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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Osun State has cautioned drivers, passengers, and other road users against attacking its personnel or attempting to offer them bribes while on duty.

Sector Commander, Mr. Leye Adegboyega, gave the warning on Thursday during the investiture of the Chief Medical Director of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex (OAUTHC), Prof. John Okeniyi, and pharmaceutical industrialist, Dr. Sam Olawoye, as Honourary Special Marshals at the state command headquarters.

Adegboyega condemned a recent attack on FRSC operatives by members of the Allied Truck Transport Association of Nigeria (ATTAN), noting that the perpetrators have since expressed regret and are now engaging in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

He stressed that the commission maintains strong collaboration with sister security agencies across the state to support its operations and curb future assaults on personnel.

The sector commander also warned motorists against offering bribes to officers, revealing that one of his men rejected attempts at bribery 120 times in August alone.

"He will be honoured for his integrity," Adegboyega said.

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Adegboyega

Ekiti Awards N3.8bn For Const'ction Of Aviation Staff Quarters

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The Ekiti State Government announced on Thursday that it has awarded a contract worth N3.86 billion for the construction of Aviation Staff Quarters at the Ekiti State Agro-Allied International Cargo Airport, Ado-Ekiti.

A statement from the Special Adviser on Information and Value Orientation, Mr Taiwo Olatunbosun, said it was part of the decisions reached at the weekly Executive Council meeting held in Ado-Ekiti.

Olatunbosun stated that the construction of staff quarters was part of ongoing efforts to ensure the successful operational takeoff of the Ekiti State Agro-Allied International Cargo Airport, Ado-Ekiti.

"The Ekiti State Government secured 14 residential flats comprising six two-bedroom flats and eight three-bedroom flats located at the GRA, Ado-Ekiti, to accommodate the aviation personnel deployed to the facility. These quarters provide a conducive living environment essential for staff productivity and welfare.

"The approval is to address the need to

construct purpose-built aviation staff quarters within the external perimeter fence of the Airport in line with standard industry practice across Nigeria to optimise operational efficiency, enhance security of the Airport installations and reduce both transit time and daily transportation costs associated with commuting from GRA to the airport," he said.

The Special Adviser stated that the proposed quarters approved are to be constructed by Messrs. CCECC Nigeria Limited, adding that they will consist of 40 residential units, comprising 32 self-contained apartments for junior and middle cadre officers, six one-bedroom apartments for senior staff, and two two-bedroom apartments for management staff.

"The scope of work also includes external infrastructure, construction of car parking lots and installation of a simple direct flame incinerator to serve as a Solid Waste Management System for the entire Airport," he said.

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The ceremony, which took place on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025, at Odolu Efu in Oganenigwu Ward, Dekina Local Government Area, was performed by the Ministry of Energy and Rural Development on behalf of the state government.

Speaking at the event, the Kogi State Project Coordinator of RAAMP commended Governor Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo for embarking on the construction of the road after several decades of neglect, noting that the project would open up rural communities and ease transportation challenges.

On his part, the managing director of Swaleys Nigeria Ltd expressed appreciation to the government for entrusting the company with the project. He described Governor Ododo as a



Governor Ododo

leader with deep concern for rural communities in Kogi State.

According to him, the project was designed in phases: the first phase involved survey and tracking, which had been completed a few weeks ago, while the second phase, which has now commenced, involves clearing, setting out, and full construction work.

Thousands of residents from the area,

cutting across 11 communities in Oganenigwu Ward, namely Ajachaga, Ajatalawo, Odolu Efu, Odolu Ojegbe, Otutulu, Awujeje, Oti Ate, Oti Ogane, Ugbabo, Ajadafo, expressed excitement over what they described as a wonderful development in the history of their ward. A community leader, the Gago, recalled that the road had been in a deplorable state for several decades, leading to

enormous losses of abundant farm produce due to the lack of access roads to nearby markets in Anyigba and Bagana.

Also speaking, a critical stakeholder from Oganenigwu Ward, Dr. Oholi Hassan Abdulrahman, thanked Governor Ododo and his predecessor, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, for coming to the rescue of the people.

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Flight Data Centre Enhancing Nigeria's Aviation Safety - Najomo

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The Director-General, Civil Aviation (DGCA), Capt. Chris Najomo has described the establishment of the Flight Data Centre by the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) as a clear declaration of Nigeria's commitment to aviation safety.

The DGCA made this assertion today while declaring open a one-day training workshop for frontline managers for the Flight Data Centre held at the Authority's headquarters in Abuja.

The DGCA highlighted that the flight data centre was so significant that it was personally commissioned by the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Mr. Festus Keyamo, SAN. According to Capt. Najomo, the centre represents not just infrastructure, but a clear declaration of Nigeria's commitment to aviation safety.

"We are investing in your capacity and competence. This is more than a training programme—it is an investment in our collective future and a clear statement of

our commitment to excellence," Capt. Najomo said.

He affirmed that the centre allows for proactive collection, flight data analysis and identification of potential safety deficiencies with a view to addressing them before they escalate into serious incidents or accidents.

Capt. Najomo recognized the need to move oversight methodology from compliance-based to performance-based (from being reactive) to being proactive and predictive.

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Capt Najomo

UNN Maritime Institute Expands Programmes, Unveils Research Journal

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The University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN), through its Institute of Maritime Studies, has announced major expansions in its academic programmes and research initiatives.

Director of the Institute, Prof. Florence Orabueze, disclosed this on Wednesday at a two-day capacity-building workshop held at the university's Enugu Campus.

She revealed that the institute has introduced five new postgraduate programmes in Maritime Blue Economy, Maritime Disaster Risk Management, Maritime Economics and Trade, Marine Ocean Engineering, and Maritime Cruise Tourism, Health, and Hospitality Management.

According to her, the new offerings, which include PGD, M.Sc., and Ph.D. programmes, are designed to equip students with globally relevant skills and enhance Nigeria's competitiveness in the maritime sector.

"The Institute under my leadership has expanded its curriculum to include five

new programmes, from certification to Ph.D. level, providing broad-based opportunities for candidates passionate about building academic and professional careers in the maritime industry," Orabueze said.

She also announced the launch of the institute's maiden research publication, The University of Nigeria Maritime Studies and Research Journal, which seeks to advance local and international maritime scholarship.

The workshop, themed "Retraining the Trainers: Fostering a Culture of Academic Excellence," emphasized the importance of updating teaching methodologies in line with global best practices. Prof. Orabueze underscored the need for continuous professional development to sustain quality maritime education.

Vice Chancellor of UNN, Prof. Simon Uchenna Ortuanya, represented by Prof. Robinson Onuora Ugwoke, Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, described the expansion as strategic to Nigeria's maritime development.

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Speaking during an interview with newsmen, the commissioner explained that the payment marked a significant milestone in the government's commitment to compensating those whose properties fall within the construction corridor of the Circular Road project.

"Like I said earlier, this is the first time we are making compensation for the first segment in the settlement," Mr Funmilayo stated.

According to him, a total of 298 property owners and properties were affected in the first segment of the project, with 193 already compensated.

"The leftover is 105, which I have told



Circular Road Project

you. We are still expecting them to come for screening so that we will be able to affect the people," he added.

Mr Funmilayo emphasised the importance of the screening process, explaining that it is designed to ensure that only genuine beneficiaries receive the payments.

"The rationale behind this screening is for us to know that the right beneficiaries are there. So, we have 105 left and we are

ready to pay them. If they show up today, we guarantee that we will pay some of them," he said.

The commissioner disclosed that while N780 million has already been disbursed, the total compensation liability stood at approximately N980 million.

He also noted that the remaining property owners have not yet presented themselves for the required verification.

"Those people that have refused to come for screening, it was fine. We went to carry out the enumeration on the field," he explained.

He raised concerns about potential fraud and stressed the need for due diligence.

"It is not unlikely that some bad guys might want to come for screening. We are still asking for some documents, identity, and some other assisting facts. So, they are nowhere to be expected," he warned.

Mr Funmilayo said the ministry has documented the names of the yet-to-be-screened beneficiaries and is ready to process their claims as soon as they comply.

"I think I have a video copy of their names. I think they are 106. So, we are expecting them," he said.

The commissioner also mentioned that further public sensitisation will be carried out to encourage the affected individuals to come forward.

"Apart from your support in this regard, we will go on the media as well to make a public announcement.

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Police Caution Drivers On Gwara-Basirka Road After Bridge Collapse

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Police in Jigawa State have warned drivers on the Gwaram-Basirka road to exercise extra caution following the collapse of the Bagadaza bridge due to heavy rain.

Spokesman of the command, SP Lawan Shiisu Adam, stated this in a statement issued to DAILY POST on Thursday evening.

According to him, "Drivers following Gwaram to Basirka to Darazau should drive with caution as the Bazadaza bridge collapsed."

He said the command had already deployed its personnel to guide travellers on the right route to follow.

He urged drivers to cooperate with security agencies and drive carefully to avoid accidents.

SP Shiisu reiterated the command's commitment to protecting the lives and property of citizens.

The bridge is located along the highway linking communities in Kano and Jigawa with some North-East states.

DAILY POST reported that last year, 21 persons died in a bridge collapse in Gwaram Local Government Area.

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The Federal Government has said it did not hike the prices of the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

It noted that the recent increases were from the private investors.

The Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative (PCNGI), Brands and Corporate Communications Manager, Matilda Johnson, made this known in a press on Thursday.

PCNGI said, "It must also be emphasized that the recent pump price adjustments announced by certain operators are purely private-sector decisions and not the outcome of any government directive or policy."

The described the reports which attributed the upward review of prices on the PCNGI as misleading.

The statement reads in part, "The Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas (PiCNG) wishes to address recent misleading and outright false reports suggesting that the Federal Government has removed subsidy or increased the price of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). This

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is incorrect.

"For absolute clarity: while pricing matters fall under the purview of the appropriate regulatory agencies, no directive or policy has been issued by the Federal Government to alter CNG pump prices.

"The mandate of PiCNG, as directed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, is to catalyze the development of the CNG mobility market and ensure the adoption of a cheaper, cleaner, and more sustainable alternative to Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) and diesel across the country.

"So far, through the collaboration and commitment of relevant government agencies, the sector has witnessed monumental enthusiasm and growth.

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Tinubu Committed To Improving Roads To Boost Economy



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This is just as the lawmaker pledged that the All Progressives Congress in the Southwest will deliver nothing less than 10million votes for the re-election of Tinubu in 2027.

Oseni hailed President Tinubu's massive investment in road rehabilitation and reconstruction, saying that, having traversed

the length and breadth of the country as the Chairman House Committee on FERMA, there was no denying the fact that the present administration is doing a lot to lay a solid foundation for a recalibrated Nigeria that will show the way forward for the continent of Africa.

The lawmaker stated that, unfortunately, the opposition party, sadly enough, would rather keep their blind eyes to the significant progress being made under Tinubu's administration and focus on the challenges to gain acceptability, warning Nigerians to beware of such unprogressive antics.

Oseni stated that with lots of ongoing diverse development initiatives as well as those mapped out for implementation, there is no denying the fact that a new and prosperous Nigeria that will lead the way forward for the African continent is on the horizon.

The Federal lawmaker disclosed this while speaking at a media parley held in Lagos on Thursday.

Oseni said that in the course of performing the oversight function, he and other members of the committee had travelled around the country and had been privileged to be confronted with numerous infrastructural upgrades that are being done by the present administration to change the poor narration.

The lawmaker explained further that even the efficiency of FERMA with more budgetary allocation and support from the government has improved significantly, as they are also across the country helping to solve the challenge of the poor road network.

He explained that "We have been to nearly all states where the Federal Government is either rehabilitating or reconstructing Federal roads.

"This assignment has also given us the opportunity to see other road infrastructure projects that the Federal Government has been executing across the federation.

"Our findings clearly show that Nigeria is in transition from the period of disparate road infrastructure to an era

of linking our economy to the development of strategic transport infrastructure projects.

"We have seen existing federal roads undergoing either massive rehabilitation or outright reconstruction, both in the North and South."

The lawmaker further said, "We have also seen the speed at which the administration of President Bola Ahmed is implementing legacy projects – Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway and Sokoto-Badagry Superhighway.

"Also, the resolve of this administration to reconstruct the Ibadan-Ilesha-Akure-Benin

Highway is one of such purpose-driven road development projects, and we are privy to diverse initiatives the administration has been taking to connect all states of the federation together.

"These initiatives, for me, are based on the conviction of the administration that effective transportation is the lifeblood of every economy.

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Held at the Arthur Mbanéfo Digital Research Centre at UNILAG, the event, tagged "Sustainable Integrated Multi-Modal Transportation for National Development," was attended by professionals from all walks of life.

National Publicity Secretary, Dr. Chizoba Anyika revealed that the formal induction of students into CloTA marked a significant milestone in their academic and professional journey, as they joined a community dedicated to transforming Nigeria's transport landscape.

In his opening remarks, the President of CloTA, Prince Segun Obayendo,



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represented by the innovation, and early practical professional National Publicity Secretary, hailed the preparation. collaboration as a watershed moment, underscoring a shared belief that the future of transportation must be built on knowledge, ethical leadership, and

modal transportation as a "game changer" for the sector. He emphasised how integrating roads, rail, and waterways can revolutionise mobility and cited the critical importance of data-informed approaches in supporting operational efficiency.

"The time has come for enhanced training and specialised expertise for transport professionals. Also, we must encourage Nigerians to embrace and use the infrastructure provided by the government," Prof. Badejo remarked.

By merging ceremony with thoughtful discourse, the event underscored the synergy between academic study and sector-wide application. It served as a clear declaration of intent, a commitment to foster talent, reinforce professionalism, and promote integrated solutions in Nigeria's transport infrastructure.

As the event concluded, CloTA reaffirmed its promise to mentor and support these newly inducted professionals through ongoing collaboration, targeted training, and strategic opportunities for growth.

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Mushin Residents Applaud Road Project, Lament Temporary Hardship



Mushin area

Residents of Mushin have commended the Chairman of the Local Council, Haruna Olatunbosun Haruwe, for the ongoing road construction project near Olosa bus stop.

The project, which involves the demolition of parts of some buildings to allow road expansion, will deliver an interlocked road with streetlights and covered drainage, according to the engineer in charge, Mr Bankole.

He explained that residents were informed before work began. "We gave them an awareness by marking how many metres we will be going into their compound," he said.

Some residents who spoke to The Guardian expressed gratitude despite the temporary

inconveniences. A pharmacist, Kunle Olayemi, whose building was affected, said he was not worried because the project would add value to properties in the area. "It affects me, but it doesn't matter because when they do it, the road will be wider and they are going to put street lights so the value of the property here goes up, the rent goes up, and proper drainage will be done," he said.

He noted that only those who built too close to the road were heavily affected. "People who didn't give enough allowance are the ones who are directly affected. This building is supposed to go down. When I was building my three-storey building, I moved back totally so even if they pull down the fence it won't affect me because I gave enough allowance," he added.

Another pharmacist, Patience, described the development as good but lamented its impact on her business. "It's affecting me now because people who want to buy

from us will not see a road to pass because of the blockage. I thought they would first clear the sand they bring out before doing the second one, but they blocked the road totally. You know old men cannot pass this place, neither can old women; only people with strength can pass through," she said.

A trader, Oluwayemisi Alarape, stated that the project was for the benefit of the community, although sales were being affected. "It's not affecting us because we know that when they are done with the project, we will be the ones to enjoy it.

Though the construction is really affecting sales, we urge the government to make this construction snappy," she said.

Another trader, Jay Peters, urged residents to look beyond the temporary difficulties. "The construction affects everybody, but in the meantime, it is for the betterment of the community. If you are talking about today, what about tomorrow?

Tomorrow will be better than today," he said.

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Emirates NBD Secures \$350m Aircraft Financing Deal With Emirates Airlines



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Emirates NBD (“the Bank”), a leading banking group in the Middle East, North Africa and Türkiye (MENAT) region, has signed a USD 350 million aircraft financing deal with Emirates Airline. The facility supports the airline in the delivery of two Boeing 777-200LRF (Long Range Freighter) aircraft, further supporting Emirates SkyCargo's fleet expansion and growth strategy, and reinforcing Dubai and the UAE's position as a centre for global trade and logistics. This landmark transaction marks Emirates NBD's first dedicated freighter mortgage style financing partnership with Emirates, secured after a competitive process, and builds on the long-standing partnership between both organisations. It also highlights the bank's Aviation Desk sectoral expertise and capability to deliver tailored, large-scale

aviation financing solutions, and its continued alignment with national strategic priorities and contribution to the UAE's economic diversification efforts and

GDP growth. This milestone transaction also underscores Emirates NBD's broader strategy to back critical infrastructure

development in the UAE and deepen its longstanding partnership with Emirates, further strengthening trade flows across Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas

through Dubai's strategic air corridor. For Emirates, this deal represents the first time it uses a direct, mortgage style aircraft financing structure without a

traditional offshore Special Purpose Company (SPC) setup, demonstrating the airline's strategic shift toward more streamlined financing approaches. For Emirates NBD, the transaction strengthens the bank's position as a key financial partner in aviation, expanding its aircraft financing expertise while supporting major UAE companies. Ahmed Al Qassim, Group Head of Wholesale Banking, Emirates NBD, said: “This landmark financing for Emirates Airline demonstrates Emirates NBD's continued commitment to supporting the core sectors that drive the UAE's economic vision. Our long-standing partnership with Emirates Airline, a key industry leader, is the result of our specialised capabilities in delivering flexible aviation finance solutions to our clients. *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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Nigeria Calls For Inclusive Economic Diplomacy For Africa's Growth

Culled: Nigeria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, has called for a decisive shift from aid-driven development to investment-led growth, anchored on inclusive economic diplomacy that empowers women, youth, and marginalised groups.

Delivering a keynote address at the Policy Innovation Centre, 2025 Gender Summit in Abuja, Tuggar praised organisers for convening the dialogue at a "a pivotal point in our continent's development."

"This High-Level Plenary has clear goals: to show how economic diplomacy can drive inclusive growth by removing barriers for women, youth, and marginalised groups; to shape a Gender and Inclusion Framework for Economic Diplomacy; to promote stronger collaboration among governments, business, and civil society; and to present practical recommendations that strengthen governance and empower vulnerable communities," he said.

The Minister, highlighting Africa's strengths, noted its combined GDP of \$2.8 trillion and projected population of 2.5 billion by 2050, but warned that these resources could



Yusuf Tuggar

not be fully harnessed without inclusion.

"Nigeria, one of Africa's largest economies, with a GDP of N372.8 trillion, approximately \$243 billion USD, occupies a strategic position in shaping this trajectory," Tuggar explained.

He cited structural barriers, including Africa's low intra-continental trade of only 18 per cent compared to Asia's 59 per cent and Europe's 69 per cent.

He also noted education gaps, pointing to UNESCO's 2024 reports, which revealed that "7.6 million Nigerian girls are still out of school, with the Northwest and Northeast accounting for nearly half of that number."

On governance, Tuggar decried women's underrepresentation, saying: "African women hold just 27.3% of parliamentary seats, and fewer than a quarter of executive

positions in the banking and finance sector.

In Nigeria, the percentage of women in the National Assembly is even lower, with just 4.2% representation."

The Minister cited a 2019 Council on Foreign Relations report that forecast Nigeria's GDP could rise by 23 percent; about \$229 billion, if women participated equally in the economy.

"The data further reminds us of a simple truth: growth

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Nigeria Can Overcome Corruption - EFCC C'man

Culled:

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), has urged Nigerians to imbibe the culture of transparency and accountability to fully eradicate corruption in the country.

The Chairman of EFCC, Mr Ola Olukayode, made the call at the 12th annual conference of the Association of Communication Scholars and Professionals of Nigeria (ACSPN) in Effurun, Delta.

The anti-graft chairman was represented at the event by Mr Williams Oseghale, an Assistant Commander and Head of Public Affairs, Benin Zonal Directorate of the Commission.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), reports that the programme was sponsored by the Tantita Security Services Nigeria Limited (TSSNL), a private pipeline security outfit contracted by the federal government.

In his keynote address, Olukayode said that good governance could be attained if we collectively play our roles as good citizens.

"The onus is on us as individuals to be accountable, transparent and commit to due process and procedures.

"Every challenge around Nigeria's socio-economic development today can be traced to the consequences of corruption.

"The rising problems of unemployment, insecurity, poverty, diseases, low life expectancy, hunger, kidnappings and others are the results of mismanagement, misapplication and embezzlement of our resources by those entrusted with them," he said.

The EFCC boss said that it was worrisome that Nigeria was regarded as a nation with entrenched culture of corruption and impunity in Africa.

Olukayode appealed to the media to help change the narrative by stepping up advocacy against corruption.

He also appealed to the media practitioners to desist from glamorising corruption.

"Today, I urge media practitioners to

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APC, Opposition Clash Over FG's Revenue Growth Claim



Tinubu

Culled: The All Progressives Congress and opposition parties on Wednesday clashed over President Bola Tinubu's claim that Nigeria has already achieved its 2025 revenue target.

While the APC insisted that

the President has placed Nigeria on the path of economic recovery, the African Democratic Congress, Labour Party, New Nigeria Peoples Party and the Coalition of United Political Parties accused Tinubu of celebrating statistics while citizens struggle under

severe economic hardship.

Also, economists expressed scepticism about the President's assertion that the Federal Government had stopped borrowing locally, as they called for clarification from the managers of the economy.

The experts pointed to the continuous debt market operations by the Debt Management Office and the Central Bank of Nigeria, questioning the president's assertion and its alignment with the current economic realities.

For years, Nigeria has depended heavily on crude oil, which accounts for about 70 per cent of government revenue and over 90 per cent of foreign exchange earnings.

Successive administrations have repeatedly promised to diversify

the economy, yet oil has remained the main source of revenue.

In 2023, upon assuming office, President Tinubu launched a series of reforms aimed at repositioning the economy.

One of his most significant steps was the removal of fuel subsidy, a policy that has since triggered severe economic hardship. The removal pushed up transport costs, worsened food inflation, fuelled a foreign exchange crisis, and deepened the overall cost-of-living burden for millions of Nigerians, while freeing more revenues for the government.

Although federal allocations to states have increased under Tinubu's administration, the impact has not been felt at the grassroots level.

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80m Nigerian Youth Jobless, 1,500 Schools Shut In Two Years

Culled:
 A new report by an independent humanitarian non-profit organisation, Plan International Nigeria, said that nearly 80 million Nigerian youths are unemployed, while over 1,500 schools have been shut in the past two years due to insecurity. While raising alarm over the worsening conditions confronting young people in the country, the report stated that the development had left approximately one million children out of school. Titled "State of the Nigerian Youth Report 2025", the document presented in Abuja on Thursday by

the Advocacy and Youth Programme Officer at Plan International Nigeria, Jonathan Abakpa, painted a troubling picture of wasted opportunities in a country where over 60 per cent of the population is below the age of 30. The report, produced in collaboration with ActionAid Nigeria and contributions from policy and advocacy experts, was presented at the Nigerian Youth Dialogue in commemoration of International Youth Day, organised by the House of Representatives Committee on Youth in Parliament. According to Abakpa, with a population of more than 200 million

and one of the largest youth populations in the world, Nigeria should be a powerhouse of innovation and growth. He, however, said that unemployment, insecurity, poverty, and poor infrastructure continue to weigh heavily on young people, warning that unless urgent action is taken, the country risks losing its greatest asset. It disclosed that each year, about 1.7 million graduates leave tertiary institutions, but jobs remain elusive. "This is not just a statistic. It represents shattered dreams and wasted talent. The desperation is

pushing many into irregular migration, cybercrime, and other risky coping mechanisms", Abakpa stated. According to the report, more than 600,000 people have been killed and 2.2 million kidnapped in recent years, saying that many victims are young people. Abakpa said the tragedy of insecurity is not only the loss of lives but also the collapse of opportunities. He said: "Over 1,500 schools have been shut down in the past two years, leaving one million children out of school. Education, which should be a ladder of opportunity, has been violently pulled away from them."

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Nigeria Harnesses Traditional Medicine For Modern Healthcare

Nigeria is determined to revolutionise its healthcare system by transforming traditional medicine into evidence-based medicine, to fully harness its potential. At an event in Lagos, the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA) said it was at the forefront of integrating traditional medicine into modern healthcare. According to the NNMDA Director General, the Agency aims to preserve

Nigeria's indigenous knowledge, promote innovation in healthcare, and empower communities through the integration of natural medicine with its initiatives. He identified documentation as being a great challenge, due to poor regulation, training concerns and safety issues, which he said, would be surmounted, with the right political will. A neurotoxicologist and integrative medicine expert, Dr. John Tor-Agbidye

highlighted the importance of training and documentation in building trust and credibility in traditional medicine. He recommended empowering the traditional medicine council; establishing traditional medicine colleges and documentation centers as well as providing funds and incentives. Other measures are raising public awareness of evidence-based Traditional Medicine and providing financial support for research,

encouraging innovation, new drug discovery, and protecting cultural heritage for future generations. The Pioneer Head of Department, Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine in the Federal Ministry of Health, Hajiya Zainab Shariff noted that Nigeria has professional herbal practitioners who can turn natural medicinal plants into ready-to-use medicines for various ailments.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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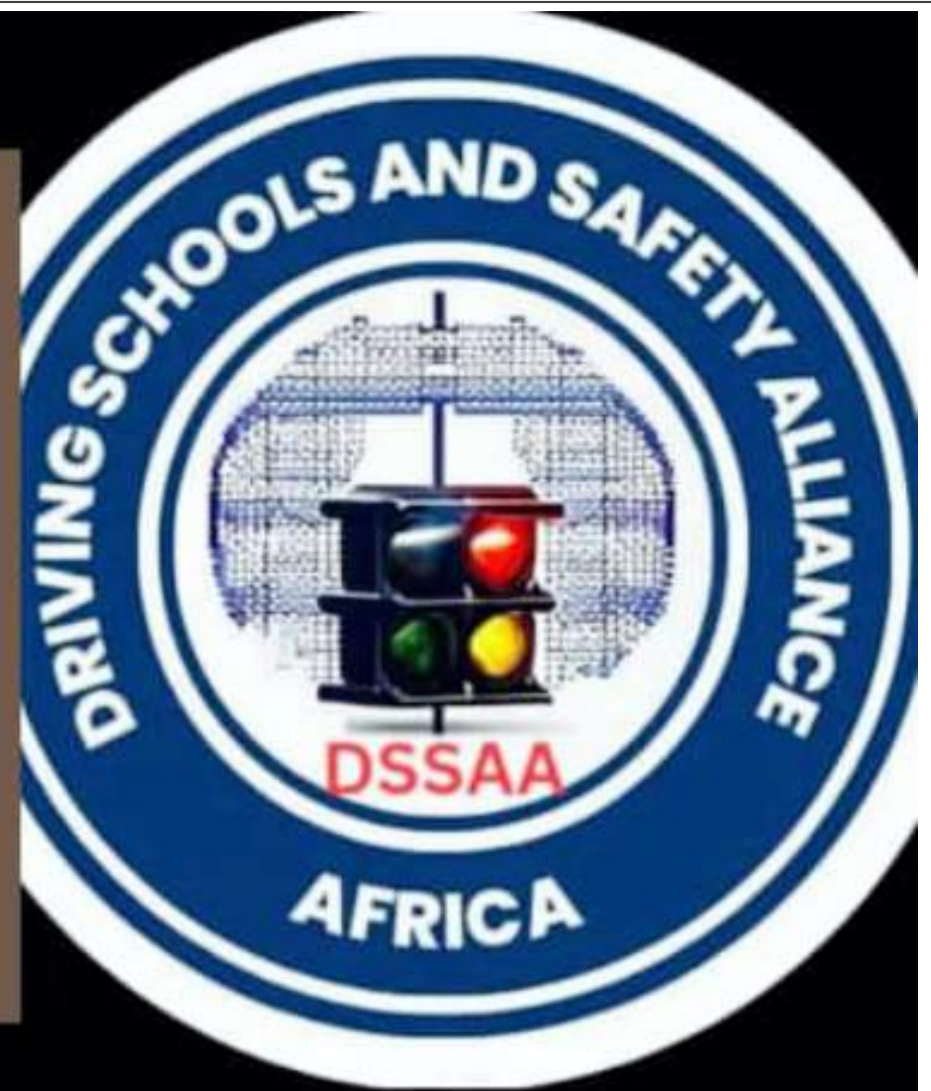


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