

Kwara Community Commends Government On 200km Road Project

The House of Representatives on Thursday urged the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to return to site and complete the long-abandoned Obehie-Okeikpe-Akwete-Azumini Road project in Ukwa West and Ukwa East Local Government Areas of Abia State. The resolution followed a motion sponsored by Hon.

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NCAA To Enforce Zero Debt Policy For Airlines 2026

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The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has announced plans to implement stricter financial enforcement measures to address the persistent issue of airlines failing to meet their regulatory obligations.

Director-General of Civil Aviation, Capt. Chris Najomo, disclosed this during the 2025 Civil Aviation Cost Recovery Optimisation Stakeholders' Retreat, themed "Strengthening Collaboration for Revenue Optimisation and Operational Efficiency."

Represented by the Director of Operations, Licensing and Training Standards, Capt. Donald Spiff, Najomo expressed concern over the continued non-compliance of some airlines with financial regulations, describing it as a serious threat to the stability and sustainability of the aviation sector.

To tackle the challenge, Najomo announced that the NCAA would, from January 2026, introduce a Zero Debt Strategy requiring airlines to provide

mandatory Advance Payment Guarantees (APG) as a precondition for operations.

He explained that the new framework is designed to eliminate the accumulation of debts owed to the Authority, promote financial discipline, and enhance operational accountability within the industry.

According to him, the initiative aligns with the Federal Government's broader economic agenda focused on revenue

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Capt Najomo

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Residents of Alagbon Odetunde in Bode Saadu have commended the Kwara State Governor, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, for his administration's efforts on the ongoing Bode Saadu-Kaiama Road construction project.

The residents described the intervention as life-changing, noting that for years they had relied on narrow footpaths to access their farms, while poor road networks hindered trade, causing their farm produce to rot due to difficulty in transportation.

During a media tour of the project site by journalists, some residents expressed gratitude to the state and federal governments, as well as the BUA Group, for their joint intervention which, they said, has significantly improved their living conditions.

The project, facilitated by Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq and executed by BUA Group under the Federal Government's Road Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme, forms part of a 200-

kilometre network designed to enhance intra- and inter-state connectivity, boost economic activities, and improve access to agricultural communities.

Speaking on behalf of the community, Sulaiman Odetunde, a farmer and Youth Leader of the town, said: "We thank Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq for bringing development to our area, especially this road project. We never believed it would be dualised, but now we can see remarkable progress. Different vehicles now ply the road, and it has become easier for us farmers to move our crops from the farm to the market."

He added that the road, which stretches from Bode Saadu through Kaiama and Banni, links several communities including Lasaki, Elesin, Olokiti, and Sabon Gari, among others

"Before, we lived like we were in the bush. Transporting our farm produce was nearly impossible, and even getting a motorcycle was a challenge. Now, we can move freely and engage in trade with nearby towns," he said.

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In a statement issued yesterday by the Commissioner for Information, Aniekan Umanah, Governor Eno said the state government was aware of the growing number of potholes resulting from the prolonged rains in recent weeks.

"The State Government is aware of the potholes that have appeared on some roads as a result of the heavy and prolonged rainfall in recent weeks," the statement read. "Government wishes to assure members of the public that as the rains subside, rehabilitation work will begin in earnest to ensure proper and durable reconstruction of the affected



Governor Eno

portions.

"Furthermore, desilting of drainages and clearing of blocked water channels will also commence in various parts of Uyo to reduce flooding and prevent further damage to road infrastructure."

While welcoming the government's pledge to fix the roads, some residents criticized the governor's explanation.

Udoh Okon, a resident of Nwaniba,

said, "It's good that the government is finally willing to fix the potholes. We've been complaining for long. But the governor's comment shouldn't insult our intelligence — the roads are not failing because of rain; they're failing because of poor construction."

Another resident, Bassey Johnson, who lives along Ikot Ekpene Road, described the governor's statement as a "self-

indictment."

"It's wrong to blame failing roads on rain," he told Vanguard. "How long have those roads existed for them to be collapsing already? The governor must be serious and not repeat the excuses of his predecessors. Major roads should withstand all weather conditions — come rain or shine. No excuses. Just fix the roads."

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Imo Builds New Bus Terminal On Onitsha Road

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The Imo State Government has begun constructing a brand-new bus terminal on Onitsha Road, opposite Holy Ghost in Owerri to facilitate easy travel across the state.

This terminal is one of three modern facilities planned for Owerri to significantly improve travel within the state and to other destinations.

A statement on Sunday by the Special Adviser to the Governor Hope Uzodimma on Public Enlightenment, Prince Eze Ugochukwu, reads:

“This is one of three modern terminals planned for Owerri, and it's set to make traveling around the state and beyond a whole lot easier.”

He said the terminals which are initiated by Governor Hope Uzodimma, are being built by Planet Projects Ltd.

“These terminals will be a modern hub where people can catch buses comfortably to places like Lagos,

Abuja, Port Harcourt and Enugu,” he explained.

He disclosed that the company have built big terminals in Lagos, like the Oshodi Interchange, with smart features like easy ticketing and waiting areas.

“Right now, workers are busy laying foundations and putting up walls at the site. It's still early, but things are moving along nicely. This terminal is one of three coming to Owerri, and residents are excited,” he added.

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The new bus terminal under construction

Otti Flags Off Construction Of 13.5km Ariam Usaka Ring Road

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Governor Alex Otti of Abia State, has flagged off the construction of the 13.5 Ariam-Usaka Ring Road in Ikwuano Local Government Area (LGA) of the State.

Governor Otti, in an address at the ceremony, Friday, at Obeama Ariam Model Primary School, said that fixing Ariam-Usaka ring road, would signal the beginning of a new cycle of investments that would ultimately transform Ikwuano into the next frontlines of opportunities and prosperity.

He said that the Ariam-Usaka Ring Road has been designed as an economic enabler for the people of Ikwuano in particular and the entire Abia at large, because of the interconnectivity of agriculture and general scope of entrepreneurship in the area.

He disclosed that his government is making plans to commence other road infrastructure development design and execution when the 2026 budget cycle comes on stream, adding that,

“The grand plan is to connect communities

within Oloko, Oboro, Ibere and Ariam to each other and to the clans and communities in Bende, Umuahia North and South LGAs,” Governor Otti stated.

He thanked the people of Ikwuano for their sustained support since 2015.

“We have dedicated the whole of this day to Ikwuano as our way of saying thank you to our people for standing firmly by us, believing in the sincerity of our campaign for a new political order and for the significant sacrifices you made to keep the ship afloat in the days of great turbulence.

“Abia is better today, because you insisted that our great State deserved better than what it had yesterday.

The Governor assured the Ariam-Usaka people that the contractor would get every support he needs to complete the project within 12 months.

He noted that the project is dear to him because of the potential it holds for the transformation of the economic and social experiences of the people, acknowledging that the region, is one of the major agricultural belts in the State.

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“We are expanding the Dangote Petroleum Refinery from 650,000 barrels per day to 1.4 million barrels per day. Upon completion, this will make it the largest refinery in the world, surpassing the Jamnagar Refinery in India,” Dangote said.

He stated that construction work for the expansion would commence immediately, adding that about 65,000 workers would be engaged for the project, with 85 per cent expected to be Nigerians.

Dangote also revealed that the refinery's power generation capacity would be doubled from 500 megawatts to 1,000



Dangote

MW, while production standards would be upgraded from Euro V to Euro VI specifications.

He further revealed that the refinery will expand Polypropylene production from 900,000 metric tonnes to 2.4 million metric tonnes per annum, noting that this will further enrich the production of linear alkylbenzene, which is a key ingredient for the production of detergent, and will allow additional production of base oils.

According to him, the company also plans to list the refinery on the Nigerian Stock Exchange in 2026, to enable Nigerians to become shareholders in the multibillion-dollar facility.

Dangote expressed appreciation to President Bola Tinubu for his support, noting that the expansion is expected to be completed within three years.

Last week, the landing cost of imported Premium Motor Spirit (petrol) had

recorded a marginal decrease, dropping from N849.61 to N839.97 per litre.

According to data released by the Major Energies Marketers Association of Nigeria (MEMAN), the landing cost has shown a downward trend in recent weeks.

The energy bulletins released by the MEMAN Competency Centre showed that the average landing cost of imported petrol was N849.61 on October 13; N847.61 on October 14; N841.54 on October 20; and N839.97 per litre on October 21.

However, the decrease in landing cost has yet to translate into lower prices for consumers.

Despite these drops, depot owners have yet to reduce their gantry prices, and filling stations still sold petrol around N915 and above on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the former President of the Nigerian Association for Energy Economics (NAEE), Prof. Wunmi Iledare, said Nigeria's economy was still grappling with the combined effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the removal of subsidies, and the floating of the naira.

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Dangote To Raise \$5bn For Refinery Expansion Afreximbank CEO

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The new President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the African Export-Import Bank, George Elombi, on Saturday disclosed that Africa's richest man, Aliko Dangote, is seeking an additional \$5bn to expand his refinery in Lagos.

Speaking during his inaugural address at Afreximbank's investiture ceremony in Cairo, Elombi said Dangote personally informed him of the plan earlier in the day, adding that the bank would explore all possible avenues to raise the funds.

"Alhaji Dangote indicated to me this morning that he will be coming for an additional \$5bn to expand the refinery. We have agreed to look for the money wherever it is, in Afreximbank, in your individual accounts. We believe it has to be done.

"If it is done, it will double his production and cut prices by 50 per cent, maybe for Nigeria and for all the countries along this West African coast. This will be a significant change," he told the gathering.

The \$20bn Dangote Refinery was largely financed by Afreximbank and has been described as a game changer in Nigeria's energy landscape.

Elombi said the expansion, if completed, would transform fuel supply in the sub-region and bring down costs in a way that would ripple across West African economies.

In his speech, Elombi also praised his predecessor, Professor Benedict Oramah, whose tenure saw the bank's assets rise more than eightfold to

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The Nigerian Railway Corporation has announced the official resumption of the Warri-Itakpe Train Service.

A statement from the management of the Railway Corporation made available to journalists in Warri, Delta State, on Sunday said that the official resumption of the train service is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025, after its temporary suspension.

The management stated that "the temporary suspension was necessary to carry out critical repairs, maintenance, and system checks on the track and rolling stock to ensure the comfort, reliability and safety of passengers".

The statement partly reads, "The online booking portal will open by 12 noon on Monday, October 27, 2025, about 48 hours ahead of resumption.

"Passengers are encouraged to secure their tickets early through the portal or at designated stations.

"Operations will commence with seven coaches, comprising six

Warri-Itakpe Train Service Resumes Wednesday

standard class and one business class.

"The train timetable, incorporating temporary speed restrictions (TSR) for safety and operational monitoring, will also be released on Monday".

It noted that "the corporation sincerely apologises to its esteemed passengers and stakeholders for the inconveniences experienced during the period of suspension and appreciates their patience and understanding."

The Managing Director, Kayode Opeifa, assured the travelling public of the NRC's renewed commitment to safe, reliable, and efficient rail services as passenger operations resume fully on the Warri-Itakpe.

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FG Decries Slow Pace Of Work On Lambata-Lapai-Bida Road



Senator Umahi

The Minister of Works, David Umahi, has directed the immediate mobilisation of additional equipment and personnel to speed up rehabilitation works on the Lambata-Lapai-Bida Road in Niger State, following the prolonged delay of the project.

Umahi, gave the order during an inspection visit to the site yesterday, where he expressed dissatisfaction with the contractor over the level of work done so far.

The 124.8 kilometre road project, awarded several years ago, was divided into two phases by the current administration, with phase one covering 92 kilometres from Lambata to Agai, valued at N39 billion.

Initially designed to last 24 months, the completion period was extended by another 24 months due to delays. Phase two, which covers the most critical section from Agai to Bida, is yet to be awarded.

The minister who was represented on the inspection by the director Highways in the North Central, Salihu Ahmed, conveyed the minister's displeasure on the rate of the work.

He said: "The mobilisation is not enough. You can't explain what you are doing here. You have to bring more machines to this site. The minister directed that palliative works should be ongoing so that we won't continue to have gridlocks on this road. But as it stands, you are only working on two locations."

Ahmed said the ministry would 're-scope' the project to determine the extent of work required on the uncompleted section and ensure rapid progress.

"The contractor needs to mobilise more equipment to the site and let us

have free movement of vehicles. Failure to do so, in the next one or two weeks, we will see action," he added.

The Project Manager of CGC Nigeria, Fan Bo, assured that the company would mobilise more equipment within days to intensify work and ease movement on the route.

"Please do not worry. We promise to bring more machines and mobilise fully in the next few days," he said.

Also speaking, Deputy Director of Construction at the Niger State Ministry of Works and Infrastructure Development, Nasir Ahmed, said the minister's directive was aimed at ensuring free vehicular movement and reducing frequent accidents along the busy corridor.

"This is a follow-up to the Niger State governor's efforts. The minister wants serious action so that there will be no more gridlocks or accidents on this road," he said.

He urged motorists, especially truck drivers, to remain patient and cooperate with the contractors during the construction period.

"Their impatience causes a lot of the nuisances we see. They should be patient and follow instructions so that work can progress smoothly," he advised.

Meanwhile, on the minister's directive, the delegation paid a condolence visit to the District Head of Essa in Katcha Local Government Area, Muhammad Daud, over a recent tanker explosion that claimed several lives along the route.

The district head appreciated the visit but expressed concern over recurring accidents. He urged road safety officials to clamp down on individuals who hang or sleep on moving heavy-duty vehicles, describing the practice as dangerous and unacceptable.

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Omotoso noted that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, are committed to ensuring that all ongoing projects are completed and no initiative is abandoned.

"All of the beautiful projects you see that we have started will be completed soon. The Opebi-Mende Link Bridge will be commissioned before the end of this year. What remains are finishing touches," Omotoso stated.

He added that several other major infrastructure and social projects are



Governor Sanwo-Olu

nearing completion, Hospital is almost sub-Saharan Africa. including the new completed. By next Each can store enough Massey Children's year, it will be fully food to feed five million Hospital, the General equipped and people for three Hospital in Ojo, and commissioned," he months."

several state food hubs said. "Our food hubs, The commissioner also designed to strengthen some of which are provided updates on the food security. already ready, are state's ambitious rail

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programme, confirming that work on the second phases of both the Blue and Red Line Rail projects is progressing steadily and will be completed before the end of the current administration.

He further revealed that the Green Line Rail project is in its preparatory stage, with active meetings underway to ensure significant progress before the administration's tenure ends.

Omotoso listed several housing and education projects nearing completion, including the Sunny Arose Housing Estate, Odo-Onosa Housing Scheme in Badagry, and Sangotedo Housing Project.

He hinted that one of the most remarkable upcoming projects is a massive new school in Ajegunle, which he described as "the biggest anywhere in West Africa."

"It's an amazing facility that will redefine education infrastructure in that part of Lagos. No project will be left undone — not in housing, health, infrastructure, or education. Abandonment is not in the DNA of this administration," he affirmed.

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NIWA Deploys Machinery To Ikorodu To Clear Hyacinth



Oyebamiji

The Lagos Area Office of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) on Friday deployed a task force to map out strategic operational measures to tackle the buildup of water weeds, known as water hyacinth, along the Ikorodu axis.

The move is part of proactive efforts to prevent the menace from disrupting boat transportation and other waterway activities in the littoral communities.

The NIWA team, supported by heavy-duty equipment including swamp devils, harvesters, and other relevant machinery, has commenced preliminary clearing operations around Ebute Ikorodu and Ikpakodo ferry terminal.

The exercise is intended to ensure that the waterways remain navigable and free from obstructions caused by the invasive aquatic weed.

The Lagos Area Manager of NIWA, Sarat Braimah, explained that the deployment of the task force is a preventive measure designed to guarantee the smooth movement of goods and passengers through the Ikorodu waterways. This zone often experiences recurring infestations of water hyacinth.

"We have carefully studied the pattern and spread of the water hyacinth phenomenon and have chosen to act swiftly to mitigate its impact before it causes disruption to boat and ferry operations.

"Beyond transportation, we are also mindful of the effects on local fishing activities. The earlier we address the problem, the better," Braimah stated.

She said the Managing Director of Niwa, Mr. Bola Oyebamiji, has awarded the contract to tackle the menace of water hyacinth across the

country to ensure smooth passage of movement of goods and passengers.

"I will personally be on the ground throughout the week to monitor the progress of the operation by the contractors," she added.

According to its website, the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), hitherto Inland Waterways Department (IWD) of the Federal Ministry of Transport, metamorphosed into an Authority vide an act of the National Assembly, CAP 47, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN), 2004 (Decree No. 13 of 1997), established with the primary responsibility to improve and develop Nigeria's inland waterways for navigation.

It was established to enhance and develop inland waterways for navigation, provide an alternative transportation mode for evacuating economic goods and people, undertake capital and maintenance dredging, operate ferry services within the inland waterways system,

and execute the objectives of the national transport policy concerning inland waterways.

NIWA is deliberately structured to run like a well-oiled machine and deliver on its core functions to the satisfaction of stakeholders in the waterway's subsector of the Nigerian economy.

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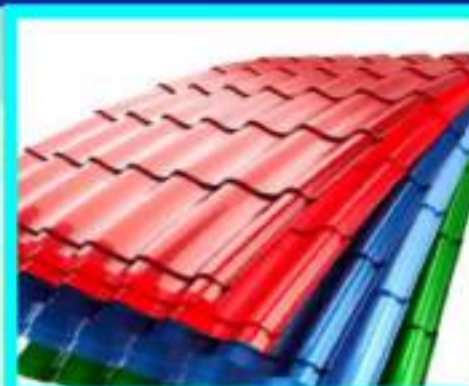
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Republicans Warn Of Chaos At US Airports As Shutdown Drags

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An Architect of the Capitol trash truck passes by the US Capitol on the 21st day of the US government shutdown Washington, DC, on October 21, 2025. The US government shutdown dragged into a third week, with Congress gridlocked in a clash over spending and no resolution in sight to a crisis that has already cost thousands of jobs.

Republicans sounded the alarm Thursday over potential turmoil at US airports as the government shutdown threatens to drag into November, warning of ruined holiday plans for millions of Americans.

With the standoff in its fourth week, President Donald Trump's Republicans and the opposition Democrats are facing increasing pressure to end a stalemate that has crippled public services.

More than 60,000 air traffic controllers and



Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers are working without pay, and the Trump administration joined Republicans in Congress to warn that

increasing absenteeism could mean chaos at check-in lines.

"We are rounding into a holiday season, as we all know, and we're in the middle of the height of the

football season. This is peak travel time for the US," House Speaker Mike Johnson told a news conference.

"Hundreds of thousands of Americans are going to

travel to football games this weekend, for example, and if the current trajectory continues, many Americans could miss watching their favorite

teams and reconnecting with friends and family."

Airport workers calling in sick rather than working without pay — leading to significant delays — was a major factor in Trump bringing an end to the 2019 shutdown, the longest in history at 35 days.

In normal times, five percent of flight delays are the result of staffing shortages but that has increased to more than 50 percent, Johnson said.

He told reporters that 19,000 flights were delayed from Saturday to Monday and that this rate was "only going to increase" as the shutdown continues.

Johnson said airport workers were finishing long shifts and then taking on second jobs driving Uber or delivering food.

"The longer the shutdown goes on, and as fewer air traffic controllers show up to work, the safety the American people is [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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

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

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

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

(ULCVs) to the route.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

leaders in Washington.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Togo is considered the most organised and equipped in Tropical Africa. For example, the busiest seaport in West Africa is located on its territory," said Vladimir Gruzdev, a member of the Russian Government Commission on Legislative Activity, which drafted the ratification law of the defence. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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General News

Osinbajo, Sanusi, Saraki To Debate Ways Out Of Nigeria's Leadership Failure

Culled: Amid growing public frustration over governance shortcomings and the deepening trust deficit between leaders and citizens, some of Nigeria's most prominent political, business, and intellectual figures will converge in Abuja next week to explore ways to address the country's persistent leadership challenges.

Former Vice President Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, the Emir of Kano Muhammadu Sanusi II, former Senate President Bukola Saraki, and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Benjamin Kalu are among the key figures expected at the Oxford Global Think Tank Leadership Conference, which will be held on Tuesday, 28 October, at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja.

The conference, themed "Better Leadership for a Better Nigeria," will interrogate the quality of leadership that has shaped Nigeria's 65-year trajectory and explore new models for governance, accountability, and national renewal.

Also expected are Governor Alex Otti of Abia State, economist and banker Atedo Peterside, ex-Secretary to the Government of the Federation Anyim Pius Anyim, former Ekiti State Governor Dr. Kayode Fayemi, Minister



Oxford Leadership conference

of Industry, Trade and Investment Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite, Fidelity Bank CEO Dr. Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe, Sterling Bank's Abubakar Suleiman, Zinox Chairman Leo Stan Ekeh, and Flutterwave founder Gbenga Agboola. Founded by former World Bank Vice President Arunma Otegha, the Oxford Global Think Tank said the event aims to "catalyse strategic dialogue across public, private, and civic sectors" on how ethical and inclusive leadership can

rebuild the nation's broken institutions and restore public confidence. For decades, poor leadership has been cited as the primary reason behind Nigeria's stunted growth, despite its vast human and natural resources. The nation's corruption index remains among the highest globally, according to Transparency International, while the World Bank ranks Nigeria as one of the countries with the widest inequality

gaps in Sub-Saharan Africa. A statement by the organisers on Thursday said the forum will feature four thematic sessions focusing on Public Policy and Inclusive Governance, Economic Transformation through Business Leadership, Technology and Entrepreneurship, and Intergenerational Transition, reflecting the urgent need to bridge the widening gap between Nigeria's leaders and its youthful population.

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TCN Cancels Its Plan On Power Outage In Enugu

Culled: The Mainpower Electricity Distribution Limited (MEDL) has said that the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) has cancelled its plan on power outage in some parts of Enugu.

Emeka Ezech, Head, Communications of MEDL who made this known to newsmen in a statement on Thursday, explained that it was due to unforeseen technical constraints as communicated by TCN.

Parts of the statement read:

"The Mainpower Electricity Distribution Limited (MEDL) wishes to inform her esteemed customers in parts of Enugu that the planned outage which was originally scheduled from Wednesday, October 22, 2025, to Friday, October 31, 2025 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m, has been cancelled.

"The cancellation of the exercise as communicated by the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) is due to unforeseen technical constraints.

"The 33KV feeders earlier scheduled for the outage on rotational basis are: Kingsway Lines 1 & 2, Emene Industrial Lines 1&2, Thinkers Corner, Trans-Ekulu, Ugwuogo, and Ituku Ozalla.

"The new schedule for the planned maintenance will be communicated to our customers once that is confirmed.

"We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused by this change and appreciate your patience and understanding.

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New INEC Chairman Amupitan Assumes Office



Prof Amupitan

Culled: Nigeria's new electoral umpire, Professor Joash Ojo Amupitan, SAN, on Thursday officially took charge as Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and he wasted no time setting the tone for

reform.

In a charged handover ceremony at the Commission's Abuja headquarters, Amupitan urged INEC staff to "break down silos" and work as a united force to rebuild public confidence in the electoral system.

He declared a "dual mission" for his tenure to strengthen internal unity and restore national trust in elections.

"Our duty is clear to work together as one family and speak with one voice. Nigerians are watching, and INEC must not fail," he said.

The handover came with emotion and symbolism as Mrs. May Agbamuche-Mbu, the Acting Chairman, formally presented the reins of leadership to the new helmsman, describing the moment as "a significant day in Nigeria's democratic journey."

She noted that Amupitan's appointment came at a critical time, just weeks before the Anambra Governorship Election on November 8, 2025.

"You are assuming office at a most crucial time," she said. "The task

ahead is enormous, but you are stepping onto firm and fertile ground."

The event brought together INEC's 23 departmental directors, tagged "generals on the field of electioneering," alongside a delegation from the University of Jos, Amupitan's alma mater, led by the Vice-Chancellor and top management.

Also in attendance were his wife, Professor Yemisi Amupitan, and their children, who watched as he began what many described as a new era of electoral accountability and integrity.

As the Anambra election countdown begins, Amupitan's first major test will be uniting the Commission and proving that

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Huawei Summit 2025

Huawei Champions Digital Transf'ation In Nigeria's Hospitality Industry

Culled: Huawei Nigeria, an information and communications technology firm, has rallied hotel industry leaders to explore and adopt the use of cutting-edge technology to transform hotel management in the country.

The company stated this at the Smart Hotel Solutions Conference to unveil its groundbreaking hotel management innovations aimed at accelerating the digital and intelligent transformation within the hospitality sector.

Speaking at the event, the Director of Huawei Commercial & Distribution Sales Dept, Vito Zhao, said the

innovation was timely for the hospitality sector in Nigeria.

He expressed the firm's commitment to reshaping the country's hospitality sector with smart technology that can reduce operational costs, increase revenue, enhance guest satisfaction, and give a competitive edge in the dynamic market.

He emphasised that the benefits of the technology are transformative, noting that the solutions are designed to deliver an exceptional experience for guests.

Also, the Convener of the Hotel Managers Conference Africa, Olugbenga Sunday, noted that the

world of hotel management is undergoing a major transformation, urging leaders in the hospitality industry to harness the power of technology to create exceptional guest experiences while achieving operational excellence.

He added that while Nigeria stands at the forefront of the revolution, there is a need to develop the necessary infrastructure to meet the growing expectations of guests.

He said: "Today's hotel guest is fundamentally different from the guest of even five years ago. They arrive with smartphones in hand, expecting seamless connectivity, personalised

service, and frictionless experiences from check-in to check-out. They control room settings through apps or voice commands, sharing their experiences instantly on social media platforms."

He therefore warned that Hotels that cannot meet these expectations will not survive.

"The hotels that will capture market share are those that build lasting guest loyalty and deliver superior experiences through intelligent technology," he stressed.

"When guests check in through their mobile phones, when rooms automatically adjust temperature and

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Youths Charged On Leadership Integrity, Others

As Nigeria inches closer to another election cycle, youths have been urged to stop waiting for power to be handed to them but earn leadership through service, discipline, and volunteerism.

The call resonated throughout the Nigeria@65 Conference held in Abuja on Tuesday, themed "Restoring Values and Volunteerism Among the Youth." Organised by the Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre

(CLTC) in partnership with Aspitah Global Resources, the United Nations Inter-Agency Group on Youth, the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF) and LEAP Africa, the event brought together officials, entrepreneurs, academics and youth leaders to renew focus on civic responsibility and value-driven leadership.

Declaring the conference open, Director-General of the CLTC, Rinsola Abiola, said the time has

come for Nigeria to rediscover the spirit of discipline, empathy and service that once defined its civic life.

"At 65, our nation stands at a critical point where restoring discipline, empathy and national service has become indispensable to our collective growth," she said.

Abiola said the event was to challenge young Nigerians to stop waiting for opportunities and instead create them through service to their

communities.

"Volunteerism is the foundation of true leadership. Those who serve today will be trusted to lead tomorrow," she said. Her remarks were echoed by other speakers, including the Director-General of the National Orientation Agency (NOA) and the National Commander of Man O' War Nigeria, Gbenga Adedamola, who described volunteerism as "the soul of patriotism."

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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