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The Sea Empowerment and Research Centre (SEREC) has urged the Federal Government and governors of the Southeast states to promote inter-regional transport and port development to ensure the region actively participates in the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).
The group said this would help decentralise international trade and shipping activities in Nigeria, ensuring even economic development across the country.
In its weekly bulletin signed by the Head of Research, Dr Eugene Nweke, SEREC stressed that improved port development in the region would save the international trading community from logistics bottlenecks and investment losses caused by poor road infrastructure and insecurity.
According to the research body, traders in the eastern region claim that more

than 30 per cent of total imports arriving through Western ports are re-transported to the East, leading to higher costs for businesses.
SEREC noted that Eastern ports continue to face policy and technical challenges, including insecurity discouraging vessel owners, shallow drafts limiting access for larger vessels, poor access roads impeding cargo evacuation, dilapidated berths and inadequate equipment.

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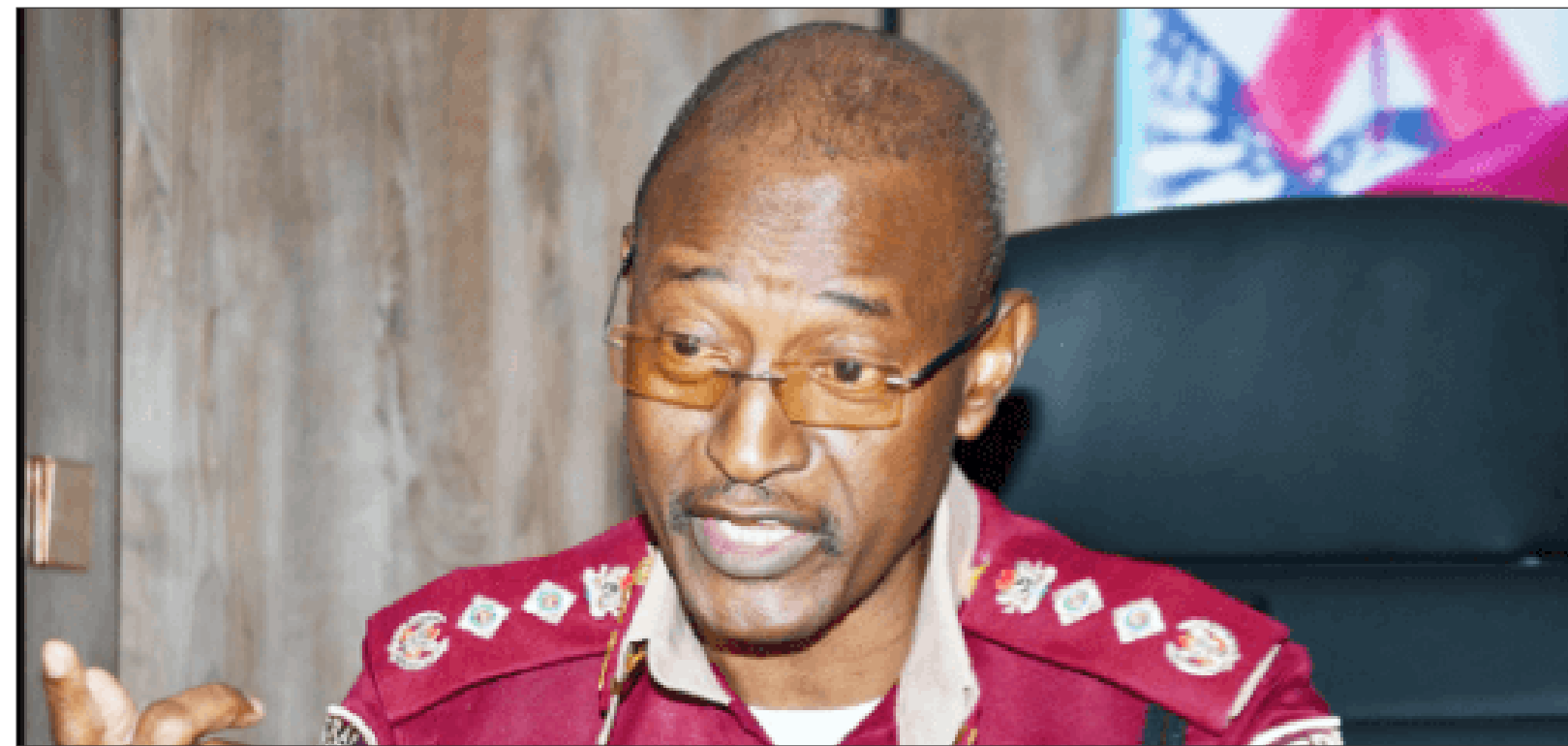
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Nigeria's quest to modernise maritime education is gaining traction as the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, has started a transition from paper-based administration to a fully digital performance and content management system, a move the Federal Government says is central to raising global standards and improving training for cadets.
The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, who was represented by the Director of Planning, Research and Statistics in the Ministry, Ibrahim Kalthum, gave the commendation at a two-day Management Retreat and Ministerial Handholding Session on Performance Management System (PMS) and Enterprise Content Management System (ECMS) held at the Academy.
He said the reforms underway at the Academy reflect a deliberate culture of accountability and a determination to align with international best practices in

maritime training.
The minister noted that the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy embarked on the dual reforms of PMS and ECMS to strengthen efficiency, improve service delivery and support the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.
According to him, the Academy, as the nation's foremost maritime training institution, is expected to lead by example in implementing these reforms.
He added that the ECMS, already operational in the Ministry, would help the Academy transition from paper-based processes to a digital framework, ensuring efficiency, transparency and preservation of institutional memory.
The minister stressed that with ECMS, records would be digitally stored, workflows streamlined, and inter-departmental collaboration improved, which is vital for the Academy's pursuit of international recognition and compliance with global maritime standards.

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Shehu Mohammed, Corps Marshall of the FRSC, made this disclosure at the Corps' 8th annual public lecture at the Banquet Hall, Presidential Villa, Abuja.
He noted these are despite significant effort by FRSC to create awareness through enforcement, advocacy and public enlightenment campaigns.
According to him, "Current data on road crashes reveal a yearly average of about 5,000 persons killed and 31,154 persons injured"
This year's lecture, with the theme: "Road Safety Management and Emerging Transportation Trends: Global Partnership and Optimal Performance", was chosen as a deliberate guide to ensure that deliberations would proffer solutions



Mohammed

to the challenges of emerging trends in global road transportation.
Mohammed said the theme was also carefully selected to align with the United Nations Assembly resolutions for Africa to implement measures that could reduce road crash fatalities and injuries by 50% by the year 2030.
He declared that the figures underscore the need for the Corps to do more in harnessing resources towards implementing the national road safety development plan as captured in the National Road Safety Strategy (NRSS) document.
"As we are all aware, the NRSS was developed as a blueprint for a successful implementation of the national road safety development plan. NRSS seeks to harness the

collaborative effort of road safety stakeholders from local to the Federal Government levels to holistically implement the blueprint for sustainable road transport safety management in Nigeria.
"I have a strong conviction that resolutions emanating from this lecture series could provide critical insights towards achieving this objective.
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Amid long queues and insufficient refilling stations, the cost of one standard cubic metre of Compressed Natural Gas has jumped from N230 to N450. Our correspondent gathered from retailers that the government reviewed the price recently to N450, reducing its subsidies.

However, while trucks pay N450/SCM, car drivers and commercial drivers still enjoy some subsidies, as they pay N380 for one standard cubic metre of what the government calls a cheaper alternative to petrol and diesel.

The Programme Director of the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative, Michael Oluwagbemi, did not answer calls to his phone on Tuesday. However, an official of the PCNGI, who did not want to be mentioned because he was not authorised to speak with the press, confirmed the new development. The source explained that commercial drivers pay less to ensure the cost of transportation does not go up. “The

refuelling stations now sell at different prices for cars and trucks. So, the price depends on the type of vehicle, whether it is a commercial bus, a truck or a private car,” he said.

Asked if the type of vehicle should determine the price of CNG, he said there is a subsidy on commercial vehicles. “The price is subsidised for commercial vehicles. Trucks transporting goods pay higher prices, while private cars and buses that convey passengers buy at a reduced rate.



Engr Oluwagbemi

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Khalifa Mohammed, the NEDC's coordinator in Adamawa, said this at a stakeholders meeting in Yola on Wednesday.

He said the vehicles would be charged electronically and would not demand engine oil and petroleum.

According to him, the commission will soon organise training for assembling and charging procedures, among others.

Mr Mohammed also said that as part of the commission's plan to boost healthcare service delivery, it would introduce a vulnerable health insurance scheme in the state.

According to him, this will enable vulnerable people in society to access medical attention and drugs.

He added that the pilot project would be inaugurated in three local government

areas, one in each senatorial district.

He said the commission had constructed solar-powered boreholes in various institutions and communities, currently installing solar-powered street lights.

“The solar street light will help in improving security situations in the community, among other benefits.

He said that the NEDC had impacted various sectors health, education, security, agriculture and capacity building, as well as skills acquisition training.

Mr Mohammed called on the benefiting communities to take ownership of their projects for maximum benefit.

He also appealed to media organisations to sensitise the public on the existence of the commission and its projects.

Humwashi Wonosikou, chief press secretary to Gov. Ahmadu Fintiri, assured that with this partnership, the narrative of NEDC in Adamawa would be different.

He acknowledged the contribution of NEDC in the state and tasked them to do more for the maximum benefit of the citizens.

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The ministry revealed that it is actively following up on repairs and has dispatched a team of engineers to the site after the affected bridge, which has a double carriageway, suffered a visible puncture on the Benin-bound side within one of its five spans.

“The Minister of Works, David Umahi, has directed immediate dispatch of a team of engineers to the location of the



Engr. Umahi

damaged bridge at the border of Edo and Ondo States of the Shagamu-Benin carriageway,” the statement said.

“In line with the proactive approach to interventions by the Renewed Hope administration of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Tinubu GCFR, urgent action has been initiated on the damaged section of the bridge, and it will take a maximum period of 45 days after concrete works

for vehicular movement to resume on that section of the carriageway to allow the concrete to mature.

It would be recalled that a similar incident occurred on one of the spans in the past, and it was repaired with dispatch,” the statement added.

The ministry attributed the damage to age-related deterioration, noting that the Shagamu-Benin bridge was constructed in 1981. “The damage

being noticed on the said bridge is age-related deterioration. Bridges are susceptible to having their structures undermined as a result of old age.

The Shagamu-Benin bridge was built in 1981, and the bridge deck is ageing. The life span of a bridge can vary significantly based on several factors, including the materials used, environmental conditions, traffic loads, and maintenance practices. This overtime causes issues like punctures, cracks, corrosion, or structural weakness.”

Minister of Works, David Umahi, also assured that a permanent solution is underway for the Shagamu-Benin bridge, which is to remove the entire deck slab of the two sets of bridges in Ondo and Edo States, which are all within the same location, and rebuild the deck slab through innovative engineering technology.

”He apologises to the road users for the inconveniences they have suffered or will suffer during the period of the rehabilitation work.

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Tantita Urges Communication Experts To Support Fight Against Oil Theft

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The management of Tantita Security Services Nigeria Limited (TSSNL), has called on the communication experts to use its intellectual and professional strength to support the fight against pipeline vandalism and crude oil theft in Nigeria.

Speaking at the 12th Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Association of Communication Scholars and Professionals of Nigeria (ACSPN), in Effurun, Delta State, Capt. Warredi Enisuoh, Executive Director, Operations and Technical, Tantita Security Services Nigeria Limited, noted that oil theft remained one of the most devastating forms of corruption, undermining governance, national revenue, and community development.

Sp3aking on the theme “Corruption, Governance and Mmedia in Nigeria”, he stressed that beyond government action and security interventions, the role of communication professionals was crucial in shaping public consciousness

against oil theft, exposing criminal syndicates, and amplifying the importance of transparency in the oil sector.

According to him, the media and scholars of communication can serve as powerful allies in creating a cultural shift where acts of vandalism and oil theft are widely condemned.

Capt. Enisuoh further highlighted the activities of Tantita, explaining that the company's operations in collaboration with security agencies and host



Tantita

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The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has issued a press release to inform the general public on the progress made in the management of passenger tracing, the injured, recovering its rolling stock, and restoration of the tracks following the derailment incident involving the Abuja–Kaduna bound train. The release is in reference to the derailment of the Abuja–Kaduna train which occured on the 26 of August 2025, involving a locomotive and several coaches between Kubwa and Asham stations.

The statement reads; "As at Tuesday 2, September 2025, seven days after the incident, NRC engineers have successfully recovered a locomotive and four coaches out of two locomotives and eight DMU coaches, which have been railed to Idu Station for assessment using the newly constructed 100-meter track off the damaged line.

"Site preparation has commenced for the deployment of heavy equipment to recover the remaining four coaches and an additional locomotive.

NRC Issues Update On Trail Derailment

A total of 618 persons were onboard the ill-fated train, comprising 583 passengers, 15 NRC crew members, 1 medical personnel, 8 cleaners, and 11 catering staff. All individuals were safely evacuated.

"Unfortunately, while 7 were reported as critically injured, passenger tracing conducted by the NRC medical team established that 20 persons sustained various degrees of injury, out of which 9 were reported critical. The Corporation takes full responsibility for the incident and is actively supporting those affected." The statement reads.

Adding, "To aid affected passengers, the NRC set up an Incident Desk to handle enquiries and provide regular updates through dedicated phone lines: Queen –

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FG Seeks Renewed Commitment To Road Safety Strategy



Shettima

The federal government has urged the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and other critical stakeholders to recommit themselves to the full implementation of the Nigeria Road Safety Strategy, as part of efforts to curb the alarming rate of road accidents across the country.

Vice President Kashim Shettima, who made the call on Wednesday in Abuja at the 8th Annual Lecture Series of the FRSC, lamented the troubling statistics on road fatalities, stressing that the challenge requires collective and sustained action.

He implored stakeholders in government and the private sector to pursue indigenous solutions, while collaborating with global

partners in the bid to ensure safer roads across the country.

According to a statement issued by Senior Special Assistant to the President on Media and Communications, Office of the Vice President, Stanley Nkwocha, Shettima said, “I commend the leadership of the FRSC for the vigour and innovation with which you have pursued this cause. But let me add a note of caution: we do not yet have the luxury to celebrate. The road ahead remains long and demanding.

“Much work still lies before us, and we must draw from both our indigenous solutions and effective collaborations with global partners to achieve our objectives,” the Vice President said.

Noting that, “Nigeria still faces significant road safety challenges, with recent statistics revealing a troubling record of deaths on our roads,” VP Shettima pointed out that the duty of keeping the roads safe is a collective task that cannot be done in isolation, even as he called for a recommitment

to implementing the Nigeria Road Safety Strategy.

“We must recommit ourselves to implementing the Nigeria Road Safety Strategy. We must ensure that all tiers of government, the private sector, and other stakeholders, including Non-Governmental Organisations, are fully engaged in road safety activities. Only through such shared responsibility can we guarantee sustainable outcomes,” he maintained.

In his capacity as Chairman of the National Road Safety Advisory Council (NaRSAC), the VP reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's pledge “to make the vision of the National Road Safety Strategy a reality is never relegated.”

He noted that the Annual Lecture Series is a platform of accountability and reflection that offers the opportunity to make amends by comparing indigenous solutions and results with the best practices from around the world, emphasising that “strategic engagements and activities such as this serve as our vehicle

towards that goal.”

The Vice President applauded efforts of the FRSC, saying the Corps has produced refined minds whose insights enrich the nation's “quest for safer roads,” even as he observed that “the theme of this year's edition speaks not only to the FRSC's resolve to keep reinventing itself but also to its alignment with global standards in road safety management.”

Acknowledging results achieved so far, he stated, “Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, this administration has made it a priority to enable critical Ministries, Departments, and Agencies to function to public expectation.

“In its thirty-seven years of existence, the FRSC has demonstrated the promise, the potential, and the practice of prioritising safety and securing the lives and property of road users.

“The federal government has also shown its commitment to this mission through massive infrastructure development, consistent road maintenance, and the expansion of our highway networks.”

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He said, “Dear Lagosians, two years ago, we took a bold step with the launch of the Lagos Rail Mass Transit Blue Line. Today, as I look back on how far we have come, I feel a deep sense of pride and gratitude.

“In these two years, the Blue Line has carried more than five million passengers safely, without a single accident. Trains now run every ten minutes, making over 90 trips each day. Journeys that once took much longer have become faster and



Lagos Blue Rail Line

easier.” project has eased systems that truly serve the people,” he added. He noted that the commuting challenges and demonstrated the Sanwo-Olu expressed the milestone reflects the power of collective trust a p p r e c i a t i o n t o state's commitment to building transport anddedication. Lagosians for their infrastructure that “These achievements support, describing the delivers value to show that when we work Blue Line as “a project residents. with dedication and that belongs to all of us.” According to him, the purpose, we can build He said the anniversary

discount was designed to encourage more residents to experience the modern rail service.

“To mark this second anniversary, I am pleased to announce a 50 per cent reduction in fares on the Blue Line for tomorrow, Thursday, September 4, 2025. If you have not yet experienced the Blue Line, I encourage you to take a ride and see what we have built together,” the Governor stated.

Looking ahead, Sanwo-Olu reaffirmed his administration's resolve to improve mobility in the city through safer, faster, and more efficient transport systems.

“Our journey is far from over. Step by step, we are creating the Lagos we all desire, building a city where moving around is easier, safer, and faster. Together, we are shaping the Lagos of our future,” he said.

The Blue Line, launched in September 2023, is the first of several rail projects envisioned under the state's integrated mass transit strategy, designed to reduce congestion, improve efficiency, and enhance productivity in Africa's most populous city.

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Wike Flags Off Emergency Reconstruction Of Abuja Road



Wike

Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Wike, has flagged off the emergency reconstruction of the Karu road from the Karu interchange to Customs Clinic Junction (Karu site) within the Abuja Municipal Area Council of the FCT.

Speaking during the flag-off ceremony on Wednesday, Wike explained that while the flagship project is the reconstruction of the Karu road, the scope of work has been expanded to include the rehabilitation of additional critical roads in Karu satellite town.

The Minister acknowledged the persistent advocacy of stakeholders for the road projects, specifically commending the Abuja Municipal

Area Council (AMAC) Chairman, Christopher Maiakalangu, for his relentless efforts in championing the needs of the Karu people.

He stressed that the chairman's relationship with the government has made the Karu road projects possible.

Wike also acknowledged the support of former Senator representing the FCT, Philip Aduda, whose intervention, he said, led to the inclusion of the additional feeder roads in the project and urged FCT residents to continue to support those who have their interests at heart.

The Minister said, “That is why I would always want you to support those that can go to the government and say, look, my area is bad and the government will listen to them. Do you know there are some people you would elect; they cannot talk to the government? There are people you elect, they have the audience of the government.

“And that's why the chairman of

AMAC, Maikalangu, has always been on my neck. He has always told me, sir, even though you have done Nyanya to Karshi, it will be unfair as the Chairman of AMAC, this Karu road has been of very serious concern to us. Do me that favor and see whether you can, under emergency, reconstruct and dualize this Karu road.

“Because he's been a young man who has been very supportive of the Renewed Hope Agenda, I felt that it would be better to encourage him, to listen to him. And so we are here today. If I were you, I would continue to support him because it means that he has the people of Karu at heart. It means that he has the problem of AMAC at heart.

“Also. one of your sons who is no longer in government...Senator Tanimu Aduda, has been somebody that believes in the people of Abuja. I saw him last night. He came to me, and he said, Sir, this is an opportunity now. Now you are doing this Karu

dualization, there are some other small roads; if you join them, it will open the whole of Karu.

“And so, because I know he means well for his people. I know that he talks well about his people, I conceded to him. And so, the people of Karu, this is your turn and we'll make sure you get the benefits you are entitled to.

“And so, we have added these other roads to this road we are doing now. One, we are going to rebuild Customs Clinic Junction to CBN Quarters junction. We are going to rebuild immediately Customs Clinic Junction to EFFC. We are also going to rebuild the NIA Quarters Road, we are going to rebuild Primus hospital road”, the Minister stated.

Wike expressed confidence in the contractor, Messers Abdul Val Nigeria Limited, adding that their successful completion of a similar 16-kilometer dual carriage project in Ushafa, in Bwari Area Council within a 10-month timeline was commendable.

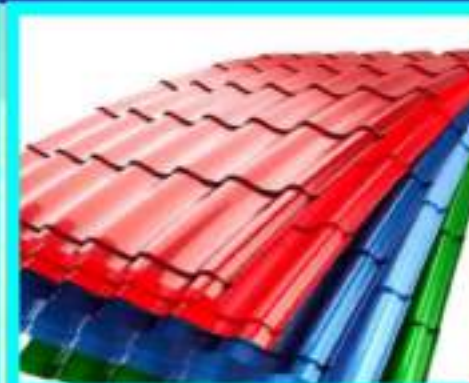
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Emirates has unveiled a series of senior commercial appointments as it prepares for the next stage of expansion across its global network. The move includes the creation of a new leadership role and promotions across key regional clusters, designed to drive sales growth, strengthen market share and deepen customer engagement.

The newly introduced position of Senior Vice President, Network Passenger Sales Development (NPSD) will focus on aligning sales and revenue strategies while supporting Emirates' broader commercial objectives.

In addition, the airline has appointed four new Vice Presidents to oversee passenger sales across regional clusters, underlining its ambition to deliver stronger performance in

Emirates Strengthens Global Sales Leadership With Five Senior Appointments



diverse markets. Two experienced Emiratis have been promoted to senior positions, reflecting the airline's ongoing commitment to developing homegrown leadership. Abdulla Al Olama has been named Vice President, Regional Clusters for the Middle East and North Africa. At the same time, Rashid Alardha takes on the role of Vice President, Regional Clusters, Sub-Saharan Africa. Adnan Kazim, Deputy President and Chief Commercial Officer at Emirates, said, "Emirates stands at a pivotal moment in its evolution as we scale up our network and deepen our engagement across an

increasingly diverse range of markets and consumer demographics."

"This period of dynamic growth calls for leaders with the right commercial know-how and the thinking to navigate our complex and evolving industry landscape, so that we can capitalise on emerging opportunities and cement our position as the airline of choice for global travellers."

"I'm particularly proud that two of the top roles will be led by UAE Nationals who have demonstrated their leadership excellence, and we're committed to building a robust pipeline of homegrown talent to drive our continued growth."

Matthew Scott has been appointed Senior Vice President for Network Passenger Sales Development, overseeing the airline's Global Sales & Leisure teams.

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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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US Approves \$32.5m Aid For Nigeria To Address Hunger

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The United States has approved \$32.5 million for Nigeria to address hunger. This is rare since President Donald Trump suspended most aid through the U.S. Agency for International Development, USAID. The funding will provide food assistance and nutritional support to internally displaced people, IDPS, in conflict-affected areas, the U.S mission to Nigeria said in a statement on Wednesday. Insecurity and funding cuts have put northern Nigeria in the grip of “an unprecedented hunger crisis” that could leave more than 1.3 million people without food and force the closure of 150 nutrition clinics in Borno state, Margot van der Velden, the World Food Program’s regional director for WestAfrica, said in July. In July, the WFP suspended food assistance across crisis-hit West and Central African countries as a result of U.S. and other global aid cuts that are grinding its operations to a halt. Food stocks were projected to end around September for most of the affected countries, leaving millions of vulnerable people potentially without emergency aid, according



A malnourished child and the mother

to the WFP. The U.S. mission said the donation would provide food and nutrition assistance to 764,205 beneficiaries across north-east and northwest of Africa’s most populous country. “ T h i s i n c l u d e s complementary nutrition top-ups for 41,569 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls and 43,235 children through electronic food vouchers,” it said. In recent months, there has been an uptick in attacks on communities in the northwest and north-central regions of Africa’s most populous country, where farmers often clash over limited access to land and water. An attack in north-central Nigeria killed 150 people in June. The West African country is also dealing with an insurgency in its northeast region that has resulted in the death of around 35,000 civilians and the displacement of more than 2 million others, according to the United Nations. Insecurity and funding cuts have put northern Nigeria in the grip of “an unprecedented hunger crisis” that could leave more than 1.3 million people without food and force the closure of 150 nutrition clinics in Borno state, Margot van der Velden, the World Food Program’s regional director for West

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FG Declares Friday Public Holiday For Eid-Ul-Mawlid



Dr. Olubunmi

Culled:
The Federal Government has declared Friday, September 5, 2025, as a public holiday to mark this year's Eid-ul-Mawlid, the celebration of the birth of Prophet Muhammad. The statement was issued on Wednesday by the

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Dr. Magdalene Ajani, on behalf of the Minister of Interior, Dr. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo. T h e g o v e r n m e n t congratulated Muslims across the country and in the diaspora on the occasion, urging them to emulate the

Prophet's virtues of peace, love, humility, tolerance, and compassion. The statement also encouraged Nigerians of all faiths to use the celebration to pray for peace, security, and stability in the country, while supporting government's efforts to strengthen national unity and foster development. “The Minister of Interior wishes Muslims a joyous and peaceful Eid-ul-Mawlid celebration. “The celebration of Eid-ul-Mawlid offers us yet another opportunity to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, promote peaceful coexistence, and imbibe the Prophet's teachings of mutual respect and selfless service to humanity,” the statement added. The government appealed to citizens to remain law-abiding and security conscious while supporting its policies aimed at promoting national unity and sustainable development. Eid-ul-Mawlid, observed in the third month of the Islamic calendar (Rabi' al-Awwal), commemorates the birth of Prophet Muhammad. It is marked with prayers, lectures, processions, and acts of charity. In Nigeria, the day is recognised as a national public holiday, reflecting the country's large Muslim population and long-standing tradition of observing major Islamic festivals. The holiday is often used by religious leaders and government officials to call for peace and unity, particularly at a time when Nigeria continues to grapple with security and economic challenges.

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Nigeria Reaffirms Ties With Trinidad And Tobago

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, has reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to strengthening the bonds of friendship and partnership with Trinidad and Tobago. Tuggar made this statement in a press release issued on Sunday by Kimiebi Ebienfa, spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the occasion of the Independence Anniversary of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The statement accompanied Tuggar's congratulatory message to his counterpart, Sean Sobers, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, in celebration of the country's independence. According to the minister, the anniversary represents the enduring spirit, unity, and determination of the people of Trinidad and Tobago in their pursuit of sovereignty, democracy, and national progress. “Nigeria joins in celebrating this historic occasion, which reflects our shared values of freedom, resilience, and the quest for sustainable development,” Tuggar said.

He emphasised that Nigeria and Trinidad and Tobago enjoyed warm and cordial relations, rooted in shared membership of the Commonwealth and strengthened through cooperation in culture, education, trade, and multilateral diplomacy. “Both nations also collaborate within the United Nations, the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP), and other international fora to promote peace, global security, and equitable growth. “On this auspicious occasion, Nigeria reaffirms its commitment to deepening the bonds of friendship and exploring new avenues for collaboration for the mutual benefit of both countries. “Once again, Nigeria extends heartfelt felicitations to the Government and people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, with best wishes for continued peace, prosperity, and national advancement,” he added.

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