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In a statement released on Thursday and signed by the Corps Public Education Officer, Olusegun Ogungbemde, the Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, who presided over the meeting, described the engagement as a timely response to growing public concern over frequent crashes involving Dangote trucks.

"This engagement is more than a

response to recent incidents. It is a proactive step to ensure that lives are saved, confidence is restored, and the Nigerian motoring public is assured of safer highways.

"The FRSC and Dangote Cement Transport share a common responsibility, and together we must drive down crash statistics by investing in training, compliance, and innovation," Mohammed said.

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That became reality Monday in New York, when the parties signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to establish the framework to pursue a roadmap to electrify containerised freight in accordance with the policies of the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy in the country.

"We believe that Nigeria is ideally situated to lead West Africa's transition to low-carbon logistics by electrifying its container transport sector," said Frederik Klinke, CEO of APM Terminals Nigeria at the signing ceremony. "Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and trade hub, and our research shows us that the country can

leapfrog fossil-fuel infrastructure by adopting proven electric technologies.

Therefore, we are very optimistic about our joint plans to start shaping the phased roadmap of a electrified future for container logistics," Frederik Klinke, stated at the event at the Dutch Consulate in New York during the week of the Global African Business Initiative.

Reacting to the MOU-signing, the Managing Director of NPA, Dr. Abubakar Dantsoho said that: "By this development, the Onne Port will be the first green port in Nigeria and thereby promoting the decarbonisation efforts within the transportation ecosystem. This will also make Nigerian ports the leader on the continent in terms of sustainable port operations."

While congratulating the APM Terminals for the collaboration, which will be wholly funded by APM Terminals to the tune of \$60 million, he said that he is hopeful that this would be the mode of African countries to copy.

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The terminals are located in Kugbo, along the Abuja-Nyanya-Mararaba road, and in Mabushi, along the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua way.

The third terminal, located in the Central Business Area, is still under construction. Our reporter, who has been tracking the project, reports that the Nyesom Wike-led FCT Administration conceived the terminals to address the chaotic transportation system in the nation's capital.

In May 2024, Wike awarded the contract for the construction of the three modern bus terminals.



Kugbo Bus Terminals

According to the minister, the move was intended to ensure a secure and convenient travel experience for FCT commuters, create job opportunities, and reduce insecurity, particularly "one chance" incidents, which he attributed to an uncoordinated transportation sector.

Our reporter, who visited the two completed terminals found that they

were equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and were expected to operate 24 hours a day.

They were designed to process more than 10,000 passengers and accommodate 120 buses and taxis daily for both intercity and interstate travel.

The terminals were also designed to integrate commercial activities, including relaxation areas, amenities like cinema

halls, food courts, and shopping malls.

However, nearly 100 days after their commissioning, the two terminals have not been put into use.

A cross-section of residents expressed disappointment over the continued closure of the terminals, especially as the activities of criminal elements like "one-chance" robbers, which the projects were meant to address, persist.

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Motorists Stranded As Flood Overruns Lagos Communities

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Vehicular and business activities were paralysed across parts of Lagos State on Wednesday after hours of heavy downpour triggered flash floods in several communities in the state.

PUNCH Metro observed that the downpour wreaked havoc in flood-prone areas across the state, which included Maryland, Lekki, Ogba, and Ikorodu.

This is as residents and business owners lamented how their homes and shops were overrun by the flood. Similarly, multiple videos seen across social media platforms by our correspondents showed residents wading through their flooded neighbourhoods, while motorists were also seen moving at a slow pace on flooded roads.

On Olatunji Street in Maryland, the overflow of a canal cut off access to the adjoining Mende community.

A resident, Chinasa Nnadi, said the

flood had been a recurring sight whenever it rained and as long as the residents in both neighbourhoods could remember.

She said, "This has been happening for years now, and it's very hard for vehicles to go in or out of there. People even swim to their houses. It is not easy for people living around there to come out of their houses because the flood is too much. Some will even go as far as relocating to another place due to the flood."

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Lagos Flood

Oyetola Seeks Collaboration To Harness Maritime Opportunities

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The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, has emphasised the need for stronger collaboration between the citizenry and the Federal Government to harness the vast opportunities within Nigeria's maritime domain.

According to a statement on Tuesday, Oyetola stated this while speaking on the sidelines of the 2025 World Maritime Day themed, 'Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity'.

According to the statement, Nigeria will join the global maritime community to commemorate the 2025 World Maritime Day. It added that the event is aimed at highlighting the shared responsibility of citizens to utilise the ocean sustainably, ensuring its preservation for future generations.

"It underscores the transgenerational importance of protecting ocean resources, while also recognising the immense opportunities the oceans portend for humanity," the statement read in part.

Speaking ahead of the commemoration, Oyetola "emphasised the need for stronger collaboration between the citizenry and the Federal Government to harness the vast opportunities within Nigeria's maritime domain."

In his message to mark the day, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation, Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, underscored the essential role of the ocean in regulating the climate, sustaining life, and supporting global trade.

He warned that human-induced pressures such as pollution, warming, acidification, and overfishing are placing marine ecosystems under severe strain.

According to him, urgent global cooperation is required to reduce pollution, protect marine life, and adopt sustainable practices.

"While human activity has caused the damage, it also holds the key to restoring the ocean, presenting both a responsibility and an opportunity for a healthier, safer future," Dominguez stated.

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Stakeholders Back Draft Bills For Bayelsa Rural Road Authority, Fund

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Stakeholders drawn from farmers associations, transport unions, Nigerian Society of Engineers, NSE, chamber of commerce, industry, mines and agriculture, and civil society groups, have endorsed the proposed bills for the establishment of the Bayelsa Rural Access Roads Authority, BRARA, and the Bayelsa State Rural Access Roads Fund, BSRF.

The bills when passed into law and assented to by the state governor, will establish the Bayelsa Rural Access Roads Authority, BRARA, for the purpose of the overall management, development, rehabilitation, reconstruction and maintenance of Class C and D roads in the state while the Bayelsa State Rural Access Roads Fund, BSRF, when established will provide funding for the Authority.

Speaking at the final review of the draft bills in Yenagoa the Bayelsa State capital, the State Project Management Committee Chairman of Rural Access Agricultural Marketing Project, RAAMP, and Permanent Secretary Ministry of



Governor Diri

Agriculture, Dr. Hamilton Ekeke, said the passage of the bills into law is the prerequisite condition to access funds from donor agencies to fund RAAMP projects in the state.

Expressing the state government readiness and commitment to the establishment of the Authority, Dr Ekeke said with the final review and inputs from stakeholders, the stage is now set for the transmitting of the draft bills to the state

evacuated."

On his part, the State Coordinator of RAAMP, Dr Paul Ebiefa, said the importance of the bills to the development of the rural and agricultural sectors of the state cannot be overemphasized.

He said: "We are working closely with the state government to ensure that RAAMP comes into existence in the state and the state governor Senator Douye Diri is passionate about making it a reality.

"This meeting was to give the final review for the two bills and we have been able to achieve that by giving that final touch from where it will be moved to the assembly."

The Project Communication Officer, Tarinyo Akono, said the objective of project is to create access for farmers to enable them bring their produce to the markets so that goods, farm produce can be brought to the market.

He said: "We have identified clusters of farms across the state, we have also done roads selection, prioritization, engineering drawings and soil tests on those roads that have been prioritized, over 80 Kilometers of roads across the state.

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Nigeria Touts Oil Refineries At UNGA, Seeks US, Global Investment

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Nigeria has urged international investors to take advantage of reforms in its oil sector, with the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil), Senator Heineken Lokpobiri, saying the country has created an environment that is “globally competitive and attractive.”

Speaking at a United States–Nigeria Council session on oil collaboration in New York on the sidelines of the 80th United Nations General Assembly, Lokpobiri said Nigeria is seeking “deeper, smarter, and more strategic partnerships” to unlock new investment.

“At the heart of Nigeria’s renewed energy agenda is a clear and deliberate policy direction: to open our oil sector to deeper, smarter, and more strategic partnerships,” Lokpobiri said. “The time to invest is not just now — it is ripe.”

The Minister explained that for over a decade, prior to the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Nigeria had not attracted new oil investments.

According to him, recent policy changes

have already reversed the trend.

“With the reforms we have carried out, which have created an atmosphere that is globally competitive and attractive, we now have new investments running into billions of dollars,” he stated.

“All inactive blocks during the period of no investments are in the basket now and up for grabs.”

He added that while Nigeria has a long history of working with American companies, new opportunities are available in both upstream and

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Oil Refinery

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Fuelmetrics, the technology company behind the flagship Epump solution, has announced the launch of Epump Always-On, a groundbreaking upgrade designed to ensure pumps at filling stations remain connected at all times.

Speaking on the milestone, Chief Strategy Officer at Fuelmetrics, Ayodeji Ogundiran, emphasised the company’s legacy of innovation.

According to him, “A decade ago, we pioneered what’s now recognized as IoT forecourt automation. Since then, many blue-chip competitors have been trying to catch up and are still chasing what we perfected years ago. Now, we are raising the bar again. The industry is shifting, and we are leading that change. The unveiling of Epump Always-On goes beyond technical enhancement; it underscores Fuelmetrics’ mission to deliver smarter, more resilient, and future-ready solutions for station owners.” With this launch, Fuelmetrics is changing the narrative in the downstream oil and gas industry, reinforcing Epump’s position as the ideal

FuelMetrics Introduces Fuel Station Management Solution

ally for fuel stations striving for growth, reliability, and operational excellence, Ogundiran said.

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According to him, the cosmopolitan nature of the state and its small land size had made traffic management a Herculean task.

He stressed that due to the high commercial activities in the state and the high vehicular movement, it was necessary to inculcate the mayors in the state’s traffic management.

According to him, the inductees were selected to support the efforts of the agency in promoting traffic safety and sensitising the public about the necessity of traffic rules compliance.

Bakare-Oki said, “The management of LASTMA is intentional about this initiative so that we can further enshrine the safety culture and high level of compliance to traffic rules and regulations by bringing all major stakeholders on board into traffic management in Lagos.

“Traffic management is a collective responsibility, and LASTMA cannot do it alone. The media is an integral part, and we believe that you are the bridge between the government and the

citizens.

“By bringing you on board, this will continue to foster a robust relationship by helping the agency to promote safety and compliance with traffic rules and regulations.”

He noted that the inductees are volunteers empowered to monitor traffic situations, report traffic infractions, and support traffic management across the state.

Bakare-Oki concluded by emphasising the agency’s commitment to discipline, promoting the welfare of its officers, and ensuring the safety of road users across the state.

In his remarks, the LASTMA Director of Traffic Advocacy and Special Traffic Mayor, Jimmy Awoyemi, expressed confidence that the induction of the media mayors would enhance traffic management in the state.

He encouraged the media mayors to also help the agency in propagating the initiatives of the agency.

“Before now, it seems LASTMA has been working in the dark, and most of our achievements have not been well

projected.

“That is why we are bringing the media on board. I want to say that this is a great beginning that will engender excellent achievements of the mission and vision of LASTMA,” Awoyemi said.

Reacting on behalf of the mayors, PUNCH Metro Editor, Joel Nwokeoma, described the initiative as a reflection of LASTMA’s commitment to transparency and accepting public scrutiny.

He stressed that the initiative would go a long way in enhancing LASTMA’s operations.

“This initiative, which is essentially aimed at interfacing with the public, shows how transparent the organisation is and how much it is inclined to accept scrutiny from the media.

“It is a commendable initiative, and I am sure this initiative will go a long way in humanising the operations of LASTMA,” Nwokeoma concluded.

PUNCH Metro reported on August 24 that LASTMA unveiled its plan to initiate the Media Traffic Mayor to augment its officers, in the harmonisation of urban mobility across the state.

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Bakare

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority has inducted no fewer than 12 media practitioners drawn from the print, broadcast, and digital media as traffic mayors in its efforts to improve vehicular movement across the state.

The induction was held at the agency’s headquarters in Oshodi, Lagos State, on Wednesday.

Speaking at the induction, the LASTMA General Manager, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, noted that the Media Traffic Mayor idea was an initiative designed to fortify and complement the efforts of LASTMA officers, ensuring traffic order, safety, and mobility across the state.



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Murtala Mohammed Int'l airport

impunity must end. It commended recent interventions by the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), but insisted that offenders

should face decisive punishment to serve as a deterrent. It urged aviation authorities and airlines to strengthen staff discipline, improve conflict de-escalation training, and expedite

increased passenger traffic. The association warned that with the festive season approaching, airports may experience more cases of unruly conduct due to

rulings on cases to prevent escalation.

He said, "As gatekeepers of safety, we predict the months ahead will be tougher and more challenging if this menace is not decisively tackled".

He emphasized that restoring order and discipline was crucial to safeguarding aviation operations and expressed NAFSA's readiness to collaborate with government and industry stakeholders in addressing the problem.

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S'holders Crave Synergy Between Aviation And Insurance Sectors



Mrs Onakomaiya

Players in aviation and insurance industries have agreed that there is need for a better synergy by both sectors to enhance the economy.

Speaking at the 5th CHINET AviaCargo Conference held in Lagos, the President of Professional Insurance Ladies Association, Mrs. Bimbo Onakomaiya said a stronger collaboration by both sectors would further deepen safety. She urged the Nigeria Insurance Commission (NAICOM) as the insurance industry regulator in Nigeria, to consider possibilities of compulsory insurance for aircraft parts, drones services and the numerous assets in Nigeria's aviation industry.

"There are 370 registered aircraft and counting, out of which 197 belong to Nigeria Air Force. There are about 167 domestic airlines, 31 airports, 92 airstrips, 13 scheduled commercial airline operators and growing. A strong insurance back-up is vital for all these operations," she said.

Speaking on behalf of the Commissioner for Insurance, NAICOM, Dr. Usman Jankara said in July 2025, Nigeria's President assented to the Nigeria Insurance Policy Reform Act which provided for the Insurance Policy Holders Protection Fund, introduced to ensure that insurance refund is paid by a company and that there is a punishment in the event of a default. He stated that the synergy between insurance and aviation sectors is no longer aspirational but has come into force, adding that NAICOM is about to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) on collaboration between various

players in both sectors.

Jankara said the commission has strengthened its Complaints Bureau, upgrading it to a Directorate and that some companies have been suspended from involvement in aviation insurance because claims that ought to be settled were not settled. "So, NAICOM is there to protect aviation stakeholders," he said.

He also said the Nigeria Insurance Industry Act empowers NAICOM to ensure compulsory insurance but that his would require partners like law enforcement agencies, Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and other agencies to enforce, as they need to be engaged on compulsory insurance.

President of Nigeria Insurers Association, Mr. Kunle Ahmed said because aviation is a special risk sector, only 40% of insurance companies write aviation and that Section 8, Sub-section 1 to 5 of the NIRA Act has made it compulsory for

aviation companies to have an insurance policy domiciled with NAICOM on commencement of operations as part of efforts to achieve synergy, risks reduction and cover optimization.

Ahmed further said Section 15 mandates insurance companies with initial start-up capital of N3 billion to now have N15 billion if they intend to write aviation company's risk.

A former Commandant of Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos, Grp. Capt. John Ojikutu (Rtd) said it is important to extend the same value enjoyed by insurance of airlines to airports and cargo insurance.

In his intervention, the Chief Executive Officer of Overland Airways Limited, Capt Edward Boyo tasked NAICOM to ensure that all airports in Nigeria are insured as some of the challenges faced by airlines at airports such as inadequacy of wildlife control, ICT, infrastructure and others leave the airlines with losses due to insurance issues.

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Emirates Cancels New \$35million Boeing 777X Business Class Plan

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Emirates Airline (EK) has revealed it scrapped the original Boeing 777X business class seats at a cost of about €20–30 million, citing the long delays in the aircraft's development.

The Gulf carrier, based at Dubai International Airport (DXB), was originally set to take delivery of its first Boeing 777-9 in 2020. The airline now expects handovers to begin only in 2027, a seven-year delay that has forced a costly rethink of its cabin strategy.

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Emirates' President Sir Tim Clark confirmed with Executive Traveller that the airline abandoned the first-generation business class product designed for the



Boeing 777-9.

In 2019, Clark personally toured the first test aircraft, which at the time was nearly ready but missing the signature "game-changer" first-

class suites. Fast forward six years, and none of the 107 aircraft from the original 2013 contract have been delivered.

The extended wait gave competitors ample time

to roll out advanced business-class cabins on newer aircraft, such as the Boeing 787 and Airbus A350, as well as retrofit Boeing 777s.

Airlines, including Air

India (AI), American Airlines (AA), British Airways (BA), Cathay Pacific (CX), Etihad Airways (EY), Japan Airlines (JL), Malaysia Airlines (MH), Singapore

Airlines (SQ), and the new Riyadh Air (RX), have all moved ahead with competitive products.

Faced with that reality, Emirates determined the original 777X seats would no longer be up to standard.

The airline scrapped them entirely, despite the €20–30 million loss. Clark admitted it was a difficult decision, but one that technology trends made unavoidable. From seat design to in-flight entertainment and Wi-Fi, passenger expectations had shifted too far.

Emirates has since committed to a fresh design for its 777-9 business class. The product is expected to feature enclosed suite-style seating, complete with high partitions and sliding doors to offer privacy.

Clark noted this concept builds on the airline's earlier innovation with first class suites on its Airbus A340-500 [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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Nigerian Demands Permanent Seat at UN Security Council

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President Bola Tinubu has reiterated the call for a proper representation of Nigeria on the United Nations Security Council.

Tinubu made the call in his address at the general debate of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Tinubu was represented by the Vice-President, Sen. Kashim Shettima.

"We are here to strengthen the prospects for peace, development and human rights. Madam President, I want to make four points today to outline how we can do this:

"Nigeria must have a permanent seat at the UN Security Council. This should take place as part of a wider process of institutional reform."

The Nigerian leader noted that the United Nations would recover its relevance only when it reflects the world as it is, not as it was.

"Nigeria's journey tells this story with clarity: when the UN was founded, we were a colony of 20 million people, absent from the tables where decisions about our fate were taken.

"Today, we are a sovereign nation of



Tinubu

over 236 million, projected to be the third most populous country in the world, with one of the youngest and most dynamic populations on earth.

"A stabilising force in regional security and a consistent partner in global peacekeeping.

"Our case for permanent seat at the Security Council is a demand for fairness, for representation, and for reform that restores credibility to the very

institution upon which the hope of multilateralism rests."

Tinubu stated that Nigeria stands firmly behind the UN80 Initiative of the Secretary-General, and the resolution adopted by the Assembly on July 18,

"A bold step to reform the wider United Nations system for greater relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness in the face of unprecedented financial strain.

"We support the drive to rationalise structures and end the duplication of responsibilities and programmes, so that this institution may speak with one voice and act with greater coherence.

"None of us can achieve a peaceful world in isolation. This is the heavy burden of sovereignty. Sovereignty is a covenant of shared responsibility, a recognition that our survival is bound to the survival of others.

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400 Golfers Storm Abuja For Nigeria @65 Tourney

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More than 400 golfers are set to compete in the Nigeria @ 65 Independence Golf Tournament at the Tukur Yusuf Buratai International Golf Resort and Country Club, Abuja.

The week-long tournament, organised to mark Nigeria's 65th independence anniversary, will also honour retired and serving officers of the Nigerian Army.

The Chairman, Local Organising Committee, Dr James Agbonhese, told the News Agency of Nigeria on Thursday that the tournament aims to promote unity, camaraderie and national pride.

"This is more than a sporting competition. It is a reflection of our national values; unity, perseverance, discipline and excellence," Agbonhese said.

He said the event would also feature the commissioning of new facilities at the resort, including a midway hut, a modern golf practice range, a back nine starter shed and a golf cart bay.

Agbonhese commended the Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Olufemi Oluyede, Grand Patron of the tournament, for his unwavering support.

The Vice Chairman of TYB Golf Club, Dr Ali Peters, who represented the Club Captain, Maj.-Gen. Samson Jiya, said the event was a symbolic tribute to the military's role in safeguarding national unity.

"As we celebrate, we must reflect on the legacy of our founding fathers and the sacrifices that brought us this far," Peters said.

He added that the new facilities would greatly improve the golfing experience for members and visitors.

Jummai Adamu, a member of the LOC, said more than 100 female golfers, including three professionals, would participate in this year's tournament, reflecting golf's growing popularity among women in Nigeria.

Tournament Manager, Mr Shola Adebayo, said the event would feature daily games, networking sessions and cultural showcases.

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MTN Nigeria Reports 5,400 Fibre Cuts



Fibre Cuts

Culled:

Largest telecom operator in Nigeria, MTN has reported more than 5,400 fibre optic cable cuts in the first seven months of 2025, warning that the frequent disruptions are undermining service quality and slowing digital

growth.

Speaking at the 10th edition of the New Media Conference in Lagos on Thursday, the company's public relations manager, Lakinbofa Goodluck, said that the incidents, which numbered 5,478 by July, including 760 cuts in that

month alone, have been largely linked to road construction and vandalism.

"What happens is that when the network is bad, someone somewhere has cut a cable," Goodluck told the gathering of digital media professionals, entrepreneurs, and policymakers. He called for stronger measures to protect telecom infrastructure, including criminalising acts of vandalism.

Addressing Dada Olusegun, Special Assistant to President Bola Tinubu on social media, who was present at the event, Goodluck appealed for government support.

"We make money when you browse, when you can make calls. How do we make more money when people complain of a bad

network?" he asked.

MTN has invested heavily in Nigeria's telecom sector, most recently pledging one trillion naira (about \$600 million) to expand 4G and 5G services. The operator, which serves more than 80 million subscribers nationwide, states that repeated cable cuts not only disrupt the customer experience but also incur millions in repairs and hinder economic activity.

Industry experts note that fibre cuts are not unique to MTN, as other providers face similar challenges. Estimates suggest roadworks account for about 70 per cent of cases, with vandalism making up most of the rest. In some instances, criminals reportedly target cables for resale as scrap.

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FG Orders Clampdown On Fake Certificates, Sets Enforcement Deadline

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The Federal Government has announced a nationwide enforcement of the National Policy for the Nigerian Education Repository and Databank concerning academic credential verification.

This enforcement is scheduled to commence on October 6, 2025.

According to a circular issued by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Senator George Akume, dated 8 August and made available to newsmen in Abuja on Wednesday, all Ministries, Departments, Agencies, and higher institutions in Nigeria must implement a structured verification

process for the academic credentials of all current and prospective staff.

This process is to be conducted through the National Credential Verification Service (NCVS) under the NERD programme.

Akume emphasised that no appointment will be confirmed without NCVS clearance affirming the authenticity of academic qualifications presented.

He stated, "Effective from October 6, 2025, all Ministries, Departments and Agencies as well as all higher institutions in Nigeria, whether civilian, military, private or public, are to commence the implementation of

an intensive yet structured verification of the academic credentials of all staff and intending staff through the National Credential Verification Service of the NERD programme, and thereafter ensure compliance for each new recruitment by obtaining instant NCVS clearance.

"This clearance affirms the authenticity of each academic credential presented anywhere within the Federal Republic of Nigeria before confirming appointment."

Each clearance will carry a National Credential Number and ancillary security codes for record purposes.

Akume explained that the reform

means every certificate, diploma, honour, or award presented in Nigeria must be earned from an accredited institution and be identifiable, traceable, verifiable, and validated at the click of a button.

He added that the initiative moves away from the previous reliance on individual institutions to verify credentials, embedding a national quality assurance mechanism insulated from compromise.

The policy invokes Section 10(1) of the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, 1985, assigning enforcement responsibility to NERD,

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Nigerian Women Protest For Reserved Seats In Parliament

Hundreds of women protested in the Nigerian capital on Monday to push for a bill that would add women-only seats in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Several African countries, from Senegal to Rwanda, have increased the number of women legislators by using quota systems.

Nigeria, which has no such system, only counts four women senators out of 109 and 16 women in the 360-

member House of Representatives, according to the Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC), a local NGO.

Dubbed the "Special Seats Bill", the legislation would add one woman-only seat for both the House and the Senate in each of Nigeria's 36 states plus the Federal Capital Territory, though implementing the changes would require a constitutional amendment.

"We want the legislature to work for women," said Dorothy Njemanze, one of the organisers, who said she had counted more than 1,000 demonstrators in attendance.

Women's groups from across the country converged in Abuja, organising a caravan of buses, vans and a truck blasting up-tempo Afrobeats music that snaked through the wide boulevards of the planned city.

Advocates say that reserved seats would serve as a corrective to the financial barriers, entrenched gender roles and a domination of politics by male power brokers that keep women out of power in Africa's most populous nation.

The caravan ended with the delivery of signatures in support of the legislation to a House committee holding a hearing on constitutional reform.

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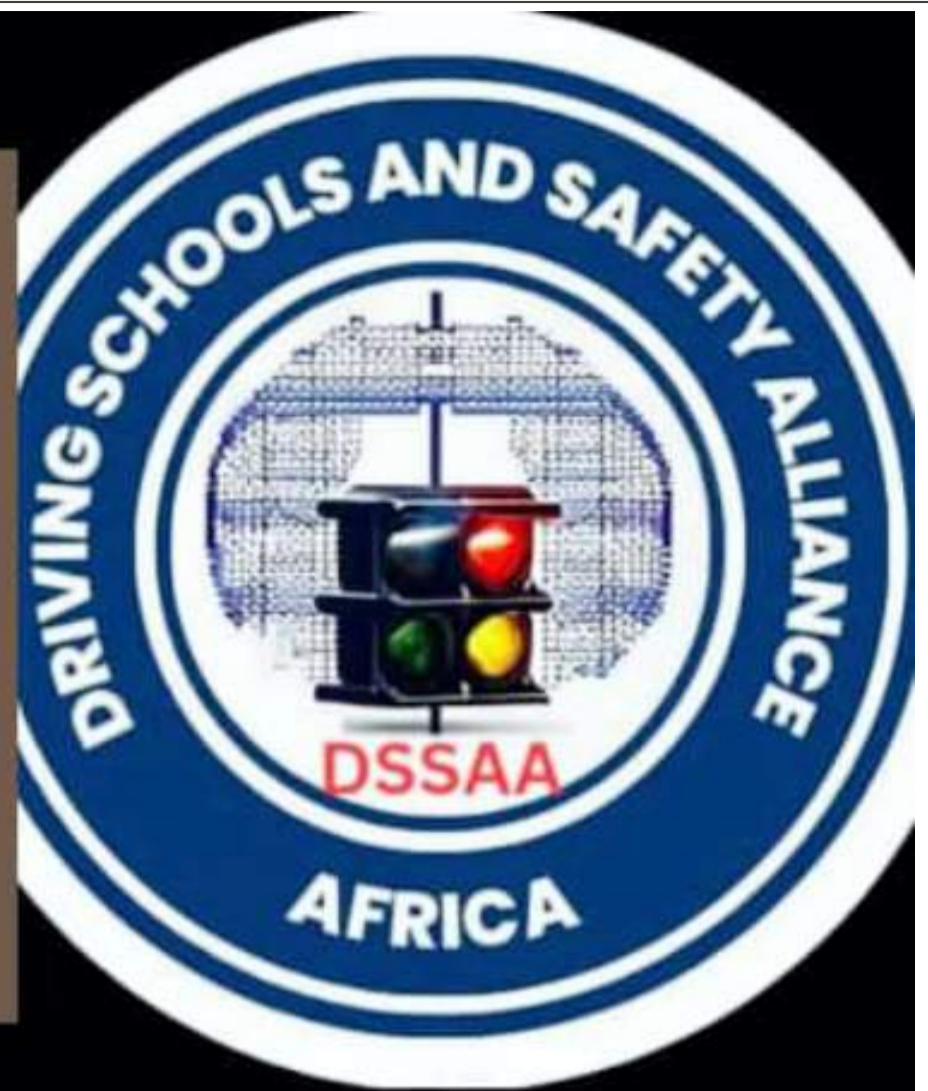


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