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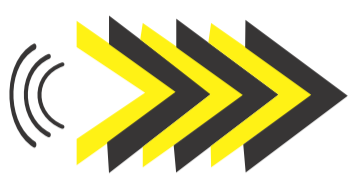
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The country secured a resounding 163 votes out of 185, thus confirming its influence and leadership in international aviation.

The announcement of the re-election was made by the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, who led Nigeria's delegation to the 41st ICAO Assembly.

"Dear compatriots, glad to announce that in the last 15 minutes, Nigeria has just been re-elected into Part 2 of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada, along with eleven other countries (two others from Africa-Egypt and South Africa). Nigeria's representative to ICAO, Mahmoud Ben-Tukur, will take Nigeria's seat in the Council.

"As leader of Nigeria's delegation, I was

privileged to participate in the voting sessions of Parts 1 and 2 on behalf of Nigeria. A total of 185 countries were eligible to vote. Nigeria scored 163 votes," an elated Keyamo said shortly after the re-election.

He described the victory as not just a diplomatic achievement but also a triumph of years of effort, negotiation, and determination to strengthen Nigeria's voice in global aviation policymaking.

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Stakeholders at the ICAO

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The statement reads in part; "In line with our priority on passenger welfare after the August 26, 2025 incident, NRC wishes to state that: Out of the 583 passengers on board, 530 passengers were contacted by phone, out of which 512 have successfully received refunds.

"All 22 injured passengers have been contacted, many visited by our medical team, and will enjoy one free ride per week until December 31, 2025.

"All 618 people on board during the August 26, 2025 accident will be entitled to one free ride before December 31, 2025."

The train service time table as provided in the release, states;

Abuja-Kaduna	
IDU:	8.45
Kubwa:	9.05
Rigassa:	12.42 (Arrive)
Kaduna-Abuja	
Rigassa:	14.30
Kubwa:	18.02
IDU:	18.23 (Arrive)

Subsequently every Wednesday has been scheduled as maintenance for the Abuja-Kaduna Train Service.

The NRC according to the press release appreciates the patience and understanding of all Nigerians especially train passengers during the period of the suspension and reaffirms

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Stakeholders expressed concern over persistently low travel rates and rising ticket fares since the pandemic, noting that technological disruptions had also negatively affected travel patterns.

Managing Director of Finchglow Travels, Mr. Ezekiel Ikotun, highlighted foreign exchange volatility as a major obstacle for the sector. He urged travel agents and customers to uphold professionalism in their operations.

Ikotun added that the PPC, themed "Boosting Travel Demand, Airline and



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Consolidator Insights," was designed to consolidate knowledge, strengthen airline-trade partner collaboration, and equip travel agencies with tools to thrive in a competitive environment.

He said, "Travellers' buying strength has gone down due to so many factors, including Forex, when airlines' funds were trapped, airlines had to increase the ticket fares, and that has affected

the travel behaviours of our buyers. "2019 was the highest, when we look at the industry revenue, but as we speak, we are yet to reach that milestone, simply because of the forex challenge, at that time the exchange rate was below N300, it's like N1500, but there has been a tremendous improvement, in the post COVID-19 when it has to do with travel, I am hopeful, I'm optimistic

that by next year, we will meet the stage we were in pre-COVID-19 and then start to scale up.

"So, because the origin and destination violation which was mentioned as Agency Debit Memo (ADM), was due to a high fare, and in a bit for some travel agencies to be able to beat the fare and get something relatively cheaper, they have to go as far as manipulating or

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## POST UTME AND DIRECT ENTRY ONLINE SCREENING EXERCISE FOR THE 2025/2026 ACADEMIC SESSION

The Management of Federal University of Transportation, Daura wishes to inform all candidates who applied for admission into the University through the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and scored 150 points and above with the relevant Five O'Level credits, and Direct Entry (DE) candidates that Online Screening Exercise for the **2025/2026 Academic Session** is scheduled to commence from **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**.

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*Signed:*  
Mal. Umar Faruk Bayu  
Registrar

## Local Transport News

# Pirates Abduct 17 Passengers On Oron-Calabar Waterway

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Seventeen passengers travelling by boat from Oron in Akwa Ibom State to Calabar, Cross River State, have been abducted by pirates, deepening concerns over rising insecurity along Nigeria's coastal routes.

The Cross-River State Police Command confirmed the incident on Saturday, saying the attack occurred on Thursday shortly after the boat left Oron.

Deputy police public relations officer in the state, Igri Ewa, told reporters in Calabar that security operatives had begun efforts to rescue the victims. "The command is already working to ensure the prompt rescue of the passengers," Ewa said.

He disclosed that a serving police officer from Akwa Ibom and a well-known Cross River politician, who were on board, narrowly escaped abduction.

A passenger who spoke on condition of anonymity said the pirates intercepted the vessel a few minutes after departure. "They stopped our boat, transferred

some passengers to their boat, and when their boat was full, they took off. When we arrived at the Inland Waterways Jetty, the police questioned us and later took our statements," the passenger recounted.

The incident is the second major abduction on the same route this year. In April, 20 passengers travelling from Oron to Calabar were taken by pirates.

The Oron-Calabar corridor has become notorious for kidnappings and piracy, forcing many travellers to rely on water

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Pirates

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On Friday, Dangote suspended the sale of petrol in naira, citing the depletion of its crude-for-naira allocation.

Nigeria began selling crude oil and refined petroleum products in naira to local refineries on October 1, 2024, in a bid to boost supply, save foreign exchange on imports, and ease pump prices.

On March 10, 2025, recall that the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited halted the naira-for-crude deal until 2030 after forward-selling all its crude oil.

Days later, Dangote refinery announced a temporary halt in naira-denominated fuel sales. But on April 9, the federal government confirmed the continuation of the scheme beyond the first phase, which ended on March 31.

On May 9, Wale Edun, minister of finance and coordinating minister of the economy, said more updates on the naira-for-crude deal would be provided in due course.

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# Customs Target 48-hour Cargo Clearance With New Initiative

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The Nigeria Customs Service has unveiled a One-Stop-Shop initiative aimed at reducing cargo clearance times from an average of 21 days to 48 hours.

According to a statement issued by the service and posted on its X handle on Sunday, OSS was unveiled during a meeting with NCS Management and Customs Area Controllers in Abuja on Thursday.

The statement noted that the reform was presented by Comptroller-General of Customs Adewale Adeniyi as a "transformative shift" that aligned with global best practice and the Federal Government's Ease of Doing Business agenda.

He stressed that the reform is designed to sanitise operations, reduce duplication of efforts, and ensure predictability in Customs procedures.

"The OSS initiative will not only shorten clearance time from 21 days to 48 hours, but it will also strengthen trader confidence, restore transparency, and make our operations more business-friendly," the CGC said.



Custom Officers

While acknowledging the role of technology in Customs operations, Adeniyi emphasised the importance of physical engagement with officers.

"As much as technology has helped us, it has its limits. There are moments when physical presence coming together under one roof adds weight and value to our deliberations. Meetings like this strengthen our unity of purpose and ensure we speak with one voice," he

noted.

Under the OSS framework, the statement said all Customs units will work jointly on flagged declarations, so consignments cleared under the scheme will not be subject to re-interception.

The move is intended to cut costs for importers, speed up trade flows and reduce opportunities for delay and corruption.

The statement added that NCS will also

deploy a central dashboard to track clearance times, interventions and stakeholder satisfaction as part of strengthened accountability measures.

Adeniyi said the initiative recognises the role of technology but also stressed the continuing value of physical engagement among officers.

He told Area Controllers that the OSS is supported by the NCS Act 2023 and is consistent with the World Trade Organisation's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

The Comptroller-General said the OSS will be piloted at Apapa, Tin Can Island and Onne ports before a nationwide rollout.

"This is not just a policy. It is a statement of intent that reflects our determination to build a modern, transparent, and trader-friendly Customs Service," he said.

The statement concluded that following discussions on implementation, Customs Area Controllers pledged their full support and promised to drive the reform at command level to meet the 48-hour clearance target.

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# Nigeria Loses N2.5trn To Maritime Logistics Inefficiencies - TT

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Truck Transit Parks (TTP), promoters of the Electronic Call-up System (ETO), have revealed that Nigeria has lost over N2.5 trillion to inefficiencies in maritime transport logistics.

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Speaking at the 2025 Transportation Correspondents Association annual conference, Managing Director of TTP, Mr. Jama Onwubuariri said that there is an urgent need for collaborative partnerships between government, private sector, and regional bodies which is key to successful logistics sector.

Onwubuariri also said that deployment of digital tools like TTP's Ètò App has revolutionized traffic management at the ports in Lagos.

He explained that during the gridlock crisis, traffic stretched from Cele

Expressway to Maryland in Ikeja, as trucks queued endlessly to access Apapa and Tin-Can Ports.

He said: "Cost surged due to inefficiencies and extortion as transporters could not work efficiently as only 50 trucks were evacuated daily from one terminal operator.

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Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni paid an inspection visit to the ongoing Damaturu flyover and underpass project, as well as the Damaturu-Gambir road project, on Saturday.

Buni was accompanied by key officials, including Deputy Governor Idi Barde Gubana, Commissioners for Works and Finance, and other top government functionaries.

Yobe Governor, Buni inspection of flyover and underpass project in Damaturu metropolitan....Photo Credit: State House

The governor expressed satisfaction with the project's quality and progress, noting that it would alleviate congestion in the city centre and mitigate flooding along Gashua Road.

"I am happy with the quality and speed of work on the flyover project; the contractors have so far lived up to expectations, with strict adherence to the contractual agreements.

"When completed, this would greatly reduce the problem of congestion here at the city centre as well as the menace of floods into houses along the major roads,

# Yobe Governor Inspects Flyover, Road Projects

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The Commissioner for Works, Umar Duda, assured that site engineers were monitoring the project to ensure compliance and value for money.

He said the contractors confirmed that the project would be completed within the stipulated timeframe.

The governor also inspected the Damaturu-Gambir road project, highlighting its economic importance in facilitating the transportation of agricultural products from local communities to Damaturu, the state capital.

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# FG Moves To Avert Fuel Supply Crisis, Promises Stability



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The Federal Government on Sunday assured Nigerians that there would be no disruption in the supply of refined petroleum products, following concerns over the Naira-for-crude oil arrangement and disputes involving the Dangote Refinery.

In a statement issued by the Ministry of Finance after a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Domestic Crude Oil and Refined Products Sales in Local Currency Initiative, the government stressed that energy security and stability in the downstream oil sector remained a top priority.

The committee, chaired by the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the

Economy, Mr Wale Edun, said the recent reports of a suspension of the Naira-for-crude oil deal by the Dangote Refinery had been "amicably resolved."

The statement added, "For the avoidance of doubt, the committee reassured that the crude oil for the Naira initiative will continue. It also assured that all outstanding issues, particularly the dispute between the Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria and Dangote Refinery, are being addressed with urgency and in good faith."

Also present at the meeting were the Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu; the Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service, Mr. Zacch Adedeji, who also chairs the Technical Committee; representatives of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority, the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited, the Central Bank of Nigeria,

Afreximbank, and the Dangote Refinery.

The government insisted that Nigerians should not expect scarcity or price instability.

"The Federal Government remains fully committed to ensuring energy security, protecting consumers, and maintaining stability in the domestic petroleum products market," the statement noted.

By addressing labour concerns and reaffirming the continuity of its local currency crude oil sales initiative, the committee sought to calm growing public fears of another fuel crisis.

The PUNCH earlier reported that the Dangote refinery said it has resumed the sale of fuel in naira.

In a memo sent to marketers on Saturday, a copy of which was made available to our correspondent, the refinery said this was due to the intervention of the naira-for-crude technical committee.

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In an earlier memo on Friday, the refinery announced the suspension of petrol sales in naira, effective from Sunday, September 28, 2025, citing the exhaustion of its crude-for-naira allocation as the reason.

However, the intervention of the Federal Government committee in charge of the naira-for-crude deal was said to have resolved the differences.

The PUNCH also reported that the Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria instructed its members nationwide to withdraw their services following the alleged mass dismissal of over 800 Nigerian workers by Dangote Refinery.

In a circular issued after an emergency National Executive Council meeting on Saturday, September 27, 2025, and

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The initiative, launched in partnership with fintech company Paystack, marks the beginning of "Operation Go Cashless" a move aimed at phasing out cash transactions at FAAN revenue points, including airport access gates, car parks, VIP areas, and protocol lounges, among others.

Until the latest development, FAAN collects most of its revenue in cash.

The airport authority made this known in a statement on Thursday, posted on its X handle.

FAAN insisted that, effective from September 29, 2025, all payments to the authority will be made using a contactless payment method.



Murtala Mohammed Int'l airport

The shift is designed to provide travellers with a faster, safer, and more seamless experience while improving operational efficiency and transparency at the airports. The statement partly

reads, "Effective September 29, 2025, all the collection of cash at FAAN's these points. Travellers and airport users will now enjoy fast and seamless services including airport Access Gates, Car Parks, FAAN and Protocol Lounges, will go contactless payment option. This initiative

responds to the growing demand for safe, modern, and transparent payment systems while ensuring Nigeria's airports remain aligned with global digital trends. By reducing reliance on cash, FAAN aims to enhance efficiency, improve revenue assurance, and deliver a better customer experience at our airports."

In preparation for the rollout, FAAN said it has deployed trained brand ambassadors at terminals to guide users through the transition.

FAAN added that these ambassadors will assist with onboarding, provide demonstrations, and answer any questions passengers may have.

The authority also added that travellers can also pick up the newly introduced FAAN Go Cashless Card at access gates in Lagos and Abuja. Once collected, the cards can be activated and funded via [www.gocashless.faan.gov.ng](http://www.gocashless.faan.gov.ng).

"To ease the transition, trained brand ambassadors have been deployed at access gates and around the terminals to

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## Gateway Airport Takes Off With Abuja Route Launch



Flight

The Ogun State Government has announced that the Gateway International Airport, Iperu, will receive its first commercial flight on October 7, 2025, as Nigerian carrier ValueJet commences scheduled operations from the newly commissioned aerodrome.

In a statement on Friday, the government confirmed that ValueJet will operate twice-weekly flights on the Ogun-Abuja route. Departures from Gateway International Airport are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 am, arriving in Abuja at 9:45 am. Return flights will leave Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, at 4:00 pm, landing in Iperu by 5:15 pm.

The airport, commissioned on August 15, 2025, with an Aerodrome Operational Permit from the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, boasts a 4,000-metre-long, 60-metre-wide runway. This makes it one of the longest and widest in West Africa, capable of accommodating wide-body aircraft such as the Boeing 777 and Airbus A350.

According to the Special Adviser to the Governor on Media, Kayode Akinmade, the commencement of ValueJet flights signifies that the facility has received "the green light from regulatory agencies" to begin full-fledged operations.

Tickets for the new flights became available on September 25, according to ValueJet. They can be purchased online via the airline's website, through travel agents, and at ticket desks at the Gateway International Airport.

The airline's Managing Director, Capt Omololu Majekodunmi,

explained that the launch aligns with ValueJet's broader expansion strategy. "As part of our expansion programme, we are serving the growing demand in Ogun while offering an alternative to Lagos and Ibadan for passengers in the Gateway International Airport catchment area," he said.

Majekodunmi highlighted the strategic importance of GWI's location. Situated near the Sagamu Interchange and along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, the airport is well-positioned to serve both passenger travel and cargo logistics. He added that the development provides relief to travelers who previously depended on the congested Lagos and Ibadan airports.

The ValueJet boss noted that the airline's growth in the past three years has been driven by customer loyalty, strategic partnerships, and a firm commitment to safety and service quality. He assured

travelers that ValueJet will deliver safe, reliable, and competitively priced services on the new route.

"Our operations from Gateway International Airport mark a milestone not just for the airline but for Ogun State as well. We look forward to connecting more Nigerians through this modern facility," Majekodunmi added.

The Ogun State Government described the new flight operations as a significant economic breakthrough. The airport is expected to stimulate trade, investment, and tourism in the state while improving connectivity for businesses and residents.

With commercial flights commencing, Gateway International Airport is set to become a viable aviation hub in the southwest, complementing existing facilities in Lagos and Ibadan while positioning Ogun as a key player in Nigeria's aviation sector."

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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

**Culled:** 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

**Culled:**

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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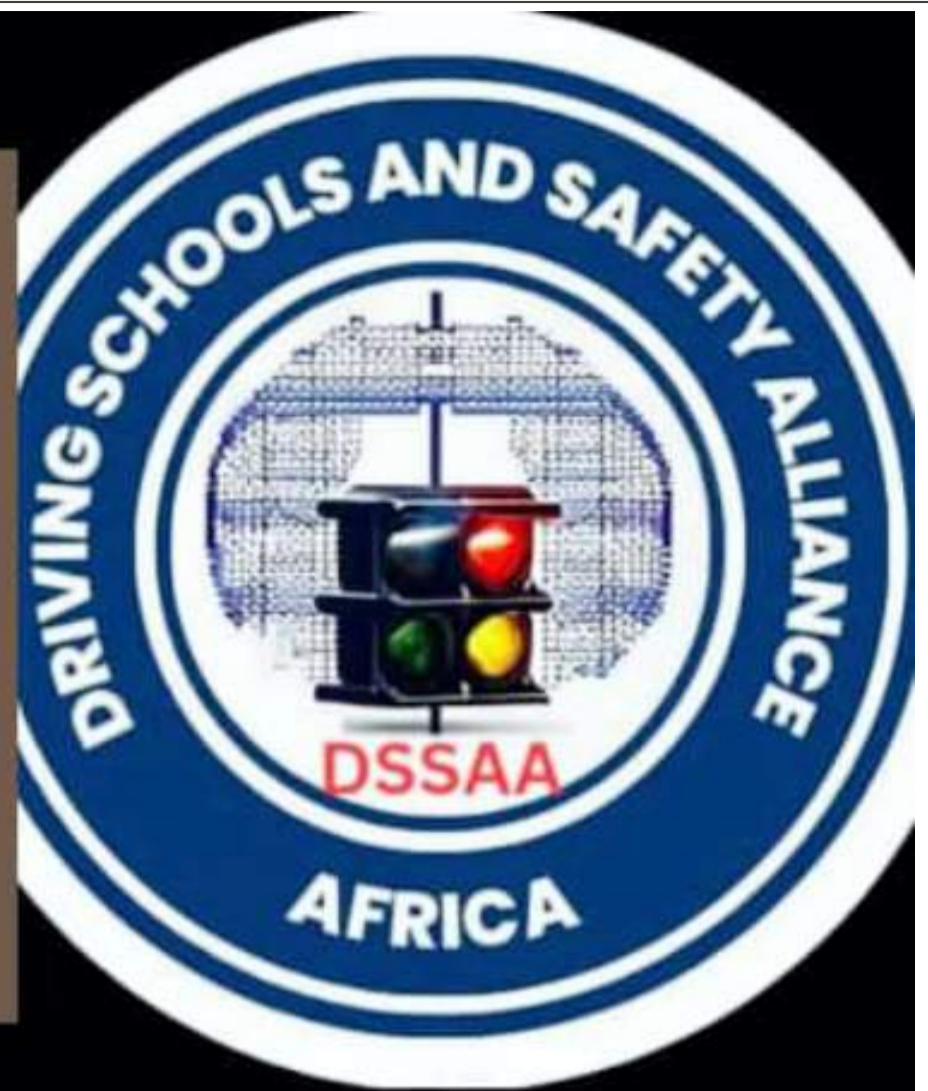


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