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Ogun Faults Design Of Gbenga Daniel's Road Project, Orders Review

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The Ogun State Government has directed Minim and Tonye Nigeria Limited, the contractor handling Senator Gbenga Daniel's constituency road project on Paddy Arikawe Oye Igbimo Road in Sagamu, to revise its engineering designs and ensure full compliance with state specifications. The directive follows the contractor's submission of a bill of quantities on Monday, days after it was cautioned for commencing work without prior state approval.

In a letter dated September 22, 2025, signed by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works, Engr. Dr. Yusuf I. O., the government declared the current design unacceptable, noting that it fell below required standards.

The state observed that while Daniel's proposed road project spans 3 kilometres and is divided into four phases, approval has only been granted for the first phase covering 260 metres.

The contractor was asked to clarify which portion of the road the approved section covers.

The Ministry of Works specified that the concrete binding must be Grade 20, while the reinforced concrete base, walkways, and deck must be a minimum of Grade 25, with high-yield tensile strength of at least 460 N/mm².

It further directed that the reinforced concrete pavement must be at least 220mm thick of Grade 35 concrete, [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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He said no consignment would escape high-tech, driven, non-intrusive inspection at Apapa port as the scanners would be strategically positioned close to the berthing area.

Oshoba cautioned port users, especially importers, exporters and agents, to uphold the tenet of sincere declaration as all false declarations and concealments would be exposed by the technology.

Oshoba said two of the scanners are

expected from Trade Modernisation Project (TMP) Limited, with an additional one from APM Terminals.

He said the three scanners would ensure there is no downtime for cargo examination at Apapa port.

The customs boss noted that in addition to the three fixed scanners that are being installed, APM Terminals management has promised to provide a mobile scanner to serve as support in the event of unexpected downtime.

He also advised NCS ICT officers to improve capacity building for tier one and tier two levels of scanner maintenance.

The CAC, who commended Comptroller General of Customs, Bashir Adeniyi, for his relentless commitment to NCS modernisation, also urged officers to prepare for intensive train-the-trainer sessions as the next phase after installation would be training ahead of full deployment.

"All hands must be on deck to see to the full realisation of this dream, which would save time, increase revenue, enhance

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Elechi, who inspected the seized vehicles at the Wuye Command of the Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS), stated that while the motorcycles would be crushed, the cars would face mobile court proceedings before further action.

"We don't just impound vehicles; the owners will face mobile courts. The



Seized Motorcycles

motorcycles will be crushed based on court orders, but all actions follow judicial processes," he explained.

The Mandate Secretary stressed that the crackdown would continue as long as violations persist.

"If operators keep using unpainted vehicles and motorcycles illegally, we will not stop enforcing the law. Our efforts will continue as long as

violations persist. It's an FCT-wide responsibility," Elechi said.

He noted that unpainted commercial vehicles are often used for criminal activities, unlike registered and painted taxis, which are easier to monitor.

"There has to be order. The government's role includes ensuring the welfare and security of its citizens.

One major security risk is the use of unpainted vehicles for passenger transport—that is where 'one chance' crimes happen," Elechi said.

To improve the sector, the FCTA plans to profile all commercial drivers in Abuja. Elechi said all taxis would be registered, assigned numbers, and painted to ensure commuters can identify legitimate transport providers.

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Increase In Cement Price Major Threat To Road Project - Umahi

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The Minister of Works, Senator David Umahi, has expressed concern over the rising cost of cement and other construction materials, despite ongoing government reforms that are gradually stabilising the economy.

Speaking with journalists during his weekend inspection tour of the Abuja–Obajana Junction road in Kogi State, Umahi said the surge in cement prices posed a serious challenge to the government's ambitious infrastructure drive.

According to him, while President Bola Tinubu inherited an economy where "everything became a priority," his administration has given roads and bridges top consideration as critical enablers of growth.

He noted that the sector remains pivotal to the nation's GDP expansion, even as other sectors depend on it for support.

"Inflation is coming down even though construction materials are going up, and we don't know why. The dollar is being

stabilised, but the price of cement has moved from ₦7,500 to ₦9,500. Same with shipping, same with sand. You need to help me find out why", he asked.

Umahi likened the situation to a paradox in physics, where water behaves unusually at minus four degrees, suggesting that the market dynamics of building materials defy economic logic.

Despite the challenge, he applauded government reforms for gradually yielding results, citing the decline in food prices as a positive signal of recovery.

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Senator Umahi

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He added that repairs on the main track are nearly complete, with safety inspections now underway, while work on the secondary track is still ongoing and will remain closed until fully restored.

"Our team of engineers has successfully repaired the main line to a level that allows us to safely resume operations," Opeifa said.

"While train services will recommence soon, work on the secondary track will

continue simultaneously."

NRC also announced that a comprehensive safety and infrastructure inspection has begun to ensure the corridor meets the highest standards of safety, durability, and reliability.

The corporation said its internal investigation revealed that the derailment was caused by human error, misuse of the emergency brake, and overspeeding.

Opeifa said all recommendations from the review team have been accepted.

The train was carrying 618 passengers at the time of the incident. Twenty-two people were injured and are currently recovering.

NRC said it has successfully contacted 512 passengers, while efforts are ongoing to reach 71 others who have yet to respond due to wrong contact details or unavailability.

An official announcement on the resumption date for Abuja-Kaduna train services is expected soon.

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Ododo Orders Construction Of 10km Township Across 21 LGAS

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Kogi State Governor, Ahmed Usman Ododo, has directed the construction of 10 kilometres of township roads in each of the state's 21 local government areas.

The governor said the initiative fulfills his campaign promises and underscores his commitment to improving infrastructure and the well-being of the people.

Represented during a project tour by the Commissioner for Works, Engr. Muhammed Avohi Yusuf, Governor Ododo instructed the Kogi State Roads Maintenance Agency (KOGROMA) to deliver the road projects across the state.

Yusuf confirmed that the 10km township road project in Yagba West LGA has been completed, while similar projects are ongoing in Mopamuro and Yagba East LGAs.

"In Mopa town, we are constructing 10 kilometres of township roads. Already, four kilometres of asphalt have been laid, and earthwork for the entire stretch is completed. Once the rains are over,



Governor Ododo

the remaining six kilometres will be fully asphalted," Yusuf said.

Commissioner for Information and Communications, Hon. Kingsley Femi Fanwo, added that the administration is deliberately decentralizing development to ensure rural areas benefit from good governance.

"Before now, projects were concentrated in urban centres. Today, rural communities are feeling the impact of

government interventions. The Chief Servant is committed to ensuring development reaches the grassroots," Fanwo stated.

He urged citizens to take ownership of the projects and protect them from vandalism to ensure long-term sustainability.

During the tour, the commissioners also inspected a newly completed erosion control project in Kabba, which has

saved the community from perennial flooding.

Residents across the senatorial district expressed gratitude to Governor Ododo for the road and erosion control projects.

Mr. Daniel Tope, a resident of Iteju, praised the reconstruction of a long-abandoned road and collapsed bridge linking his community to others, pledging continued community support for the administration.

Similarly, Mr. Adebosin Bolanle, speaking for the people of Mopa, said the roads have improved farmers' access to markets, boosting local commerce.

Mr. Ojo Sunday Martins of Kabba commended the governor for both the township roads and gully erosion control project, describing them as life-saving interventions.

Residents collectively noted that the Ododo administration's projects are transforming lives across Kogi State and strengthening public confidence in the government.

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NNPC Tells Marketers To Top Up Fuel Payments

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The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited has requested that petroleum marketers who applied to purchase fuel through its online portal top up their payments in line with current prices, or risk forfeiting their allocations.

Confirming this to the PUNCH, NNPC's spokesman, Andy Odeh, explained that marketers who cannot meet the new ex-depot rates may instead apply for refunds. He noted that this was necessary to maintain contractual obligations, as product loading cannot proceed at outdated payment levels once a price adjustment is made.

"Where payments have been made and there is a subsequent price adjustment before loading takes place, marketers are required to either pay the difference before lifting their products or, if they prefer, request a refund," Odeh said. "NNPC can confirm that it has received refund requests from some marketers, and in line with our contractual obligations, those requests are currently

being processed."

The Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria has, however, urged the NNPC Group Chief Executive Officer, Bayo Ojulari, to clear the backlog of loading tickets held in the company's portal. According to the association, its members have paid for petroleum products but have not been able to lift the volumes tied to those tickets.

IPMAN's Publicity Secretary, Chinedu Ukadike, in an interview with Sunday PUNCH, appealed for urgent intervention.

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Murtala Muhammed Airport Two, managed by Bi-Courtney Aviation Services Limited and its Acting Chief Operating Officer, Remi Jibodu, received significant recognitions at the recent CHINET Awards and the 21st AKWAABA African Travel Market.

According to a statement signed by Ajoke Yinka-Olawuyi, Head of Corporate Communications at Bi-Courtney Aviation Services Limited, MMA2 was named Best Cargo Airport in Nigeria, while Jibodu was honoured as one of the Top 50 Air Cargo Personalities in Nigeria.

This recognition highlights MMA2's dedication to providing an exceptional airport experience and its innovative approach to cargo operations. Jibodu's award specifically acknowledges his exemplary leadership and investment in the air cargo business.

These recent honours reinforce MMA2's established reputation for excellence within the Nigerian aviation sector. CHINET, organisers of the awards and known as West Africa's only international aviation cargo event, continues to be a

MMA2, COO Bag Top Aviation Awards

key player in promoting Africa's air cargo business.

Speaking at the event, Mr Jibodu said, "The air cargo sector faces challenges such as weak digital presence, fragmented processes, low awareness, and limited dedicated freighter capacity. To unlock its full potential, we must invest in robust digital platforms that integrate the logistics ecosystem end-to-end, incentivise fleet and capacity development through innovative financing models, and adopt a collaborative P3 approach. Only then can we deliver the speed, transparency, and reliability the market demands."

Also reacting, Yinka-Olawuyi said, "This recognition is another reminder that excellence is a journey, not a destination."

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Conoil, Eterna, Others Join Dangote's Free Delivery Scheme



Dangote

Major Nigerian petroleum marketers, including Conoil PLC and Eterna PLC, have partnered with Dangote Petroleum Refinery for the logistics-free fuel distribution scheme. The Dangote Group announced this in a post on its social media handles on Monday.

The collaboration, which also involved players like Golden Super, Nepal Energies, Kifayat Global Energy, and Riquet and Gas, aims to slash logistics costs for fuel stations and drive down pump prices for consumers nationwide.

The initiative promises seamless, no-cost transport of refined petrol from Dangote's 650,000-barrel-per-day facility in Lekki to

participating stations and bulk buyers. "Join leading marketers like Conoil PLC, Eterna PLC, Golden Super, Nepal Energies, Kifayat Global Energy, and Riquet and Gas to enjoy the benefits of free delivery and offer Nigerians lower pump prices," the company declared.

The programme is expected to kick off in 11 states—Lagos, Ekiti, Abuja, Ogun, Oyo, Ondo, Osun, Kwara, Delta, Rivers, and Edo—with expansion slated for the near future.

Filling station owners are encouraged to register promptly to secure their spot, transforming supply chains by eliminating delivery fees that often inflate retail costs.

The Dangote refinery rolled out over 1,000 compressed natural gas-powered trucks for the free delivery scheme, sparking reactions from tanker drivers, depot owners and oil suppliers.

It was reported that bulk fuel consumers and filling stations are dumping their middlemen suppliers

for Dangote's free delivery.

The President of the National Association of Road Transport Owners, Yusuf Othman, who condemned the free delivery of fuel to filling stations, telecom companies, and other bulk users, said buyers have now jettisoned the contracts signed with his members to receive free delivery from Dangote.

The NARTO president explained that his members have up to 30,000 trucks and cannot do the business of fuel distribution free of charge.

"We have our members who have signed agreements with so many companies.

Some are even informal agreements, but we have formal agreements signed, and by that, we used those formal agreements to collect bank facilities to buy trucks and serve those companies. But now, those agreements are at stake because a big brother is coming to supply directly to them, not minding the fact that they have signed agreements with us.

"Though they have not officially informed us, and it's not officially confirmed, the information available to us showed that this is ongoing, and as such, our trucks will not be used again. That is one of the reasons why so many of our members are complaining. If I sign an agreement with you for service by virtue of my 10 trucks, and somebody somewhere comes to do the same thing for you for free, it's a very delicate situation.

"So, that is one of the reasons why we are calling on the Federal Government, especially the NMDPRA, which has told all of us clearly that this act is an illegal act by virtue of Section 212 of the PIA," he said.

Before Dangote asked filling stations and bulk buyers to register for direct fuel delivery, some middlemen bought from refineries or depot owners and resold to bulk users. However, the Dangote free fuel distribution scheme appears to have halted the old order, as the buyers now apply for direct supply to save costs.

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Speaking, the Corps Marshal of FRSC, Malam Shehu Mohammed, said that the IRCVAC would focus on the plight of RTCs victims across the continent.

Mohammed said that previous global road accident and crash injury conferences had often emphasised high-income countries, with little attention given to the victims of road traffic crashes.

He said that the need to address this gap necessitated the partnership between the FRSC and KRSD to host the African edition of the conference.

"The essence of this conference is to bring



Stakeholders at the press briefing on IRCVAC

professionals and of Abuja. "That is why FRSC and KRSD came together to support this international conference a reality here in Abuja," he said. The corps marshal

stressed that victims of road traffic crashes had suffered untold hardship over the years, with women and children bearing the brunt.

According to him, the most worrisome are the victims of road traffic crashes, women and children left behind.

"Some of the children are abandoned or uncared for, while others drop out of school and end up on drugs.

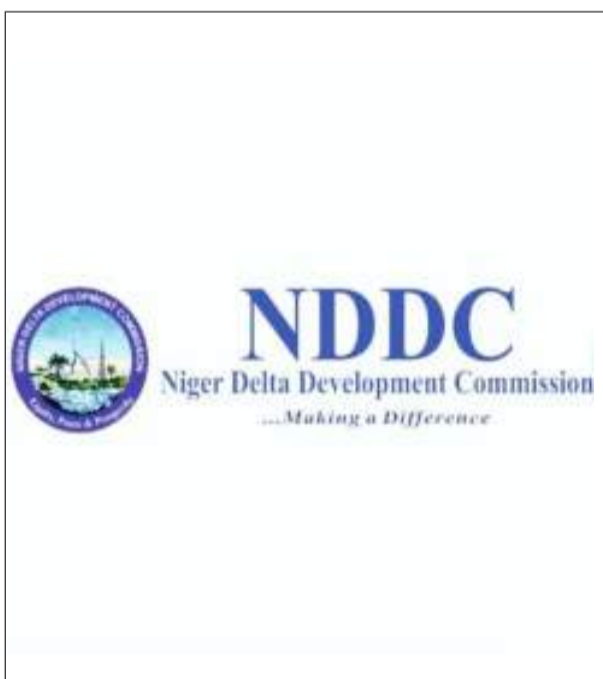
"This is why we are committed to giving them a voice and pushing their plight to the centre of global discussions," he said.

Also speaking, the founder of KRSD, Justice Monica Dongban-Mensem, said that the conference, guided by the theme "Gathering Africa and the World for Road Crash Victims," would be the first dedicated African forum focused on victims of road crashes and their families.

Dongban-Mensem, who established the KRSD Foundation on Sept. 30, 2011, in memory of her late son, said the foundation was celebrating its 14th anniversary with renewed commitment to road safety advocacy across Africa.

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NDDC Flags Off Construction Of Ikwuano Community Road



NDDC

Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), has flagged off the construction of the long abandoned 3.3 kilometres Iyalu-Iberenta – Qo-Ibere Autonomous community road.

The contract agreement of the interventionist agency also includes the remediation works at the two gully erosion sites located at Iyalu and Iberenta communities. The Ikwuano community road project is expected to aid in erosion control.

Flagging off the project at Iberenta, Qo-Ibere Autonomous Community, Ikwuano LGA, the Commissioner representing Abia state on the NDDC Board, Chief Eruba Dimgba assured

that the emergency erosion control and road construction contract of the NDDC would not be abandoned half way.

He disclosed that under the watch of President Bola Tinubu, the NDDC, as an interventionist agency, has been receiving every necessary support to execute projects, unlike what was obtainable in the past. The support is crucial for initiatives like the Ikwuano community road.

Chief Dimgba, who promised that the contractor would deliver quality work, appealed to the community to support the contractor by not sabotaging his efforts.

He told the benefiting communities to report any shoddy work by the contractor to the office of the NDDC in Abia state, located at Okeikpe, Ukwa West LGA for proper action. He appreciated President Bola Tinubu and the National Assembly for enabling the NDDC with the resources to execute its projects.

Also speaking, the contractor

handling the road project and CEO Worldwide Environmental Technology Ltd., Sir Ako Obioma said that the 3.3km work would commence in mid-October.

Sir Ako Obioma, who is also the Chairman Akubaraoha Foundation, a foundation dedicated in for community and human resources development assured of delivering high quality job and solicited support from all stakeholders in the Qo-Ibere autonomous community.

In his remarks, the traditional ruler of the Qo-Ibere Autonomous Community, Eze Dr. Stanley Ijenwa, the President – General, Qo-Ibere National Development Union, Dr. Green Nwaoaha and the President-General of the Iberenta Development Union Federated, Bishop Ozuh Uchechi Prince, Prince Ejike Pascal Atumah narrated the challenges faced by their people, adding that they have lived in fear for many decades because of the terrible road and erosion menace in

the community. The completion of the Ikwuano community road is anticipated to significantly alleviate these fears.

They described the autonomous community as a food basket of Abia state, highlighting various kinds of farm produce cultivated in the area and promised to provide the necessary support for the contractor to enable him deliver quality work for the people.

In their reactions, the Chairlady of Iberenta Development Union Women's Wing Mrs. Ann Ogbuehi and the Secretary of the Association, Mrs. Fortune Emeh as well as the Youth President, Engr. Don Onyegbula expressed their excitements over the flagging off of the road.

They said the road has been terrible and has been affecting them negatively in conveying their farm produce to markets and prayed God to bless the NDDC for coming to rescue the community.

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Copenhagen, Oslo Airport Reopen After Drone Sightings Force Closure

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Copenhagen and Oslo airports resumed operations on September 23, 2025, after drone sightings forced the suspension of air traffic the previous evening, according to police and airport officials.

Copenhagen Airport (CPH) confirmed that all takeoffs and landings were halted from 20:26 local time (18:26 GMT) on September 22, 2025, after "three or four large drones" were reported flying near the facility. Flight tracking website FlightRadar24 recorded at least 15 diversions to other airports during the four-hour closure.

Danish police later clarified that they were unable to confirm the exact number or type of drones, but suggested they were flown by a "capable operator" who may have wanted to "show off." Police also confirmed that armed forces were



activated in response, though there was no indication the drones were intended to cause harm.

At 01:32 local time on September 23, 2025,

Copenhagen Airport said operations were resuming after the disruption, but warned of "delays and cancelled departures," urging passengers to remain in

contact with their airlines. At a follow-up briefing in the morning of September 23, 2025, Copenhagen Police Director Anne Tønnes described the incident as

"an attack" and stressed that authorities were treating it as "extremely serious."

Flemming Drejer, operational chief at the Danish Police

Intelligence Service (PET), said Denmark remained under a "high sabotage threat," adding that sabotage might not always take the form of direct attacks but actions designed "to stress us out."

"We have a massive presence out there, and you will be able to see that for a long time to come," Drejer said, noting that PET, police, and the armed forces were all involved in the response.

Drejer also acknowledged that Russia was being monitored in connection with the case, though no specific actor was identified. Senior police inspector Jens Jespersen told reporters that "a capable actor" was probably behind the drone flights.

In Norway, police confirmed that a drone was detected near Oslo Airport (OSL) on the evening of September 22, 2025.

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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 Pledges Support For Nigerian Students Seeking American Education

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The US Government has expressed its continued commitment to supporting young Nigerian students, innovators, and change-makers who are willing to study in America.

U.S. Embassy Public Diplomacy Officer, Brian Neubert, stated this at the 2025 Education U.S. Nigeria Fair, with the theme "Empowering Futures, Discover American Excellence in Education and Innovation," on Monday in Abuja.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that the event is a series of educational fairs held yearly in various countries to connect prospective students with U.S. higher education institutions.

The fairs provide opportunity for students, parents, and counsellors to meet with representatives from various U.S. colleges and universities, get information on admission requirements, academic programmes, financial aid, and scholarships.

"The United States is proud to partner with Nigeria in empowering students, who are the next generation of leaders, innovators, and change-makers.

"Today, we have representatives from 28 American colleges and



Nigeria Students

universities who want to meet you.

"EducationUSA brought them here because they want to recruit Nigerian students to their campuses," he said.

Neubert explained that the EducationUSA team offers free counselling services to help prospective students navigate the application process.

He counselled the students to "responsibly maintain" their student visa status if they eventually succeeded in

getting their student visa.

This, he added, required that they must ensure compliance with all regulations, make the most of their time in the U.S., and take back to Nigeria all their cherished experiences.

"As you consider your next steps, know that you are joining a long tradition of Nigerian students who have excelled in U.S. institutions and gone on to make significant contributions to their communities and the world," he added.

PUNCH Online reported in August how over 300 Nigerians who have gained admission into universities in the United States lamented their inability to obtain student visas, despite undergoing embassy interviews for months.

The delay comes amid President Donald Trump's administration efforts to control immigration, which brought changes to how international student visas are reviewed and issued.

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Libya Detains 18 Nigerians For Deportation

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Authorities in Libya have transferred 18 undocumented Nigerian migrants from the Sirte Immigration Detention Centre to the southern city of Sabha, where they are expected to be repatriated in the coming days.

The development was confirmed in a statement by Migrant Rescue Watch, a humanitarian monitoring group, which said the transfer took place on Monday under the supervision of the Libyan Department for Combating Illegal Migration (DCIM).

According to the group, the migrants were transported by road in a security-controlled convoy, marking part of Libya's broader strategy to facilitate the return of foreign nationals without legal status.

The migrants, who were being held for attempting to cross into Europe illegally, will remain in the Sabha detention facility until arrangements are concluded for their return to Nigeria.

Libya continues to serve as a major transit point for migrants seeking to reach Europe through the Mediterranean Sea, despite years of political instability and armed conflict.

The country's detention centers often hold large numbers of undocumented migrants awaiting deportation or repatriation. International humanitarian groups have repeatedly raised concerns about overcrowding, poor living conditions, and abuse in these facilities.

In recent years, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has partnered with Libyan authorities to arrange voluntary repatriation flights, giving migrants an option to return home safely.

When Vanguard contacted the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday, the Spokesperson, Mr. Kimiebi Ebienna, said: "I don't have any information yet about that."

Also speaking on Tuesday, the Director of Media, Public Relations and Protocols Unit of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), Mr. Abdur-Rahman Balogun, said: "NiDCOM has not been officially briefed on this."

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Airtel Africa Extends \$100m Share Buyback Plan



Airtel Africa

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Airtel Africa has extended its \$100 million share buyback programme, first launched in December 2024, in partnership with Barclays Capital Securities Limited. The scheme, aimed at improving shareholder

returns, has so far returned \$34.7 million through the repurchase of 14.2 million shares, with \$20.3 million still to be acquired.

The initiative, now running until March 2026, follows the completion of an initial \$50 million phase in April 2025 and currently includes a \$55

million tranche.

The telecommunications group, listed on the Nigerian Exchange (NGX), is operating within regulations that restrict share buybacks to 15 percent of issued shares over two years. All repurchased shares will be cancelled, reducing the company's share capital and potentially increasing earnings per share (EPS).

The buyback follows a strong performance in the first quarter of 2025, when Airtel Africa reported a 16-fold increase in EPS to 3.4 cents, supported by higher operating profits and lower foreign exchange losses. The company also raised capital expenditure by 27 percent, investing \$737 million in 2024 to expand infrastructure and secure spectrum across its

markets.

The extension of the scheme, according to Airtel Africa, also reflects its intention to provide consistent shareholder value while maintaining investment in its network. The partnership with Barclays ensures compliance with regulations during closed trading periods and seeks to limit market disruption.

Airtel Africa has in recent years considered a separate listing of its mobile money business but postponed the initial public offering in 2025, choosing instead to direct capital into shareholder-focused measures such as the buyback.

Industry observers point out that buybacks may improve financial ratios by reducing outstanding

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Chinese Consul General in Lagos, Yan Yuqing

Nigeria, China Deepen Ties Through Film, Culture Exchange

Culled: Nigeria and China have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cultural and economic diplomacy through the film industry.

This renewed commitment was underscored at a symposium in Lagos themed “Promoting Cultural and Economic Diplomacy Through Film.”

The event was convened by the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) in partnership with the Chinese Consulate General and other stakeholders.

Representing NIIA Director-General Prof. Eghosa Osaghae, Research

Professor Femi Otubanjo highlighted the historical use of culture and film as tools of foreign policy, especially during the Cold War.

He noted that while films and music were once used to project Western ideologies, Nigeria is now reshaping global perceptions through Nollywood and Afrobeats.

“Today, Nigerian music and Nollywood are taking over arenas worldwide, creating not only cultural influence but also significant economic activities,” Otubanjo said.

Chinese Consul General in Lagos, Yan Yuqing, described film as a “universal language that transcends

borders,” praising Nollywood for reshaping global views of Nigeria while showcasing China's century-long film tradition. She recalled the 2023 Chinese Film Festival in Lagos and highlighted the size of China's \$6 billion film industry.

Executive Director of the National Film and Video Censors Board (NFVCB), Dr. Shaibu Husseini, called for practical cooperation between both nations in film production, training, and infrastructure development.

He proposed co-production treaties, technical exchanges, and partnerships in animation,

soundstage construction, and community cinemas.

“When Nigeria and China collaborate through film, they are not just telling stories. They are shaping global narratives and strengthening bilateral relations,” Husseini said.

Director of Studies at the NIIA, Prof. Efem Ubi, stressed that culture and entertainment are powerful instruments of diplomacy, capable of reshaping global narratives about Nigeria.

He urged deliberate efforts to project positive visuals that portray Nigeria as a land of opportunity and cultural vibrancy.

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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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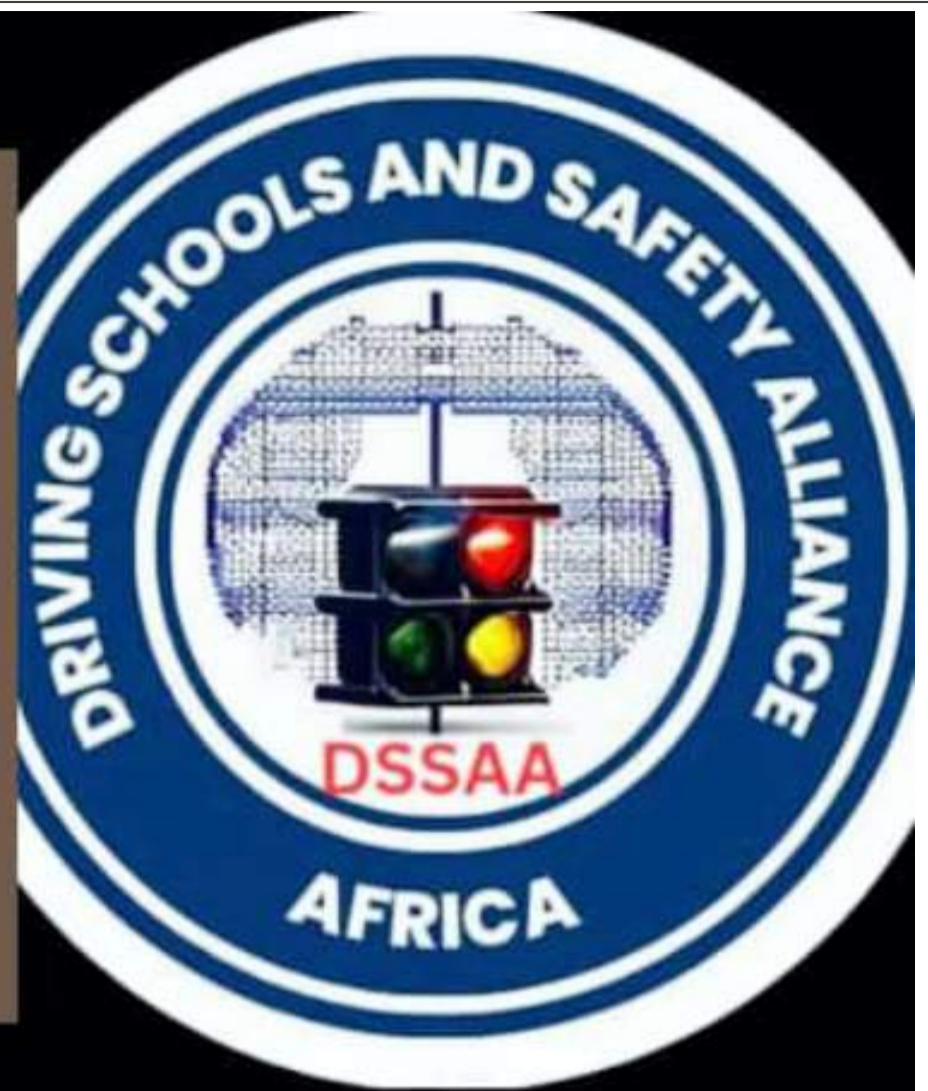


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