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Federal Road Safety Corps, Jos Zonal Command, has decorated its newly promoted personnel with new ranks.

The Zonal Commanding Officer, Mr Joseph Udoabba, decorated the personnel on Wednesday in Jos.

Udoabba, who congratulated the personnel on their elevation, said they were among those successful in the last promotion examination of the corps.

The ZCO, who tasked the personnel to renew their commitment and dedication to duty, urged them to work assiduously to ensure highway safety.

He explained that the promotion aimed at motivating personnel toward optimal performance.

“Promotion comes with more responsibilities, as such, you must be dedicated to duty and loyal to the mandate of the corps.

“We expect a renewed commitment to duty by working tirelessly to reduce crashes on our highways and uphold the corps' life-saving mandate,” he

urged.

Udoabba, who reiterated the corps' commitment towards improving the welfare of all its personnel, called on Nigerians to cooperate with the corps towards ensuring safety on highways.

Speaking on behalf of the decorated personnel, Mr Sylvanus Philemon, who was promoted to the rank of an Assistant Corps Commander, promised to be more committed to duty and do more towards the success of the corps.

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Adegboyega gave this charge while celebrating beneficiaries of the 2025 FRSC staff promotion exercise during a decoration ceremony in Osogbo on Wednesday.

The Osun FRSC boss while disclosing that personnel from the Command recorded 100 percent success, added that all its personnel who participated in the exercise all passed and were promoted.

He also revealed that another decoration will be held for the Marshals on Thursday September 18, 2025, for their success in the promotion examinations.

He said, “It is noteworthy that the Command recorded 100% success, as all its personnel that participated in the exercise all passed and were promoted.

“In the same vein, another decoration will be held for the Marshals on Thursday 18th September 2025, for their success in the promotion examinations.

“This is a testament to the magnanimity and commitment to staff welfare of the Management of the FRSC, headed by the Corps Marshal, Sheu Mohammed, mni.”

He encouraged the promoted Officers to reciprocate the good gesture of the FRSC Management with hard work, dedication and commitment to duty.

He also added that promotion is a recognition for hard work and commitment, which called for more hard work and commitment to the attainment of the set goals of the Corps.

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Major Adesagba Adekoya (rtd), Executive Chairman of OYRTMA, told journalists that the suspects had long been a menace, misleading motorists and causing chaos on the roads.

“We have recovered 95 vehicle number plates, ten 10-amp batteries, seventy-five 75-amp batteries, and counterfeit traffic tickets valued between N85,000 and N90,000 during the operation,” he revealed.

Adekoya stressed that the arrests formed part of ongoing efforts to stamp out the illegal activities of



Recovered exhibits

impostors posing as OYRTMA officers. He noted that the agency follows due process and does not issue fines arbitrarily.

“The agency issues authorised identity cards to all staff to help the public distinguish genuine officers from impostors,” he said, urging motorists to always verify the identity of traffic officers before complying

with directives.

He further assured that OYRTMA would continue to work with security agencies to apprehend offenders and maintain safety and order on Oyo State roads. He also appealed to motorists to remain vigilant and report any suspicious individuals claiming to be OYRTMA officials through the agency's official channels.

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## Flybird Receives NCAA Approval For Nationwide Drone Operations

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Flybird Aircraft Management Services Limited has received official Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) certification from the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), authorising the company to conduct UAV operations across Nigeria.

The certification marks a significant regulatory milestone for Flybird as it expands its aviation services beyond traditional aircraft management.

Dr. Tracy Wilson, Flybird's General Manager, said the certification "further reflects Flybird's commitment to safety, compliance, and the responsible adoption of emerging technologies."

She noted that the authorisation enables the company to operate UAV and RPAS platforms across multiple sectors, including oil and gas, agriculture, energy, infrastructure inspection, aerial mapping, environmental monitoring, and security.

Captain Ahmed Borodo, Chief Executive Officer of Flybird, described the

certification as both "a responsibility and an opportunity," stressing that it demonstrates the company's adherence to global aviation safety standards.

"It underscores our dedication to global standards of aviation safety and positions Flybird at the forefront of unmanned aviation solutions in Africa," he said.

The company indicated that the certification aligns with its broader strategy to expand business aviation services and integrated air solutions across the continent.

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DAPPMAN, in a statement, challenged Dangote to provide evidence to back its claim that members were diverting products to neighbouring countries.

"Smuggling is a national security matter. If any member is complicit, let the relevant agencies act. We give Dangote Refinery a seven-day ultimatum to retract the allegation or provide proof, failing which we will seek legal redress," it said.

The association also denied sponsoring the proposed industrial action by the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG), insisting its efforts were focused on preventing disruptions to fuel supply.

It further dismissed as "misleading" claims that Nigerian marketers import

Dangote-refined products from Togo, clarifying that Offshore Lome is a recognised West African trading hub, not a blending plant.

In its response, Dangote stood by its claims, insisting that DAPPMAN had demanded an annual subsidy of N1.505 trillion to match the refinery's gantry prices at their depots.

It explained that marketers prefer to take delivery via coastal logistics, which adds N75 per litre in costs. Based on daily consumption of 40 million litres of petrol and 15 million litres of diesel, this translates into an additional N1.505 trillion yearly.

"Specifically, the marketers are demanding that we discount N70/litre in coastal freight, NIMASA, NPA and other associated costs, as well as N5/litre for the cost of pumping into vessels to enable them to transport products from our refinery to their depots in Apapa and sell at the same price as our gantry.

"We wish to make it clear that we have no intention of increasing our gantry price to

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# New Customs Chief Urges Teamwork At Lagos Airport

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The incoming Customs Area Controller in charge of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport Command of the Nigeria Customs Service, Chidi Nwokorie, has called on the officers of the Command to work together to boost efficiency.

According to Thursday's release, Nwokorie stated this while taking over the leadership of the Command from the outgoing CAC, Effiong Harrison (Rtd).

This change of leadership is coming days after the Nigerian Customs Service Board approved the promotion of some officers, with Nwokorie taking over from Harrison, who is now retired after serving the NSC for 35 years.

He commended the Comptroller-General of Customs, Adewale Adeniyi, for entrusting him with the responsibility of leading the Command.

"I want to thank the Almighty God for a special day like this. I also thank the CGC, Adewale Adeniyi, for finding me



Murtala Muhammed International airport

worthy to come and represent him here. While sitting here, there's no way I will know everything that is happening around. You, the officers on the field, are my eyes. I strongly believe that we will all work together in peace and harmony," he noted.

The new Area Controller assured officers that he would adopt an open-door policy and inclusive leadership

style, pledging to work as a team player in driving the Command's performance and contributions to national revenue and security. In his farewell remarks, Harrison expressed gratitude to officers and men of the Command for their dedication and professionalism during his tenure.

"I want to appreciate all of you from

different units and the services that we have rendered to the government and ourselves as members of the NCS. In our time, we had no incident or trouble that warranted somebody being dismissed or interdicted. We leveraged intelligence and worked in the best possible way, day and night," he said.

Harrison described the new CAC's posting as a welcome development, praising his background and experience as assets to the Command.

"When I heard that the new controller is coming from Kebbi, I felt highly elated that at least we have somebody who will have the national security consciousness at the back of his mind. I am confident that, from your experiences in other sectors and the service you have rendered to your country, you will be able to take us to the next level," he noted.

He urged officers to extend their loyalty and support to the new controller to sustain the progress achieved at the command.

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# NNPC's MD Appointed As Nigeria's OPEC Representative

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The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation has congratulated Maryamu Idris on her appointment as Nigeria's National Representative to the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Announcing the development in an official statement on its X handle on Wednesday, NNPC said Idris's new role marks a pivotal step in representing Nigeria's interests within the influential cartel of oil-producing nations.

"We congratulate Maryamu Idris, Managing Director of NNPC Trading Limited, on her appointment as the National Representative for Nigeria at the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)," the statement read.

The corporation hailed her achievements in many capacities in the oil sector.

"Maryamu Idris serves as the Managing Director of NNPC Trading Limited and also holds the distinguished position of Nigeria's National Representative to the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting

Countries.

"Maryamu's extensive experience in the energy sector includes leading Pricing and Valuation efforts within NNPC's Crude Oil Marketing Division and serving as a Technical Advisor to Nigeria's OPEC Delegation. She also played a foundational role in Nigeria's engagement with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and contributed to oil sector reforms through her work with the Bureau of Public Enterprises and the Oil and Gas Implementation Committee (OGIC).

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Mrs Maryamu

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Minister of Transportation Senator Said Alkali says the Kaduna-Kano standard-Kano rail modernisation project."

The Anambra State governor, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, has inaugurated the newly constructed 13-kilometre Nzam road connecting the local government and other communities.

It was gathered that for years, the headquarters of Anambra West LGA had been long neglected due to a lack of a motorable access road.

Speaking during his visit to various markets and locations, after the commissioning of the road on Wednesday, Soludo declared that the barrier that prevented residents of the area from commuting on a tarred road has finally been overcome, declaring that with the commissioning, residents can now commute on a tarred road.

The governor highlighted other fulfilled commitments made by his administration since taking office, adding, "This is an emotional journey for me. I made a promise accompanied by a significant consequence during

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the last gubernatorial campaign.

"Today, that promise has been fulfilled as we can now drive into Nzam in September. I welcome prominent figures from Anambra West politics who have chosen to join the strong political movement of the All Progressives Grand Alliance, which is like a 'religion' in the state."

The governor emphasised that his current focus is on project inspection, commissioning, and launching initiatives, insisting that he is committed to an agenda with a set timeline.

"We are on a mission of transformation and development, reaching out to those who have been overlooked and neglected," he added.

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# Advanced Technology Adoption Key To Improving Air Cargo



Air Cargo

Adoption of advanced technology is crucial to improving air cargo business in Nigeria, the Chief Executive Officer of Mainstream Cargo Ltd, Seyi Adewale, has said.

He called on the airlines, ground handling companies, the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS), Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to adopt state-of-the-art technologies to boost business in the air cargo sub-sector.

Adewale stated this yesterday, in his paper on 'Harnessing Technological Advances to Improve Air Cargo in Nigeria' at the 5th CHINET Aviation Cargo held in Lagos.

He explained that Nigeria is yet to properly

harness old technologies, even as there were attempts to upgrade, upscale and marry new technologies with improved solutions.

The expert said the key regulatory institutions needed to have effective, real-time, all-time communication or reports with themselves to assure seamless, fast and efficient service to the end-user in the cargo sector.

The Mainstream Cargo boss stressed that the adoption of new technologies would lead to speedy service delivery, efficiency, lower costs of doing business, transparency and accountability in the system and ensure opportunities for fair competition in the industry.

He also stated that different technology solutions by airlines, inadequate tech communication between primary segments, resultant high charges to consignees, high running costs on airlines and customs' slow clearing process are some of the current challenges militating against the growth of air cargo business.

He commended customs for the adoption of the B'Odogwu platform to generate a rotation number instantly, unlike in the past.

According to him, B'Odogwu allows reasonable savings to the airlines. He noted that operators no longer need to engage third-party agents to manage the interface with customs.

He also canvassed customs to ensure appropriate training and retraining for its personnel to be able to handle the new technology.

"Customs should not only train all their staff in the proper use of B'Odogwu, but also go further to conduct periodic tests to confirm user competence.

"Customs needs to resolve its energy infrastructure and needs to immediately overcome the present teething challenges in the effectiveness of B'Odogwu so that it does not appear to be a worse solution in the eyes of the public," he said.

He advised ground handling companies and agents to procure high-grade and robust tech solutions to manage their respective transmission

needs without excluding any information messaging to airlines and other parties.

He said airlines should also allow handling companies to improve their cargo tech platform, noting that at present, handling companies are overwhelmed with needless high staff numbers just to manage inefficiencies and the need to engage permanent staff to handle each airline's own system.

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"This transition transcends the mere acquisition of equipment; it embodies a strategic reformation that positions LASTMA at the forefront of digital governance in traffic management. These drones will provide real-time aerial oversight, enabling swifter interventions, improved safety outcomes, augment emergency response coordination, bolster security frameworks and the



Bakare-Oki

cultivation of a more monitoring, allowing compliance with privacy disciplined motoring officers to act proactively safeguards. "We want to culture," Bakare-Oki rather than relying only assure the public that this said. on physical patrols. deployment shall be

He explained that the According to him, the conducted under drones would be used deployment will operate stringent adherence to for a aerial under strict regulatory privacy safeguards, reconnaissance and and ethical standards to ethical standards, and high-definition ensure public trust and regulatory compliance, strategic reformation that positions LASTMA

thereby reinforcing public trust in the system's transparency and integrity," he added.

The agency said the technology would also support quicker response to road accidents and emergencies, working alongside its existing toll-free hotline.

Bakare-Oki noted that the drone initiative was consistent with Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's THEMES+ agenda, which emphasises technology and innovation as tools for improving urban management and safety in Lagos.

LASTMA stated that the programme is part of efforts to reduce travel time, prevent accidents, and improve road discipline across the state.

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## Customs Begin Automation At Onne Port To End Congestion



Onne Port

The Nigerian Customs Service said the automation of the overtime cargo clearance system it introduced will address the challenges of manual paperwork, abandoned cargo, and clearance process at the Onne Port in Rivers State.

Also, the NCS said the automation system checks bottlenecks, boosts trade facilitations, and other economic activities at the Port.

The Zonal Coordinator, Zone C, of the Nigeria Customs Services, ACG Kamal Mohammed, stated this during a one-day sensitisation exercise on the automation of overtime cargo clearance system for consignees, customs brokers, terminal operators, and Customs

officers held in Onne, Rivers State, on Wednesday.

Mohammed, who spoke through Comptroller Aliyu Alkali, Customs Area Controller, Port Harcourt Area 2, Onne, described the new platform as a seamless process that facilitates economic activities at the port without physical presence.

He explained that the platform affords port shareholders the opportunity to sit in their comfort zone and facilitate all the trade processes at the port.

ACG Mohammed further said the initiative marks a new beginning to address the challenges of congestion, manual paperwork, and other obstacles encountered during trade facilitations at the port.

He noted, "This initiative marks a turning point in our challenges, yes, the challenges of congestion, manual paper works, bottlenecks, abandoned cargo, and clearance processes, trade facilitations, and economic activities.

"Today, with the automated overtime cargo and disposal system awareness, we have demonstrated that customs can be bold facilitator of trade and a guarantor of integrity.

"The important question is, what does this new system entail?. Number one is transparency; every action in this process stands because of the simplicity of the process.

"Stakeholders can now apply, track, and receive approval online without unnecessary physical contact. There is going to be accountability in the process; the officers and stakeholders alike are bound by the new rule.

"There is going to be efficiency in the system. Cargos can move smoothly, and litigation will be reduced."

"All documents from the application to the records are fully documented and automated. Most importantly, this reform is backed by the Nigeria Customs Service Act, which provides the legal framework.

"For stakeholders in the sea, whether

you are in Bonny, Calabar, Port Harcourt, or any other place, this is an opportunity to embrace the chain.

"The new platforms allow you to manage your consignment from your offices, through your mobile phones. It removes the burden of endless letters, limits waiting time," Mohammed said.

He called on all stakeholders in the maritime industry to familiarise themselves with the process and informed their teams to use the E-Platform effectively and engage with Customs officers constructively so that every issue will be resolved swiftly.

Onne Port is now one of the busiest in the country after Lagos, with increasing receipt of imported cargoes, which has also led to increased revenue.

However, in the last two years, issues of imported sophisticated firearms and contraband goods have been reported in the ports, with a myriad of seizures made by the NCS in Onne.

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# Etihad To Fly To Damascus Four Times A Week From June 2026

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Etihad Airways joins a growing number of UAE airlines to resume flights to Damascus. The Abu Dhabi-based carrier said it would begin flights to the Syrian capital with four weekly trips starting June 12, 2026.

Etihad suspended all flights to Damascus in 2012 over security concerns following Syria's civil war.

Other UAE airlines are also offering regular flights to Damascus. Flydubai launched daily flights in June, while Emirates and Air Arabia resumed operations in July from Dubai and Sharjah respectively. Syria's national carrier, Syrian Air, resumed direct flights to Dubai and Sharjah in April, while Fly Cham, another Syrian airline, also operates between Damascus and Dubai as well as Abu Dhabi.

The Etihad flights, to be operated by its Airbus A320,



will comprise eight business class seats and 150 economy seats. The flights will take off from Abu Dhabi's Zayed International Airport every Monday,

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Etihad's EY561 will depart from Abu Dhabi at 9.15am local time while the corresponding flight, EY562, will take off from

Damascus International Airport at 3pm local time.

"This new route reflects our commitment to connecting people to the places that matter most to them," said

Antonoaldo Neves, chief executive, Etihad Airways. "We are proud to expand our network into Damascus, one of the world's most historic and culturally important

cities, and to support the Syrian population with direct links to and from Abu Dhabi.

"With trade between the UAE and Syria continuing to grow strongly, and with a vibrant Syrian community contributing to the prosperity of the UAE, these new flights will further strengthen our social, cultural and economic ties," he added.

The resumption of flights between Syria and the UAE came after Syrian President Ahmad Al Shara visited the UAE in April, for the first time since taking office, during which he held talks with President Sheikh Mohamed.

During their meeting, Sheikh Mohamed, said the UAE would "spare no effort in providing all possible support to Syria" and help the country to rebuild.

The UAE is home to an estimated 350,000 Syrians. [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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General News

# Chinese Language Added To Senior Secondary Curriculum - Hayyo

**Culled:**

The Chinese language, Mandarin, has officially been included as one of the foreign languages to be taught in senior secondary schools across Nigeria, following a recent review of the national curriculum.

This announcement was made on Tuesday by the Secretary of Education for the Federal Capital Territory, Dr. Danlami Hayyo, during the inauguration of the 14th Chinese Corner at Government Secondary School, Tudun Wada, Abuja.

The Chinese Corner is an educational and cultural centre sponsored by China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation as part of its corporate social responsibility.

“May I inform you that in the recent review of our curriculum, the Chinese language has been selected as one of the international languages to offer in senior secondary schools.

“That is to say that the FCT has been very visionary in introducing the subject in our schools through the Chinese Corners early enough.

“Chinese Mandarin has the largest number of speakers in the world, and today it has become the language of commerce, education, and tourism. Our decision to delve into Chinese



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education and culture is a wise move,” Hayyo stated.

Hayyo highlighted that the newly inaugurated Chinese Corner is the 14th of its kind in the FCT, with centres now established in various secondary schools across the territory.

“The bilateral relations have led to the establishment of 13 Chinese Corners, and the commissioning of the 14th Corner at GSS Tudun Wada today.

“These centres have greatly

enhanced education and cultural exchange between Nigeria and China.

“It has opened a window for better understanding and appreciation of our various cultures and given our students the opportunity to pursue further education in China,” he noted.

He also noted that teachers and staff in the FCT have benefited through capacity-building programs in China, adding, “Today we are proud to say that it is only the FCT

that has Chinese Corners in its schools in the whole federation.”

Speaking on behalf of the Minister of the FCT, Nyesom Wike, Hayyo extended appreciation to the Chinese government and its embassy in Nigeria for their continued support and investment in education and cultural ties.

He concluded with a Chinese proverb: “Hai nei cun zhiji, tianya ruo bi lin,” meaning, “A bosom friend brings distant lands near.”

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# Libya Detains 18 Nigerians For Deportation

**Culled:**

Authorities in Libya have transferred 18 undocumented Nigerian migrants from the Sirte Immigration Detention Centre to the southern city of Sabha, where they are expected to be repatriated in the coming days.

The development was confirmed in a statement by Migrant Rescue Watch, a humanitarian monitoring group, which said the transfer took place on Monday under the supervision of the Libyan Department for Combating Illegal Migration (DCIM).

According to the group, the migrants were transported by road in a security-controlled convoy, marking part of Libya's broader strategy to facilitate the return of foreign nationals without legal status.

The migrants, who were being held for attempting to cross into Europe illegally, will remain in the Sabha detention facility until arrangements are concluded for their return to Nigeria.

Libya continues to serve as a major transit point for migrants seeking to reach Europe through the Mediterranean Sea, despite years of political instability and armed conflict.

The country's detention centers often hold large numbers of undocumented migrants awaiting deportation or repatriation. International humanitarian groups have repeatedly raised concerns about overcrowding, poor living conditions, and abuse in these facilities.

In recent years, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has partnered with Libyan authorities to arrange voluntary repatriation flights, giving migrants an option to return home safely.

When Vanguard contacted the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday, the Spokesperson, Mr. Kimiebi Ebienna, said: “I don't have any information yet about that.”

Also speaking on Tuesday, the Director of Media, Public Relations and Protocols Unit of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), Mr. Abdur-Rahman Balogun, said: “NiDCOM has not been officially briefed on this.”

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# NOA Urges Nigerians To Honor National Symbols



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**Culled:**

The National Orientation Agency has charged Nigerians to show greater respect and commitment to the country's national symbols as the nation marks the 2025 National Ordinance Day.

The NOA has, in recent

years, intensified campaigns to instil respect for the National Flag, Anthem, Pledge, Coat of Arms, and other emblems of sovereignty, stressing that these symbols remain central to Nigeria's unity and identity.

In August 2025, the Agency

unveiled a two-week nationwide enlightenment campaign, beginning on the 20th of August, on five thematic areas, including the Nigerian identity project and the national symbols campaign.

In a statement on Tuesday, the Director General of the NOA, Lanre Issa-Onilu, said the National Ordinance Day, celebrated annually on September 16, commemorates the handover of Nigeria's national symbols at independence, and serves as a reminder of the values of unity, discipline, and service that bind the nation together.

“Respect for our national symbols is respect for Nigeria itself. Each time we hoist the flag correctly, recite the pledge sincerely, or sing the anthem with pride, we affirm

our loyalty and commitment to the ideals of our nation,” he said.

The DG emphasised that the national symbols were representations of Nigeria's dignity and sovereignty. He called on citizens to consciously demonstrate patriotism through their interactions with these symbols, noting that giving proper recognition to the symbols is “both a civic duty and a mark of patriotism.”

“Issa-Onilu further encouraged schools, communities, organisations, and government institutions to consciously integrate respect for national symbols into their daily practices, saying this will help deepen national identity and strengthen social cohesion,” the statement read.

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Lassa Fever

# Nigeria Records Rise In Lassa Fever As Deaths Hit 162 By August - NCDC

**Culled:** The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) has reported a rise in confirmed Lassa fever cases, with 162 deaths recorded across 21 states as of epidemiological week 35, spanning August 25–31. The NCDC, via its official website, reported 10 new confirmed cases in week 35 alone, up from three in the previous week. It said that the new cases were detected in Edo, Ondo, Bauchi, and Taraba states. Cumulatively, the agency reported that the country has recorded 7,375 suspected cases and 871 confirmed

infections in 2025, with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 11.7 percent, higher than the 8.9 percent recorded during the same period in 2024. It stated that Ondo, Bauchi, Edo, Taraba, and Ebonyi states remain the country's hotspots, accounting for 91 per cent of all confirmed cases. The NCDC stated that these states contributed as follows: Ondo, 33 per cent; Bauchi, 23 per cent; Edo, 18 per cent; Taraba, 14 per cent; and Ebonyi, 3 per cent. The agency noted that most affected patients are aged between 21 and 30 years, with a male-to-female ratio of 1:0.8.

While it stated that the overall number of suspected and confirmed cases was lower compared to the same period last year, the NCDC warned of persistent risks. It noted that late presentation of cases, poor health-seeking behaviour due to treatment costs, and poor sanitation in high-burden communities are contributing to the high death toll. The Nigerian public health agency reported that no new infections of healthcare workers were reported in week 35, although 23 health workers have been affected since the beginning of the year. The Centre said it has deployed 10

rapid response teams to support affected states, enhanced surveillance, and distributed medical countermeasures, including ribavirin, PPEs, and sanitisers. It also announced plans to launch a five-year strategic plan (2025–2029) for Lassa fever control. The NCDC urged Nigerians, especially in hotspot states, to maintain proper hygiene, improve rodent control, and seek early medical care to reduce the spread and impact of the disease. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Lassa fever is a viral haemorrhagic disease endemic in Nigeria, spread mainly through contact  
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# Inflation Will Drop To Single Digit In Nigeria - Fasua

The Presidency has expressed confidence that Nigeria's inflation rate will soon fall to a single digit, a development it says will improve living conditions for citizens. Special Adviser to the President on Economic Matters, Tope Fasua, stated this on Tuesday on Channels Television's The Morning Brief in reaction to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) reporting that headline inflation dropped to 20.12

per cent in August 2025, compared to 21.88 per cent recorded in July. Fasua noted that the decline in inflation has already begun to affect food prices in the markets. Responding to former Vice President Atiku Abubakar's recent criticism that Nigerians were dying of hunger, Fasua dismissed the remark as political. "Former vice president, Atiku Abubakar, merely made a political

statement which is expected at this time, because he's trying to see how he can wangle himself back into the presidency, and I don't comment on political things. "He doesn't have to commend the current government for the achievement, but the rest of us just need to stick with the black and white. "A 20.12 inflation is still large in many quarters because what it says is that prices are still increasing in some

quarters, but not as they used to be. It is rebasing. The rebasing came in about six years after it ought to have been done. Our concern should be that our statistics and data should be much more on point and frequent. "So, the rebasing was done, and it gave us the true picture of where we are. So, for every emotional reason, somebody believes that we should still be around 30 per cent. Well, that is their own cup of tea.  
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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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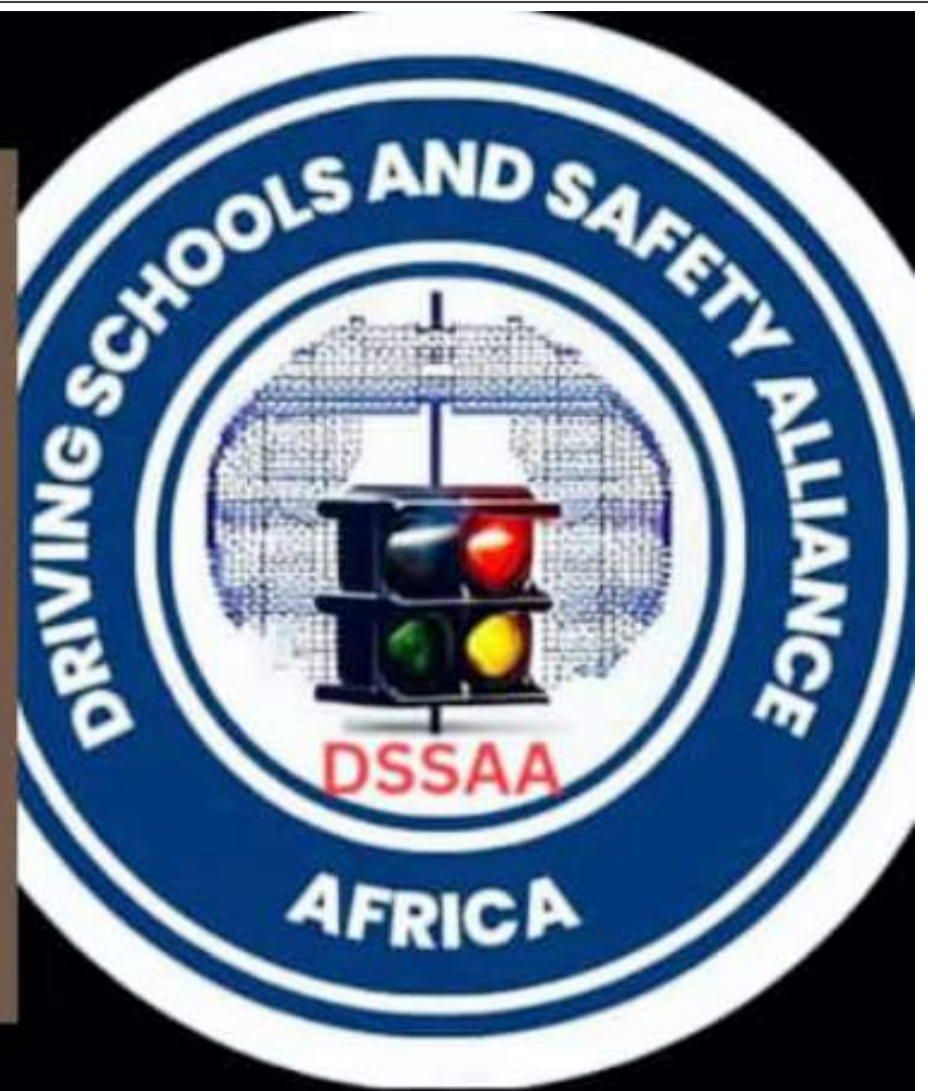


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