a tour of the road project, the Regent of Akaka, Engr. Bola Awoderu, said the road had been in a deplorable condition for many years due to neglect by previous governments.

Engr. Awoderu said: "As a community, we are very happy with Prince Abiodun, particularly for this road because it has been dilapidated for so many years.

Despite the fact that we have had governments, they neglected this area.

"The bad condition of this road had actually put our community in the background because before the governor came to start this road, Akaka was virtually going into extinction. People could not come here; our people went to the farm but could not bring their produce to the town. People from other communities could not come here to buy goods. Our markets had died, but with the reopening of this road, we are beginning to see life in the town.

"The governor came during his campaign and promised that he would do this road. This construction is now ongoing, and we can see that a reasonable part of it has been completed—only a few parts are still ongoing.

"We are really happy that this road is not just being rehabilitated; it is being reconstructed. What we are seeing now is a total reconstruction.

"We are very grateful, particularly for this road. Apart from this road that comes from Ode, passing through Ilara and Ilisan, which brings us closer to the International Airport, we also have another road supported by the World Bank (RAMP project) going into our farmlands.

"By the time that one is completed, it will help our farmers bring their farm produce from the farm to the market. Once we start having this, it will revive the social activity of the town."

The Regent also lauded the governor for approving a satellite campus of the Gateway Polytechnic, Saapade, in the community, noting that it would open

another vista of development in the town.

"Once that polytechnic starts operation, more people will come into the town, so we are really grateful to the governor for these three major projects that are going on simultaneously within our town," he added.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Akaka Development Council, Hon. Yemi Sobambo, said that with the road cutting across four major towns in Remoland and the campus of the polytechnic, Akaka is bound to witness unprecedented development, appreciating the governor for coming to their aid.

A resident of Akaka town, Evang. Jacob Ayanwale Taiwo, applauded the governor for not forgetting his promise to the town and for facilitating a World Bank RAMP project that has helped open accessible roads to their farmland.

"We also thank him for approving the satellite campus of Gateway Polytechnic to be sited in our town. We thank him very much," he said.

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Ilisan road

The people of Ilisan, Ilara, Akaka, and Ode-Remo in Ikenne and Remo North Local Government Areas of Ogun State will soon heave a sigh of relief as construction work on the road linking the towns is in an advanced stage of completion.

The over 12-kilometer Ilisan-Ilara-Akaka-Ode-Remo road was awarded to Still Earth Construction and Realty Ltd by the state government.

A long stretch of about a kilometer of drainage on both sides and earthworks has been completed at the Akaka end of the road in preparation for stone base and asphalt work.

Asphalt work has been completed from Ode-



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He expressed confidence that if the contractor can sustain working at the goal of completing one kilometre daily despite the massive sand filling they grappled with on swampy areas of the first and second sections, it will certainly complete the construction ahead of time.

The Minister made the assertion during inspection of the second section of the road at Kilometre 77, Ibeju Lekki, saying that the commitment of the contractor handling the road has gone beyond just providing service to becoming a developmental partner to the Nation.

Addressing contrary opinions by some members of the public, Umahi said, "The



Senator David Umahi inspecting the Lagos-Calabar road

allusion by some people that some of the completed portions of the Lagos-Calabar road are damaged is not true; what they fail to understand is that we have to carry out massive sand filling with stone base on some taken you through the route to see that there is no damage to any part of the completed sections. Nigerians need to see the extent of work being carried out before we cover it with concrete and pavement so they will

understand what has happened." He said.

He stressed that in some places they have over 20 feet of filling, while some have over 26 feet of filling, saying it is important for the public to know this and to know the extent of what they are doing to get the road constructed.

Speaking further, Umahi said the first two sections of the road is undergoing finishing touches, while section 3 is ongoing from Calabar to Akwa-Ibom and section 4 has been awarded to cover Ogun to Ondo States, while appreciating the technical capabilities of Hitech Construction Company Limited.

Addressing the media, Engr. Olukorede Keisha said, "We almost got to the end of Section 2, Lagos end of the Coastal road and we saw that the contractor is faring well, diligently working on the task with clinical perfection."

On his part, Mr. Danny Abbod, the Managing Director of Hitech Construction, said, "from day one, we are very committed to deliver this project ahead of time with the international standard obtainable anywhere in the world.

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NUPENG Reopens Fuel Depots After Dangote Agreement



Comrade Akporeha

Fuel loading resumed on Wednesday following the agreement signed by the Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers and the Dangote Petroleum Refinery on Tuesday.

NUPENG President, Williams Akporeha, confirmed to our correspondent on Wednesday that depots and other petroleum facilities that were earlier shut down as a result of the two-day strike had been reopened.

When asked if the union had reopened depots that were shut on Monday and Tuesday, Akporeha simply replied, "Yes!"

Recall that NUPENG had embarked on a strike to protest the refusal of the Dangote refinery to allow its drivers to join the union. It was alleged

that Dangote barred the drivers being recruited for its 4,000 Compressed Natural Gas-powered trucks from joining any trade union or association.

On Monday, when the strike started, depots and some filling stations were shut, especially as the first meeting organised by the Ministry of Labour and Employment failed to broker peace between the warring parties.

However, on Tuesday evening, both parties reached an agreement to work together, following the mediation of the Department of State Services.

"The management agreed with this fact and responded that they are not averse to the unionisation of their employees by labour unions in tandem with the provisions of the extant labour laws.

After exhaustive deliberations, the following resolutions were reached by both parties: That since workers' unionisation is a right in line with the provisions of the extant laws, the

management of Dangote Refinery and Petrochemicals agreed to the unionisation of employees of Dangote Refinery and the unionisation of employees of Petrochemicals who are willing to unionise.

"That the process of unionisation shall commence immediately and be completed within two weeks (9th-22nd September, 2025), and it was agreed that the employer will not set up any other union. Arising from the strike notice, no worker or employee of Dangote Refinery and Petrochemical will be victimised," the agreement read in part.

Our correspondent gathered from operators that petroleum tanker drivers resumed fuel loading on Wednesday, allaying fears of an impending fuel crisis.

Meanwhile, the National President of the Petroleum Products Retail Outlet Owners Association of Nigeria, Billy Gillis Harry, announced that the association has also called off its

nationwide strike.

He said the strike, which involved the suspension of dispensing, was halted following "intense negotiations and a resolution mediated by ministers, security agencies, and government agencies between Dangote Refinery and NUPENG."

The president noted that PETROAN members have been directed to resume dispensing nationwide immediately. "Normalcy has returned to the petroleum sector as fuel supply returns to normal, with depots and filling stations resuming operations," Gillis-Harry said.

He commended PETROAN members for their 100 per cent compliance nationwide during the strike, noting their discipline and solidarity.

"PETROAN is thankful to the Minister of Labour, the Minister of State for Petroleum, the NMDPRA, the Director of DSS, and the Inspector General of Police for their roles in resolving the dispute.

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Kenya Airways CEO Defends Airline, To Double Cargo Revenue

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Allan Kilavuka, group managing director and CEO at Kenya Airways, has defended the continued existence of the country's national carrier, saying it remains a vital economic and strategic asset despite recent financial turbulence. In a leader page article in The Standard newspaper on September 9, Kilavuka responded to critics who question the airline's viability after it swung from a KES5.4 billion shilling (USD41.8 million) net profit in 2024 to a half-year loss of KES12.15 billion (USD94 million) in 2025. He pointed out that post-COVID global supply chain disruptions delaying aircraft parts and deliveries, grounded aircraft due to prolonged maintenance schedules, and geopolitical shocks had hit all airlines globally, not just Kenya Airways.



He disclosed that three B787-8s grounded for engine overhauls had cut the airline's capacity by 20%, costing an estimated KES12.6 billion (USD97.5

million) in lost revenue over six months. The airline's fixed operational costs have remained unchanged, he added, including personnel costs, aircraft

maintenance, depreciation, airport and airspace usage fees, catering, and ground services.

Kilavuka argued that Kenya Airways is

pursuing reforms to ensure long-term sustainability, such as diversifying its revenue streams by expanding its maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO)

services, growing its cargo operations, and investing in future technologies through its innovation arm, Fahari Aviation.

He noted that Kenya Airways' MRO facility is among few in Africa certified by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), enabling it to service regional and international airlines including Uganda Airlines, Air Tanzania, RwandAir, FanJet, Astral Aviation, Jambojet, Precision Air, Air Peace, Mauritania Airlines, Air Botswana, and Air Burkina.

"KQ aims to double its cargo-derived revenue from 10% to 20%, capitalising on the surging demand for airfreight. Consequently, the airline has acquired two B737-800(SF) aircraft to bolster its ageing freighter fleet, with further additions planned."

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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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Ghana Accepts Nigerians, Other West Africans Deported From US

Culled: Ghana has begun accepting West African nationals deported from the United States, including Nigerians, President John Dramani Mahama said on Wednesday.

According to Reuters, Mahama disclosed that a first batch of 14 deportees, made up of Nigerians, a Gambian and others, had already arrived in Accra, with the Ghanaian authorities facilitating their return to their respective countries.

"We were approached by the US to accept third-party nationals who were being removed from the US, and we agreed with them that West African nationals were acceptable because all our fellow West Africans don't need a visa to come to our country," he said.

He justified the decision by saying West Africans "don't need a visa anyway" to come to Ghana.

The arrangement comes amid Washington's intensified deportation drive under President Donald Trump, who has pushed for removals to "third countries" as part of his hardline immigration policy.

Trump has previously overseen deportations of migrants to Eswatini, South Sudan and Rwanda despite safety concerns raised by rights



President Mahama

groups.

Nigeria, however, has rejected similar overtures from Washington.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yusuf Tuggar, said in July that the Federal Government would not accept deportees from outside Nigeria, citing national security and economic concerns.

Trump hosted five West African leaders at the White House on July 9, where, according to Reuters, one of

the key objectives was to persuade them to receive deportees from other countries.

They include the leaders of Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania and Senegal.

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Nigeria Recovered \$700m Looted Funds - ICPC Boss

Culled: The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, ICPC, has disclosed that Nigeria has recovered \$700 million looted funds abroad.

The ICPC Chairman, Dr. Musa Aliyu, disclosed this during a one-day engagement with selected media practitioners from the North-West and North-East, held in Kano.

Aliyu said that such looted funds would have been channeled to provide social amenities and improve the lives of the country's citizens.

According to him, "Nigeria from 2017 till date recovered over \$700 million. So asset recovery is the best strategy.

"The asset recovered would be used in developmental projects such as roads and health," he said.

He further said the commission recorded recoveries of cash totaling N7.2 billion in the North-West and N43.3 million in the North-East regions, as well as \$1.066 million recovered in the North-West.

He said the recoveries were made within a 2-year period, between May 2023 and July 2025.

"We also engaged in Project Tracking and Financial Recoveries. A total of 1,440 projects were tracked, valued at approximately ₦271.054 billion. Of these, 767 projects valued at ₦112.737 billion were in the Northeast, and 673 projects valued at ₦158.317 billion were in the Northwest.

But the real story in project tracking is this: citizens and journalists who flagged abandoned projects made these interventions possible, ensuring resources reached the intended beneficiaries.

"Our cash recoveries totalled ₦7.269 billion in the Northwest and ₦43.335 million in the Northeast, with a total of \$1.066 million also recovered in the North-West.

"On Enforcement and Legal Actions, a total of 171 cases were investigated, with 117 in the Northwest and 54 in the Northeast.

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Nigerian Government Re-commits To Women's Empowerment



Women Empowerment Programme

Culled: The Nigerian Government has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing women's empowerment, inclusive governance, and social protection through the Renewed Hope Agenda, positioning Nigeria as a continental

example of inclusive development.

The Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahi made the declaration at the Women Empowerment Programme held at the Olowu Palace, Owu Kingdom, Ogun State

in Southwest Nigeria on Wednesday.

"The Renewed Hope Agenda of our dear President, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, is more than a policy; it is a promise. A promise that women will no longer stand at the margins, that children will no longer be left voiceless, that families will be strengthened, and that the vulnerable will be carried along as Nigeria rises to greatness," Sulaiman-Ibrahi said.

The Minister praised Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun, and the First Lady, Mrs. Bamidele Abiodun, for their leadership and what she described as "steadfast commitment to pro-women policies."

"Ogun State has distinguished itself as a shining model, particularly in the implementation

of the Nigeria for Women Programme... Your leadership has shown that where there is political will, transformation is inevitable," the Minister explained.

She further commended the Deputy Governor, Noimot Salako-Oyedele, and the Commissioner for Women Affairs, Motunrayo Adijat Adeleye, stressing that their "dedication and vision are shaping programmes that resonate with the dreams and aspirations of women, children, and families across this state."

Turning to the traditional ruler, Saka Matemilola, Oluyalo Otileta VII, the Olowu of Owu Kingdom, the Minister applauded his role in blending heritage with empowerment.

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Governor Oborewori

Delta Bans Workers From Wearing Bushy Beards, Artificial Hair, Others

Culled: Delta Governor, Rt Hon Sheriff Oborewori (middle) flanked by the SSG, Dr Kingsley Emu (right) and Commissioner for Works (Rural Roads) and Public Information, Mr Charles Aniagwu (left standing) and the Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Ekemejoro Ohwovoriole, SAN going through a document during the state Executive Council meeting at Government House Asaba on Thursday. The Delta State Government has issued a new directive banning bushy beards, artificial braided or tainted hair, long eyelashes, fake nails, and

other forms of what it calls “indecent appearance” among public servants. The ban was announced in a circular issued by the Office of the Head of Service, which stated that all public servants must now appear in neat, professional, and modest attire that reflects their level in the civil service. According to the circular, male civil servants are no longer allowed to grow bushy beards or wear certain traditional caps such as the “Resource Control” or “Papas” caps. Female staff are now prohibited from coming to work with artificial braided or dyed (tainted) hair, long eyelashes, and fake nails.

The directive also provides updated dress code standards. Senior officers are expected to wear full corporate suits, while junior officers must dress in trousers with shirts and ties. Traditional attire is permitted only on Fridays or for special events and must be clean, decent, and modest. For female public servants, acceptable clothing includes trouser suits, skirt suits, or corporate gowns that fall below the knee and have sleeves. Sleeveless outfits, spaghetti straps, revealing clothing, and any dress that exposes cleavage are strictly banned. The government ordered the heads of

departments to monitor how workers dress and to send anyone who breaks the rules back home to change before returning to work, adding that anyone who refuses to follow the rules could face punishment. The circular read in part: “In an effort to address the unpleasant practice of improper dressing that has become commonplace in the State Public Service, it is instructive to announce a review of the existing dress code contained in circular letter No. HOS. 15/13/74 of 12th March, 2009, for the purpose of upholding decency in the appearance of Public Servants across the State.

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Nigeria Backs China’s Global Governance Initiative

The Federal Government of Nigeria has endorsed China's newly launched Global Governance Initiative (GGI), describing it as a significant step toward strengthening the international system and advancing inclusive global cooperation. The initiative was unveiled at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Plus meeting in Tianjin, China, on September 1, 2025, ahead of the upcoming 80th anniversary of the

United Nations. It builds on China's earlier proposals, the Global Development Initiative (GDI), Global Security Initiative (GSI), and Global Civilisation Initiative (GCI) and seeks to tackle major challenges in global governance, ranging from climate change and digital inequality to questions of representation, international law, and the governance of emerging technologies. In a statement issued Thursday by

Kimiebi Ebienna, spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Abuja, Nigeria, welcomed the GGI's focus on five key principles, including sovereign equality, rule of law, multilateralism, people-centred governance, and results-oriented action. “As one of Africa's largest economies and an active participant in multilateral diplomacy, Nigeria views the GGI as a valuable platform for

advancing shared priorities, including reform of the United Nations, inclusive governance in emerging domains such as artificial intelligence, cyberspace, and outer space, and the promotion of equitable development,” the ministry noted. Nigeria also highlighted the alignment between the initiative and its national development objectives, as well as the African Union's Agenda 2063, stressing that it would work with *Find Full Story In The Link*

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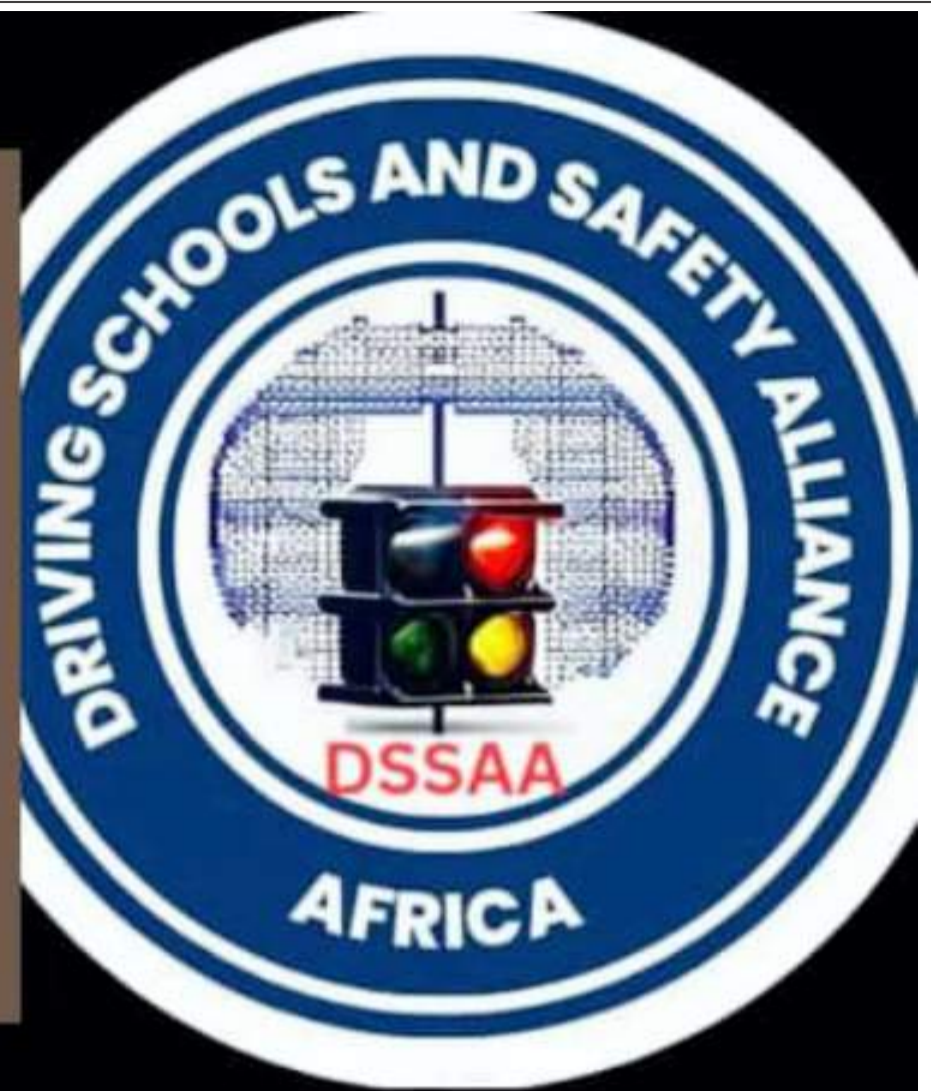


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