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## Local Transport News

# 2 Injured, 3 Rescued In Multiple Clashes In Lagos

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) has reported two separate road accidents in Lagos over the weekend, which left two people injured and three others rescued.

The first crash occurred at Olohunsogo Bus Stop, inward Mile 2, when a Toyota Camry with registration number FST 450 HG rammed into a stationary Scania truck marked LSR 243 YC. LASTMA officials at the scene pulled the Camry driver and a passenger from the wreckage. Both sustained serious injuries and were taken to Ademola Hospital opposite Ijanikin Police Station for treatment.

According to LASTMA's Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment, Adebayo Taofiq, preliminary findings showed that the Camry driver was speeding and lost control before hitting the truck. He said operatives also handed over the truck driver to the police at Ijanikin Division, while the accidented vehicles were cleared from the road to ease traffic.

In another incident at the Stadium Hotel

axis of Ojuelegba, Surulere, a white commercial Mazda bus with registration number KRD 141 YH crashed into a BRT lane median. The bus driver, found unconscious, was rescued alongside two passengers by LASTMA personnel and taken to a nearby hospital for emergency care.

One of the passengers, Mrs. Aina Kadri, said the bus developed a brake failure while in motion, causing the driver to lose control and hit the median.

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The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has provided an update on the recent suspension of the Port Harcourt-Aba train service, following a viral social media video showing stranded passengers trekking long distances and crossing a stream to seek alternative transportation.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, after a train breakdown at Imo River around 4:22 p.m.

In a statement, the NRC expressed regret over the inconvenience caused to passengers.

The corporation detailed the circumstances surrounding the incident, stating, "The train, which was on its way from Aba to Port Harcourt, suddenly developed an unusual fault and stopped functioning. Despite the best efforts of our engineers to revive the locomotive, the fault persisted. Consequently, an alternative engine, Loco 2306, was quickly deployed to rescue the stranded

train."

The statement, signed by Dr. Onyedikachi S. Onovo, District Public Relations Officer for the Eastern District, further noted that while some passengers opted for alternative routes to reach their destinations, others were safely conveyed back. The affected train has been returned to Port Harcourt and is undergoing comprehensive repairs to meet the corporation's enhanced quality control standards.

The NRC urged affected passengers to visit its stations in Port Harcourt or Aba with proof of payment to access possible refunds or replacement train rides.

"We appreciate the concerns raised by the general public and deeply value the patience and understanding shown by our passengers during this period," the statement added.

Reaffirming its commitment to improving rail services, the NRC emphasized its alignment with the Renewed Hope Agenda and its rail revitalization programme.

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The state, one of the worst hit by floods during the past year's rainy season, saw its critical road networks cut off, threatening the economy of the two regions.

The flagged construction of an over 24-kilometre road is to connect communities and serve as an alternative route.

Speaking on Sunday during a media tour of the project site, the Project Manager of Habibu Engineering Company, Waelyanes Ali, disclosed that the project, which is 90 per cent completed, was a major engineering challenge due to swampy terrain.

"This road stretches 24.5 kilometres, with about five kilometres passing through swamp areas. We constructed



A flooded area in Bauchi

three major bridges measuring 225 metres, 160 metres and 145 metres.

"We also built retaining walls between one and four metres high, alongside several box culverts of different sizes.

"By October, Insha Allah, this project will be completed. The road is 7.3 metres wide with 1.5-metre shoulders on each side. Despite the challenges, we are proud of the progress made," Ali

said.

Also speaking, the Bauchi State Commissioner for Information and Communication, Usman Muhammad, said the road would not only link Itas and Gadau communities but also serve as a strategic route for motorists travelling between the North-East, North-West and North-Central regions.

"Even if you hate His Excellency,

Governor Bala Mohammed, you must appreciate him for this wonderful project.

"Whenever the Kano-Maiduguri highway is cut off by floods, motorists divert through this route. It links major cities such as Azare, Hadeja in Jigawa and even connects to Yobe.

"This project is not only easing transportation but also boosting agriculture.

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Industry data show that deaths from boat accidents, which averaged 330 annually in 2021 and 2022, dropped to 231 in 2024 and further plummeted to 92 between January and August 2025.

Experts in the sector said the milestone represents a 60 per cent decline from last year and the sharpest reduction in decades.

The development comes from the Inland Waterways Transportation Regulations 2023, unveiled in April

last year by the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, and fully implemented by NIWA.

Meanwhile, stakeholders, however, argue that more needs to be done, urging NIWA to scale up free life-jacket distribution nationwide, recruit more water marshals to cover Nigeria's vast waterways, and accelerate the replacement of wooden canoes with modern vessels.

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**Customs Generates N3.7trn At Apapa Port In 16 Months****Culled**

Lagos — The Apapa Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has generated N3.7 trillion in revenue over the past 16 months, while also intercepting contraband worth several billions of naira. This was contained in a document released to journalists on Thursday, reviewing the tenure of Assistant Comptroller General of Customs, Babatunde Olomu, who assumed duty as Customs Area Controller of the command on May 5, 2024.

Between May 2024 and July 2025, the command generated N3.709 trillion. Monthly collections included N175.1 billion in May 2024, N178.2 billion in June, N201.8 billion in July, N189.5 billion in August, N193.9 billion in September, N264.4 billion in October, N229.3 billion in November, and N252.5 billion in December.

In 2025, the command recorded N269.3 billion in January, N216.9 billion in February, N215.9 billion in March, N230.7 billion in April, N230.7 billion in May,

N209.1 billion in June, and N214.5 billion in July.

On enforcement, the command recorded 75 seizures within the period, including assorted rifles, ammunition, expired pharmaceuticals, fake drugs, codeine syrup, Tramadol, used clothing, expired margarine, wild animal skins, and stolen vehicles.

Other intercepted items included containers of restricted security gadgets such as drones and telecommunication devices. Among them were 60 units of warrior drones without valid end-user certificates and 53 helicopter drones evacuated from a container, alongside 10 professional FM transceiver walkie-talkies.

The seizures, valued at several billions of naira, comprised 62 pieces of 40-foot containers and 13 pieces of 20-foot containers.

Stakeholders commended ACG Olomu's leadership, describing Apapa Command under him as a stronghold of revenue generation and enforcement.

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**Bauchi Approves N6.5bn For Township Road Dualisation****Culled**

The Bauchi State Government has approved N6.5bn for the dualisation of a 7.5-kilometre township road in Misau Local Government Area.

The dualisation of the Misau township road is part of Bauchi State's broader push to upgrade road infrastructure, improve connectivity, and reduce traffic accidents on key routes.

Misau, a major commercial hub and transit town along the Bauchi-Azare highway, has long faced traffic congestion and frequent road mishaps due to the narrowness of its main artery. The contractors handling the project, Mother Cat, have assured that the road will be completed and delivered by the end of 2025.

During a facility tour on Saturday, the Site Engineer of the project, Nicholas David, said the work was already over 50 per cent completed, an indication that the project would meet the deadline.

David said, "As you can see, we are doing our best and the work is progressing steadily. We have done



Governor Mohammed

more than half, and work is ongoing on the other half."

He further explained that the project had earlier been affected by fluctuations in the prices of construction materials, but said the prices had stabilised, ruling out the need for further variations.

He also assured that the company was committed to delivering quality work in line with contract specifications, stressing that Mother Cat is known for

standard service delivery.

On his part, a supervisor of the project from the Bauchi State Ministry of Works and Transport, Engineer Mohammed Babagana, commended the contractors for their performance, confirming that "more than half of the job had been completed."

Babagana corroborated that the "increase in the cost of materials necessitated the variation of the

contract sum to over N6bn", but assured that quality work would be delivered.

He explained that although the road is a federal highway, the Bauchi State Government took up the project to reduce accidents and ease traffic flow for the people of Misau.

PUNCH Online reports that Governor Bala Mohammed's administration has prioritised road development as a pillar of its infrastructure agenda, arguing that better roads will not only improve the quality of life for residents but also stimulate economic activity by facilitating the smooth movement of goods and services.

The state government's decision to shoulder the cost of the road, despite its federal status, underscores its commitment to ensuring safer roads and reducing the burden on commuters. Upon completion, the 7.5km dual carriageway is expected to decongest Misau town, improve safety, and boost socio-economic activities in the local government area and beyond.

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# Oyo Acting Gov Inspects RAAMP Roads, Urges Speedy Completion

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Oyo deputy gov, Oyo deputy governor tasks LG chairmen, Oke-Ogun will deliver 90 percent votes.

Oyo Acting Governor, Barrister Bayo Lawal, has called on contractors to speed up work on the state's ongoing Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP) roads and market upgrades.

During a recent inspection, Barrister Bayo Lawal stressed that the need for timely and high-quality completion of these projects is vital for the next phase of the initiative.

Lawal, joined by top government officials including the Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Barrister Olasunkanmi Olaleye, and the Permanent Secretary, Engr. Mrs. Olufunke Ekundayo, emphasised that these projects are part of Governor Seyi Makinde's commitment to boosting rural infrastructure and agricultural productivity.

He added that quality delivery and timely completion of the projects are crucial to enhancing the next phase of the projects.

According to him, successful completion

of the projects will ease transportation of farm produce, improve market accessibility, and strengthen the state's drive towards food security and economic development, which are Governor Seyi Makinde's targets.

Barrister Bayo Lawal further highlighted that the new roads and upgrading the markets, will not only make it easier for farmers to transport their produce, as it improves market access, and strengthen the state's efforts toward food security and economic development.

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# Karmo Community Hails Wike Over Ongoing Road Construction

community.

When asked about potential demands from the government, Chief Sarkin Karmo said the community prefers to make quiet requests rather than airing them publicly. Regarding possible relocation of indigenes, he emphasized the community's patience and willingness to await government decisions.

On the issue of scattered refuse bins in Karmo, the traditional ruler attributed it to the community's growing population and development. He suggested that the government could help by evacuating waste to a distant location.

The royal father also advised the indigenes and the residents to devise ways to keep their society clean and manage waste effectively to prevent health hazards like cholera.

The Gomo III of Karmo Community praised Minister Wike's efforts in creating access roads to villages, describing it as a "chain of appreciation." He commended the minister's commitment to improving

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Bakori assured that the Command is working closely with relevant agencies to mitigate the impact of the collapse and restore normalcy as quickly as possible.

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Mallam Gani

The Gomo III of Karmo Community, Mal. Umar Gani Sarki, has expressed gratitude to the FCT Minister, Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, for the ongoing road construction in the community. In an address to journalists on Sunday in his palace, Chief Sarki described the project as a "thing of joy" that will give more shape to the community.

The traditional ruler commended Minister Wike for his efforts in improving the community's infrastructure, saying: "No community is worth being a community if there's no good road." He praised the minister's initiative, stating that the road construction will have a positive impact on the



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The intervention aims to defuse rising tensions over alleged anti-unionisation policies at the refinery.

In a statement signed by the ministry's Head of Information and Public Relations, Patience Onuobia, Dingyadi appealed to NUPENG to suspend its planned shutdown of petroleum operations and called on the Nigeria Labour Congress to withdraw the "red alert" it issued in solidarity with oil workers.



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"I have invited all the parties for a conciliation meeting tomorrow, Monday, September 8, 2025. Since I have intervened, I plead with NUPENG to rescind their decision to shut down the petroleum sector from tomorrow. I also appeal to the NLC to withdraw the red alert it issued to its affiliate unions to be on standby for a nationwide strike," Dingyadi said. The minister warned that industrial action in the petroleum sector would trigger widespread hardship across the country and inflict heavy losses on government revenue. "The petroleum sector is very important to this country. It constitutes the

core of the country's economy. A strike in the petroleum sector, even for just a day, will have an adverse impact. It will not only lead to revenue losses running into billions of naira but also cause untold hardship for Nigerians," he cautioned.

He also called on all stakeholders to allow peace to prevail, assuring that government will broker a resolution acceptable to both labour and the private refinery.

"The matter will be resolved amicably to the satisfaction of all the parties involved," the Minister stated.

PUNCH Online had reported earlier that NUPENG said on Friday that it would begin industrial action on Monday, September 8.

The dispute stemmed from Dangote's plan to import 4,000 compressed natural gas-powered trucks for direct fuel distribution to retailers starting August 15.

While the plan was delayed by logistics challenges in China, NUPENG accused the Refinery of anti-labour practices that threatened the livelihoods of its Petroleum and Tanker Drivers branch members.

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According to him, the measure will provide lasting solutions to Nigeria's persistent road infrastructure funding gap if effectively implemented.

"If implemented effectively, it will provide safer travel conditions, reduce travel time and cost, lower logistics costs and vehicle maintenance expenses, which will benefit the wider economy," Oyedele said.

He pointed out Nigeria's model aligns with international practice, noting that more than 150 countries currently impose various levies on fuel products ranging between 20 and 80 percent to guarantee regular investment in road infrastructure.

"While subsidy savings will provide some funding, they are insufficient to meet Nigeria's huge and recurring road infrastructure needs among other public finance needs.

"A dedicated fund ensures reliable and predictable financing for roads, complementing the budget and ensuring roads are not left underfunded," he stated.

Oyedele also addressed concerns around the timing of the surcharge, stressing its inclusion in the new tax

laws is not about immediate implementation but about creating a clear and effective framework for sustainable road financing in the future.

"The surcharge is not new. It already exists under the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Amendment) Act, 2007 (FERMA Act). The new Tax Act only restates it for harmonisation and transparency. Hence, it was not part of the original tax reform bills submitted by the president to the National Assembly," he clarified.

He further explained that the surcharge will not take effect automatically with the passage of the new tax laws. Instead, it would only commence after the Minister of Finance issues an order published in the Official Gazette as stipulated under Chapter 7 of the Nigeria Tax Act, 2025.

"This safeguard ensures careful consideration of timing and economic conditions before

implementation," Oyedele added.

The reform, he said, is also consistent with the government's tax harmonisation drive, which has already removed or suspended several charges that directly affect households and small businesses, including Value Added Tax (VAT) on fuel, excise tax on telecom services, and the proposed cybersecurity levy.

"By harmonising earmarked taxes, the government is reducing duplication and ensuring a more efficient tax system," Oyedele noted.

He assured that the five percent fossil fuel surcharge will not affect household energy products, as several items remain exempt. These include household kerosene, cooking gas (LPG), and compressed natural gas (CNG). Clean and renewable energy sources are also excluded, aligning with Nigeria's energy transition agenda and commitment to addressing climate change.

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# Chinese Technology Shines At Aviation Africa Summit 2025 In Rwanda

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Chinese technologies shone at the ninth edition of the Aviation Africa Summit and Exhibition, which was held in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, from Thursday to Friday, boosting more exploration on China-Africa cooperation in low-altitude economy.

Under the theme of "Collaborating to unlock Africa's growth - How can Africa deliver a sustainable aviation industry?", the event attracted 1,700 aviation industry professionals who engaged in-depth discussions on challenges facing the African aviation industry and the new opportunities brought about by technologies, as well as more than 100 companies that showcased their cutting-edge products.

Opening the summit, Rwandan President Paul Kagame said that the high cost of air travel remains a barrier to tourism and



connectivity across Africa. Noting that Africa's skies must be opened up to better serve citizens, businesses, and the wider economy, Kagame urged governments and industry

leaders to collaborate to make aviation more affordable and sustainable. 'Flying taxi' makes maiden flight

The EH216-S, a

groundbreaking pilotless passenger-carrying aerial vehicle produced by EHang, a world's leading urban air mobility technology platform company from China, was

the centerpiece of the exhibition. With the witness of the Rwandan president and Chinese representatives, the electric vertical take-off and land (eVTOL) aircraft

made its maiden flight in Africa. Melissa Rusanganwa, head of International Cooperation at the Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority (RCAA), experienced the flight herself.

"I'm feeling great. It's really exciting to see this here in Rwanda. So we hope to have this technology, such technology in Africa," said Rusanganwa.

The EH216-S is capable of carrying two passengers with a maximum payload of 220 kilograms. Powered by 16 propellers, the vehicle can take off and land vertically and cruise at a speed of up to 130 kilometers per hour at an altitude of under 1,000 meters, with a maximum range of 30 kilogram in a straight line.

It is the world's first eVTOL aircraft to have obtained a type certificate, production license, and standard airworthiness certificate.

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Despite ongoing reforms and efforts to construct new ports and rehabilitate existing ones, world powers, including the United States and Russia, are actively seeking to secure access to the Port of Lomé in Togo which has emerged as a key maritime hub in West Africa.

The increase in volume of trade between Asia and West Africa has seen Lomé port transform into a key regional container port.

Major ocean carriers, specifically MSC, have responded by redeploying ultra-large container vessels

## US, Russia Ditch Nigerian Ports, Seeks Access To Togo Ports

(ULCVs) to the route.

This has come as a major boost for liner connectivity of West African ports including Lomé.

In view of these trade advantages, the U.S has pledged to expand its African market access through Lomé port.

Last week, the U.S Embassy in Lomé, led by the Chargé d'Affaires, Richard C. Michaels, conducted a tour of the port facility.

The delegation also held a meeting with the management of Lomé Container Terminal, LCT, to explore commercial opportunities for U.S businesses.

"With advanced deep-water capabilities, cutting-edge equipment, and an annual throughput exceeding 30 million tons, Lomé offers U.S businesses unmatched access to African markets.

"Ongoing infrastructure expansion, including a dry-port and industrial zone, further enhances the port's role as a growing gateway," commented U.S Embassy in Togo.

The port tour followed shortly after U.S President, Donald Trump, met five African

leaders in Washington.

The African leaders were largely from countries in West Africa, including Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania and Senegal.

The meeting with Trump concentrated on trade opportunities for both sides, at a time the U.S government is cutting aid in Africa and other regions.

Meanwhile, Russia has ratified its military cooperation agreement with Togo, which was initially signed early this year.

As per the agreement, Russia and Togo will jointly hold military exercises, training exchanges and weapons and military equipment support.

Notably, the agreement also covers support in hydrography, navigation and combating piracy.

According to some observers, the agreement will give Russia unfettered access to Togo's strategic seaport of Lomé. Visit by Russian military ships to ports in Togo is covered by the cooperation.

"Togo is considered the most organised and equipped in Tropical Africa. For example, the busiest seaport in West Africa is located on its territory," said Vladimir Gruzdev, a member of the Russian Government Commission on Legislative Activity, which drafted the ratification law of the defence.

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## General News

# FG Approves \$300 As Nigeria's Official De Minimis Threshold

**Culled:**  
The federal government has approved \$300 as Nigeria's official De Minimis threshold, the value below which imported goods are exempted from payment of customs duties.

Its implementation takes effect from Monday, 8th September 2025.

The Nigeria Customs Service Board (NCSB), at its 63rd regular meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025, chaired by the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr. Wale Edun made the approval.

The NCS National Public Relations Officer Assistant Comptroller of Customs Abdullahi Maiwada made this known in a press statement yesterday.

He said the minister has "has approved a De Minimis Threshold Value for low-value consignment imported through express shipments or by passenger baggage.

"This decision, which takes effect on Monday, 8th September 2025, aligns with the best global practices that aim to simplify clearance processes for low-value consignments, enhance trade facilitation, and provide clarity for e-



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commerce stakeholders and travellers.

"By definition, it is essential to note that the De Minimis threshold is the value below which imported goods are exempted from payment of customs duties and related taxes established by the national legislation.

"After a comprehensive review of similar practices across continents, the Board approved \$300 as Nigeria's official De Minimis threshold.

"This exemption will apply to low-value imports, e-commerce consignments, and passenger baggage.

The threshold, which is restricted to four importations per annum, aligns with Section 5(c & d), Section 158 subsections (5 & 6), and other relevant provisions of the Nigeria Customs Service Act, 2023, as well as international instruments, including the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Trade Facilitation

Agreement and the World Customs Organisation (WCO) Revised Kyoto Convention.

"Under the new regulation, goods valued at \$300 or less will be exempted from import duties and taxes, provided they are not prohibited or restricted items.

Similarly, passenger merchandise in baggage not exceeding the same value shall also be exempted.

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# N70,000 No Longer Sustainable - Nigeria Labour Congress

**Culled:**

The Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, and federal government workers have demanded an urgent review of the national minimum wage, insisting that the current N70,000 is no longer sustainable.

They made the demand following the bold steps taken by several states across the country to increase the minimum wage of their workers above the N70,000 benchmark, in response to the prevailing economic realities.

The labour unions and workers who spoke to the News Agency of Nigeria, NAN, in separate interviews, contended that in the face of galloping inflation, rising costs of food, transportation, housing, and other essential services, the N70,000 minimum wage could no longer sustain them.

It would be recalled that President Bola Tinubu signed the new National Minimum Wage Bill into law in July 2024, raising the minimum wage from N30,000 to N70,000.

The amended law applies to the entire country, including the federal government, states, local governments, and the private sector.

However, on August 27, 2025, Imo increased the minimum wage from N70,000 to N104,000, along with corresponding increases in the entire salary structure for the state's civil servants.

The state Governor, Hope Uzodinma, had said that the salary review, arrived at during a meeting with organised labour, was part of efforts to improve the welfare of workers.

Before the bold and applauded step by Uzodinma, some other states had implemented higher minimum wages for their workers.

On October 16, 2024, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State announced a minimum wage increase to N85,000, with a promise to further raise it to N100,000 in 2025.

Rivers State equally approved

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# Nigeria's New Passport Fees Generate Mixed Reactions



The Nigerian Passport

**Culled:**  
A cross-section of Nigerians has expressed mixed reactions to the Federal Government's 100 per cent increase in passport fees which took effect on September 1.

They, however, urged transparency on the

reasons for the hike and called for quicker reforms to address lingering service challenges at passport offices.

The Nigeria Immigration Service on Thursday, August 28 announced the upward review of passport fees, and the need to sustain the new

enhanced e-passport regime.

The NIS said the review was to uphold the quality and integrity of the Nigerian passport, adding that with the new rates, applications made in Nigeria would now cost N100,000 for a 32-page booklet with five-year validity.

Applications made in Nigeria for a 64-page booklet with 10 years validity would cost N200,000.

Applications made by Nigerians in the diaspora remain \$150 for a 32-page booklet with five-year validity and \$230 for a 64-page booklet with 10-year validity.

Residents, in separate interviews in Abuja differed on the policy.

A small-scale trader applying for a first-time passport, Aisha Musa, said that the N100,000 charge for the 32-page, five-year booklet was "simply crushing."

She said, "How many market women can produce N100,000 just to get a passport? The government says it wants quality, but it must also think of struggling families."

A student of the University of Abuja, Toluwani Johnson, described the hike as "another barrier for young people.

She said that many young people saved for the old N50,000, adding that doubling it would make study abroad or holiday trips harder.

According to her, she needs a passport for postgraduate admission abroad and saving N100,000, including transport and other travel documents, is hard.

"Many students like me, may postpone their dreams.

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Food Security

# Nigeria Unveils Postharvest Programme To Strengthen Food Security

*Culled:*  
 The Nigerian Government has launched the Nigeria Postharvest Systems Transformation Programme (NiPHaST) to strengthen food security, reduce post-harvest losses, and drive economic growth under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

Announcing the initiative at the Nigeria Legacy Session of the Africa Food Systems Forum in Dakar, Senegal, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Senator Abubakar Kyari, said NiPHaST is designed to stabilise

food prices, enhance storage systems, and improve farmers' incomes.

Senator Kyari explained that "the programme will ensure the availability, accessibility, and affordability of staple foods while advancing national food sovereignty."

The Minister said that the programme would focus on household storage technologies, community-level warehouses, cold rooms, and strategic national silos managed through public-private partnerships, among others.

Senator Kyari said that it would

create robust investment in the storage value chain in terms of processing, preservation, packaging, marketing, climate, smart metal Silos, cold rooms, among others.

He stressed that "the initiative would unlock private sector investment, strengthen market confidence, and expand storage infrastructure."

Senator Kyari noted that "it also improves agricultural exports, nutrition, household sales, job opportunities, farmer's income, and wealth as well as achieved food import substitution in the

agricultural ecosystem."

He revealed that Nigeria loses an estimated ₦3.5 trillion annually to postharvest inefficiencies, largely affecting smallholder farmers, saying; "This is not just produce going to waste. It is opportunity lost and livelihoods destroyed,"

Senator Kyari however called for stronger international collaboration, stressing that "transforming post-harvest systems will secure farmer livelihoods, revive agribusiness confidence, and position Nigeria as a leading food supplier in West Africa."

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# FG Disburses N192bn To Strengthen Primary Healthcare

The Federal Government says it has disbursed more than N192 billion to strengthen primary healthcare facilities across Nigeria since the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) began disbursements in 2019.

Dr Muyi Aina, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), said this in an interview with the News Agency of

Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja.

Aina spoke against the backdrop of the recent National Health Financing Policy Dialogue.

NAN reports that the dialogue, with the theme, "Reimagining the Future of Health Financing in Nigeria" was organised by the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) and partners.

It sought to reimagine financing models that make healthcare more

equitable, sustainable, and accessible for all Nigerians.

Aina said that currency fluctuations and rising service costs continued to strain Nigeria's health system, even as budget allocations are increasing at both federal and state levels.

He said that out-of-pocket expenditure still accounted for a disproportionate share of healthcare spending, with the public sector's contribution at just 14 per cent.

According to him, the government has mobilised N3.5 billion, 60 per cent of which is pooled from mechanisms such as the BHCPF, Global Fund, Gavi, and PEPFAR.

He said that the fund was mobilised through the Sector-Wide Approach (SWAp) and the Health Sector Renewal Investment Initiative.

Aina said that 8,309 facilities nationwide now received quarterly funds under the BHCPF.

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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

## DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
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