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Commissioner of Transportation Lagos State, Mr Osiyemi with members of NUPENG

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The state Commissioner for Transportation, Oluwaseun Osiyemi, in a statement on Thursday, noted that the 10km race will start at Tafawa Balewa Square and end at Mobolaji Johnson Arena, Onikan.

"As a result, there will be partial road closure of TBS, Water Board, Old NITEL, Outer Marina, Officers Mess, Bonny Camp Bridge, State House, and Ahmadu Bello Way.

"Others are Akin Adesola Street, Falomo Bridge, Falomo Roundabout, Awolowo Road, Onikan Roundabout, and Mobolaji Johnson Arena," he said.

Osiyemi said officials from LASTMA, the Police, FRSC, and Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps will be deployed to manage traffic and ensure the safety of participants and motorists. He advised motorists to make use of alternative routes during the event.

"Traffic from Ozumba Mbadiwe heading to Third Mainland Bridge is to go through Bonny Camp to Onikan Underpass to link Marina Exit to Force Road to connect Outer Marina to Third

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sidestepping.

The Commissioner has given NUPENG a strict deadline of Monday, November 10, 2025 to fall in line and comply with the E-call Up guidelines or face enforcement measures.

NUPENG Officials in their responses promised to engage their members towards carrying out the order and also attend to other issues raised.

Also in attendance at the meeting are Officials of the E-call Up System and Management of the Ministry of Transportation.

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Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Management, Festus Keyamo, disclosed this while briefing journalists at the State House, Abuja, shortly after the meeting, which was presided over by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

He, however, assured aviation workers that the concession would not result in job losses, stressing that the government remains committed to protecting workers' rights while pursuing reforms to make the aviation sector more viable.

"We have two major airports now that we have approvals in terms of the business case to begin to finalise with private



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investors. One of them is the Port Harcourt International Airport. Let me assure the unions that nobody will lose his job as a result of these concessions. I am pro-union, pro-workers, and I will engage them to ensure they are comfortable with the process, Keyamo said.

The Minister noted that the move was part of government's effort to ensure that

airports operate sustainably.

He explained that many airports currently run at a loss, with revenue from Lagos, Abuja, and Kano used to subsidise others. "Before we came in, Port Harcourt was a no-go area — no investor was interested. But today, because of the activities of this government, it has become the beautiful bride. Over six investors competed to manage the airport," he said.

Keyamo also listed other aviation-related approvals secured from FEC, including contracts for the maintenance and support services for airport management solutions across Nigeria's five international airports; Abuja, Lagos, Kano, Port Harcourt, and Enugu, as well as the procurement and installation of advanced tertiary power systems and navigational aids.

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Abia, Akwa Ibom Plan Joint Railway Project

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Abia State Governor, Alex Otti, has stressed the importance of railway project to the economic prosperity of his state.

Otti, who was addressing a delegation of China Harbor Engineering Company LTD, who visited him on Wednesday, noted that the Akwa Ibom State government had indicated interest in collaborating with Abia State to link the two States with a rail line.

He explained that the plans of achieved, would promote trading activities between the two States.

“And the last time I discussed with my colleague in Akwa Ibom State, he also indicated intention to link Akwa Ibom with Abia because of the trading and cultural affinity.

“So, maybe it's something that you may want to have a look at. There is a design already, you may condemn it and do your own”, Otti told the Chinese company.”

The State Chief Executive also expressed desire for the company to be part of the Abia Industrial and Innovation

Park, AIIP project at Owaza , Ukwa West LGA as well as the revival of some of the moribund Industries in the State.

The Abia Governor, who announced that the feasibility study of Azumini Seaport project is being concluded, said his administration was ready to partner China Harbor Engineering Company in developing the Seaport.

In his speech, Managing Director of the Chinese company, Jason Wang said his firm was ready to partner the Abia project executions..

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Governor Otti

Kano Govt, FRSC Partner To Boost Road Safety

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Kano State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring safer roads and reducing traffic accidents through a strategic collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf made this known on Thursday during a town hall meeting organised by the FRSC Kano Command, stressing his administration's determination to safeguard lives and property through improved road infrastructure and effective traffic management.

Represented by the State Commissioner for Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Adamu Aliyu Kibiya, the Governor said his government had invested heavily in solar traffic lights, street lights, and the rehabilitation of roads across the state, while enhancing the capacity of traffic personnel to ensure smoother road operations.

“These efforts can be clearly seen

through the provision of solar traffic lights, street lights, and road rehabilitation across the nook and cranny of the state. The theme of this year's campaign, 'Take Responsibility for Your Safety,' is a reminder that safety begins with each and every one of us,” he said.

Governor Yusuf noted that the campaign was timely, especially as the ember months usually record an increase in road crashes due to heightened travel, impatience, and disregard for traffic rules.

He urged motorists to avoid overspeeding, overloading, phone distractions, and unnecessary night journeys.

In his remarks, Special Adviser to the Governor and former Corps Marshal, Dr. Danyaro Ali Yakasai, called for clearer regulations defining the operational category of tricycle (KEKE-NAPEP) operators, citing research that links many road distractions to such drivers.

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In a statement issued on Wednesday by his Special Adviser, Bolaji Akinola, Mr Oyetola made the remarks after receiving a delegation from the South-South Development Commission, led by its Managing Director, Usoro Akpabio. He described the region as “crucial to Nigeria's maritime future” due to its extensive coastline, strategic ports, and abundant aquatic resources.

“The federal government remains committed to boosting maritime infrastructure in the South-South to support national economic growth,” he said, adding that ports in Warri, Rivers and Calabar are scheduled for modernisation under the federal port upgrade initiative. The plans include dredging channels to a minimum depth of 16 metres to accommodate larger vessels, reduce cargo handling costs,



Oyetola

increase trade, and strengthen national revenue.

Mr Oyetola noted that the ministry is working with state governments to establish new deep-sea ports in Bayelsa, Akwa Ibom, Cross River and Rivers, with the aim of positioning Nigeria as a regional maritime hub. “These projects will enhance logistics, industry and employment,” he said. He also highlighted the potential of

skilled personnel for Nigeria's maritime industry. He further emphasised the role of the South-South in achieving self-sufficiency in fish production and advancing aquaculture, noting the government's efforts to reduce foreign exchange spent on fish imports.

Mr Oyetola called on Nigerians to support the administration's clear plan for the sector and cited the National Policy on Marine and Blue Economy as a framework for sustainable resource use, investment, and job creation.

Ms Usoro Akpabio, Managing Director of the South-South Development Commission, commended the minister's leadership and expressed the commission's readiness to collaborate on blue economy initiatives across the region. She proposed the formation of a joint working committee to coordinate programmes and strengthen cooperation.

The commission's board members, Chika Chinda, Larry Odey, and Tabitha Salah, accompanied Ms Akpabio during the visit.

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Fubara Urges Collective Effort To Curb Road Accidents

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Rivers State governor, Siminalayi Fubara, says responsibility for keeping roads safe depends on all motorists.

Fubara made the statement on Thursday when he flagged off the Ember Months Road Safety Campaign by the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) during a town hall meeting in Port Harcourt

According to him, the task of keeping our roads, including land and sea, safe is not required only in the 'Ember- Months', but through every season or day.

The Governor, represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Benibo Anabraba highlighted the importance of motorists being mindful of other road users when driving.

According to Fubara, "the task of keeping our roads (Land and Sea) safe, not only in the 'Ember- Months', but in our daily lives, lies upon the shoulders of every citizen, and should be taken very seriously.

"It is worrisome that the phrase 'Ember-Month' that marks a season that is globally recognized for the celebration

and heralding the birth of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, is now a season contemporaneous with fatalities and tragedies that are otherwise avoidable, thereby demanding a special focus and expenditure of time and resources by the Federal Road Safety Corps, Government and its Ministries, Department and Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations.

"The convoke of a town hall meeting, and the carrying out of safety campaigns, promotes the prevention of fatalities and



Governor Fubara

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The Federal Road Safety Corps has said that 3,915 persons lost their lives in 7,715 road crashes recorded across the country between January and September 2025.

The Corps also disclosed that 24,674 people sustained varying degrees of injuries within the same period.

The Corps Marshal of the FRSC, Shehu Mohammed, made this known on Thursday at the National Town Hall Meeting and Ember Months Road Safety Campaign flag-off with the theme "Take Responsibility for Your Safety; Stop Distracted Driving," held in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Mohammed said the statistics indicated an increase in both road crashes and fatalities compared to figures recorded in 2024.

He revealed that within the same period, Rivers State recorded 15 deaths and 51 injuries in 47 road crashes, noting that this represented a reduction compared to the 2024 record.

He said, "Crash statistics recorded between January and September 2025 nationwide showed that a total of 7,715

3,915 Killed, 24,674 Injured In Eight Months - FRSC

road traffic crashes occurred, representing a 10.04 per cent rise compared to 7,011 crashes recorded within the same period in 2024. Again, 24,674 persons sustained varying degrees of injuries, compared to 22,373 injured in 2024.

"This also reflects a 10.28 per cent increase. Also, 3,915 persons were killed in 2025 as against 3,811 in 2024, indicating an increase of 11.55 per cent.

"However, in Rivers State, within the same period, 15 persons were killed and 51 were injured in 47 reported road crashes. When compared to the 2024 record, these figures represent a 35.7 per cent decrease in fatalities and a 37.5 per cent decrease in road crash-related injuries."

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NPA, TTP Collaboration Sustains Order On Port Access



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The Nigerian Ports Authority, in partnership with Trucks Transit Parks, has reinforced its commitment to maintaining sanity and efficiency on port access roads through the full deployment of the electronic call-up and barrier systems.

The Nigerian Ports Authority and its technology partner, Trucks Transit Parks Limited, have recorded what stakeholders describe as significant improvements in port traffic management following the full deployment of electronic barrier systems across all terminal access points within the Lagos Port Complex.

Stakeholders in the maritime and logistics sectors have strongly defended the gains of the

Ètò Electronic Call-Up System, noting that the recent misleading reports of gridlock were aimed at discrediting NPA's achievements and undermining progress made in port automation and traffic coordination.

The Chairman of the Association of Maritime Truck Owners, Remi Ogungbemi, led stakeholder reactions by condemning what he described as false and exaggerated claims of traffic resurgence.

"Our attention has been drawn to some misleading media reports alleging that gridlock has returned to the Apapa port corridor due to a collapse of the electronic call-up system," Ogungbemi said.

"We wish to categorically state that such reports are false, exaggerated, and do not reflect the true situation on the ground. All the road arteries leading to the Apapa Port — including Wharf Road, Creek Road, and other adjoining routes — remain orderly and passable."

He explained that trucks currently move in a single, regulated lane toward their

designated terminals within the port, in full compliance with traffic and safety directives.

"This organised movement should not be mistaken for gridlock," Ogungbemi added. "We therefore urge the public, port users, and the media to disregard and debunk these unfounded rumours. The current traffic situation around the Apapa port corridor reflects improved discipline, better enforcement, and enhanced cooperation among stakeholders."

He praised the collaboration between government agencies, terminal operators, and traffic management authorities, adding, "We remain committed to continuous collaboration with relevant government agencies, traffic management authorities, and terminal operators to sustain the gains achieved so far in port access management. We commend the efforts of all stakeholders who have contributed to ensuring the smooth flow of trucks and cargoes in and out of the port."

The Port Manager of the Lagos Port

Complex, Mr Adebowale Lawal, also dismissed the reports of gridlock and reaffirmed NPA's commitment to maintaining free traffic flow.

"We have recently undertaken a review and enhancement of the Ètò system, which now integrates Terminal Gates directly with the Ètò platform," Lawal stated.

"This integration is designed to provide a structured sequencing of truck movements, both inbound and outbound, within the Apapa Port Complex. The objective of this initiative is to ensure transparency, improve traffic efficiency, and maintain a sustainable operating environment around the ports."

Lawal emphasised that the system's success relies heavily on cooperation among stakeholders. "However, the success of this system depends largely on the cooperation and compliance of all stakeholders, including Terminal Operators, Transport Unions, Drivers, Clearing Agents, and Government Agencies — both Federal and State," he said.

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Oyo Approves N38.7bn To Rebuild 30km Road

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The Oyo State Government on Thursday approved over N38 billion for the reconstruction of the 30-kilometre Igboho–Kishi Road in the Oke-Ogun area of the state.

The state Commissioner for Information and Orientation, Dotun Oyelade, disclosed this after the weekly Executive Council meeting held at the Governor's Office, Ibadan, the state capital.

He explained that the move was in fulfillment of Governor Seyi Makinde's promise to link all six geo-political zones of the state through the construction of durable and accessible road networks.

Oyelade said, "This fact came to light after the state Executive Council meeting, where key infrastructural projects were approved, including the reconstruction of the 30-kilometre Igboho–Kishi Road in the Oke-Ogun area and the 38.9-kilometre Ido–Akufo–Eruwa Road in the Ibarapa axis.



Governor Makinde

"The reconstruction of the 30km Igboho–Kishi Road was approved at a cost of N38,689,548,227.66. Similarly, the reconstruction of the 39 km Ido–Akufo Junction–Eruwa Road will be executed at a cost of N50,344,692,765.50. These projects formed part of the major highlights of the council's approvals aimed at further improving infrastructure across the state," he stressed.

Plant Project at a cost of N27,338,650,000. He added that the approval would ensure the attainment of sustainable infrastructural development in the state by providing uninterrupted electricity to critical government facilities such as the State Secretariat, Government House, Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State, High Courts, state hospitals, and the Lekan Salami Stadium, among others.

The commissioner said, "Also, after the completion of the earlier approved installation of high-mast floodlights in parts of the state, the council has approved another award for a hybrid power system at a cost of N8,967,895,436.26 to extend the project to selected key areas within the Ibadan metropolis."

On education, he said the council approved the release of N3,554,642,584 as counterpart funding to facilitate the disbursement of the Universal Basic Education Commission matching grant to the state for the 2024 UBEC/SUBEB Intervention Project.

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FRSC Arrests Over 27,000 Drivers For Traffic Offences In Q3



Mohammed

The Federal Road Safety Corps FCT command said it arrested over 27,000 drivers for various road traffic offences between July and September.

The Sector Commander, Mr Felix Theman, made this known during the 2025 ember months town hall meeting with the theme: "Take Responsibility For Your Safety: Stop Distracted Driving" on Thursday in Abuja.

Theman said that the theme was both timely and compelling, adding that it reminded the people that road safety was not only a shared responsibility but, more importantly, a personal one.

He said the engagement was aimed at

sensitising stakeholders on their collective role in promoting safe driving culture, particularly as vehicular movements increase towards the end of the year.

He also said that every driver, every passenger, every stakeholder, and indeed, every road user had a role to play to engender the needed safety that we all desire and cherish.

"Since I came on board in the last five months, we have evaluated crash trends in the city, identified major causative factors, and mapped out what must be done.

"We have also implemented key initiatives to ensure that impunity on our roads is not allowed to fester.

"Enforcement has been stepped up on overloading, driving against traffic, using the phone while driving, beating traffic lights, and many other dangerous behaviours inimical to our collective existence.

"In the last quarter—between July and September—we arrested over

27,000 drivers for various violations. Majority of these offences revolve around the issues highlighted above," he said.

Theman said that while enforcement had increased, the corps was equally conscious that advocacy and public enlightenment were key to promoting safer road use.

He said that the corps had engaged several stakeholders, including transport unions, in its efforts to enhance road safety across the country, noting that ensuring safety on the roads requires collective commitment.

"Despite all we are doing, there is still adequate room for our collective improvement. We need the buy-in and cooperation of all road users.

"We must collectively accept the challenge to make our roads safer through open discussions, advocacy, and meetings like the one we are having today," he said.

He called on transport unions and fleet operators to ensure regular driver training, strict monitoring, and full compliance with safety standards.

PUNCH Online reports the FRSC FCT Command had said it arrested over 250 commercial vehicle drivers for violating a directive that mandates only one passenger in the front seat of taxis.

Theman said the arrests came within the first two days of a new enforcement campaign unveiled by the Command of the FRSC on October 2, aimed at curbing overloading in commercial transport and restoring compliance with vehicle safety standards.

"In the first two days of the operation, over 250 commercial vehicles and drivers were apprehended for violating the directive mandating only one passenger in the front seat of taxis—in accordance with vehicle design specifications," he stated.

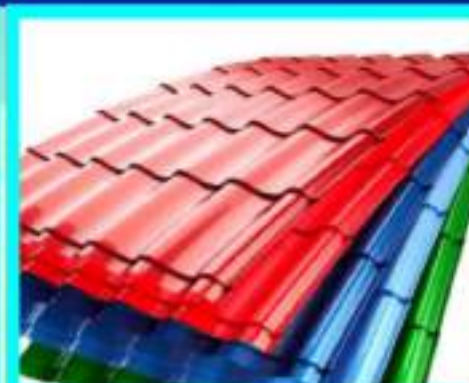
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Turkish Airlines Seals Landmark Chinese Financing Deal

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Turkish Airlines has secured a landmark financing deal worth 2.9 bn Chinese Yuan (approximately \$412m) from the Bank of China.

The five-year facility, arranged by Bank of China Turkey A.Ş. and coordinated with the Bank of China Macau branch, will bolster the airline's key development initiatives, including fleet expansion, business growth, and infrastructure projects at Istanbul Airport.

According to a statement from the airlines, the transaction marks an important step in diversifying its funding sources while reinforcing its commitment to sustainable, inclusive, and globally orientated growth.

The financing agreement also strengthens economic and financial ties between Türkiye and China, aligning with the two nations' long-term strategic cooperation



goals.

Turkish Airlines' Chief Financial Officer and Member of the Board of Directors, Assoc. Prof. Murat Şeker, described the agreement as a

significant development that deepens the airline's relationship with one of the world's leading financial institutions.

He said, "We are pleased to deepen our

collaboration with Bank of China through this important financing transaction. As Turkish Airlines continues to pursue sustainable growth and global

expansion, we highly value the trust and partnership established with leading international institutions such as the Bank of China.

"This cooperation not

only strengthens our flag carrier's financial position but also contributes to the broader economic and cultural ties between Türkiye and China."

The deal underscores Turkish Airlines' strategic vision of leveraging innovative and diversified financial instruments to support its long-term growth agenda. It also highlights the airline's emphasis on sustainability and resilience amid global economic fluctuations and industry challenges.

Turkish Airlines has operations in more than 340 destinations across 130 countries.

The company said that the funding will also support Turkish Airlines' broader 2033 centennial goals, which include expanding its fleet to over 800 aircraft, enhancing service quality, and strengthening its role as a key

connector in global air travel. [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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Nigeria's \$2.35bn Eurobond Records \$13bn Subscription

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Nigeria's \$2.35 billion Eurobond launched yesterday attracted more than \$13 billion subscription, the country's all-time high global subscription to an offer.

The Federal Government offered two tranches of 10-year and 20-year Eurobonds maturing in 2036 and 2046 to the international capital markets. The issue is made up of \$1.25 billion 10-year Eurobond and \$1.10 billion 20-year Eurobond.

The transaction attracted a peak orderbook of over \$13 billion, marking the largest ever orderbook achieved by the country. A previous \$2.2 billion Eurobond issued in 2024 had attracted about \$9 billion subscriptions.

The overwhelming show of enthusiasm by the international capital markets for long-term investments in the country enabled the government to close the transactions at lower rates.

The Long 10-year bond and the Long 20-year Notes were priced at coupons of 8.6308 per cent and 9.1297 per cent respectively.

The \$2.35 billion Eurobond attracted a wide range of investors from several jurisdictions including the United Kingdom, North America,



Eurobonds

Europe, Asia and Middle East, amidst strong enthusiasm by Nigerian investors.

The net proceeds from the Eurobond issuance would be used to finance the 2025 fiscal deficit and support the government's other financing needs.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu said the huge success recorded by the issue was an expression of continued investor confidence in the country's

sound macro-economic policy framework and prudent fiscal and monetary management.

He said: "We are delighted by the strong investor confidence demonstrated in our country and our reform agenda. This development reaffirms Nigeria's position as a recognised and credible participant in the global capital market".

Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr. Wale Edun,

said the record subscription was an indication of the global confidence in the country's macroeconomic outlook.

"This successful market access demonstrates the international community's continued confidence in Nigeria's reform trajectory and our commitment to sustainable, inclusive growth," Edun said.

Director General, Debt Management Office (DMO), Patience Oniha, said the

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France, Nigeria Strengthen Economic Ties

Culled:

France has reaffirmed its commitment to deepen economic and diplomatic ties with Nigeria, as Franco-Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) celebrated its 40th anniversary of promoting bilateral trade and investment between France and Nigeria.

Speaking at a briefing in Lagos, Consul General of France in Nigeria, Laurent Favier, hailed the partnership between both countries, describing Nigeria as France's leading trading partner in sub-Saharan Africa.

Favier said the trade between France and Nigeria represented 20 per cent of France's trade with the region, with over 600 French businesses in Nigeria and creating over 16,000 direct jobs.

"French businesses have found Nigeria not only a formidable market, but also an innovation hub with huge potential," he said.

He praised Nigeria for the economic reforms aimed at improving the business environment and encouraging foreign investment.

The consul general highlighted major French investments in Nigeria, including TotalEnergies' plan to invest \$6 billion in the energy sector, Danone/Fanmilk's expansion in Oyo State, Schneider Electric's new office facility, and SPIE Global Services Energy's training centre in Port Harcourt.

Favier also acknowledged Nigerian companies such as Access Bank, Zenith Bank and UBA for establishing operations in France, reinforcing bilateral trade.

He pointed to development support from the French Development Agency (AFD) and Proparco, citing the recent Omi Eko water transport project inaugurated in Lagos.

"We just witnessed perfect case with the inauguration of 'omi eko' sustainable water transport project that was funded by AFD, EU and EIB and inaugurated in the presence of the French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Minister, Jean-Noel

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MultiChoice Nigeria Charge Students To Shun Piracy



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In a bid to nurture a new generation of originality-driven Nigerians, a leading African entertainment platform, MultiChoice Nigeria, has tasked students to shun piracy, warning of its

dangers.

The company gave this charge during its outreach on Anti-Piracy Sensitisation Programme held at Kuramo Senior College, Victoria Island, Lagos.

The outreach targeted secondary school students, aiming to catch them young

and help them understand the dangers of piracy and the importance of protecting creative work from an early age.

The sensitisation is part of a broader campaign by MultiChoice Nigeria to raise nationwide awareness against piracy. The movement continues next month with the Walk Against Piracy, scheduled for Thursday, November 27, 2025, in Lagos. The walk will unite actors, producers, writers, directors, broadcasters, regulators, and fans in a public show of solidarity ahead of National Anti-Piracy Day (November 30).

The interactive session featured experts in the legal and creative industries, who connected effortlessly with the students through storytelling, games, and

open conversations. They discussed how piracy deprives filmmakers, actors, musicians, and other creators of their rewards while also discouraging investors and limiting creative opportunities for young talent across the value chain.

The highlight of the session was a lively and insightful class led by a legal practitioner, Mr. Obafemi Agaba, with extensive experience in intellectual property, corporate commercial law, and entertainment rights.

He broke down complex topics, such as copyright, trademarks, and creative ownership, into relatable examples, showing students why it's essential to respect originality and protect creative ideas.

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Nigeria Activates Diplomatic Talks With US On Recent Delegation

Culled: Nigeria has activated diplomatic channels of communication with Washington to address the recent designation of the country as a "State of Particular Concern" by the United States, following remarks and threats issued by President Donald Trump. Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, disclosed this on Thursday while briefing State House correspondents after the Federal Executive Council meeting presided over by President Bola Tinubu.

The Minister emphasised that "the killing of a single Nigerian remains a

grave concern to the Nigerian Government, he reaffirmed that Nigeria's Constitution guarantees every citizen the right to freely practice their religion without hindrance.

Idris said; "The designation of Nigeria as the country of particular concern, was raised by the United States government. Yes, indeed, that came up during deliberations at the Federal Executive Council meeting, but the most important thing that I want to say is that the government of Nigeria is responding to the genuine concerns raised.

"The politics of it, aside, we genuinely are taking the issues seriously, but let

me also say that government, even before these events of the last few days, has been extremely committed to ensuring that Nigeria is indeed safe for everyone."

"The killing of even one Nigerian citizen is of concern to the government of Nigeria, and of course, because our constitution, and we keep mentioning this, guarantees the right of everyone to worship his or her religion without hindrance. The government of Nigeria is committed to that, will continue to do that, and wherever there is any violence affecting any citizen in this country, the government of Nigeria has the

responsibility to ensure that it is tackled.

"Now, as to whether that affects the way government is being run, let me say that the government of Nigeria is really very stable. The president is calm, as we have said. He is calm. The Federal Executive Council members are indeed very calm," he said.

Idris reaffirmed the government's commitment to protecting the constitutional right of every citizen to live and worship freely, pledging that decisive measures will continue to be taken against any act of violence to safeguard the lives and security of all Nigerians.

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Nigeria, Germany Partner To Curb Illegal Immigration

The Federal Government has commended Germany for supporting Nigeria's efforts to curb irregular migration through skills acquisition and vocational training aimed at empowering youths with employable skills and promoting structured labour mobility.

Minister of Labour and Employment, Muhammad Dingyadi, gave the commendation Thursday in Abuja while receiving Dr Matthias Leder,

Chief Executive Officer of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (IHK) Giessen-Friedberg.

Dingyadi said the partnership would promote legal labour migration, strengthen vocational education, and create meaningful employment opportunities for Nigerian youths seeking to enhance their skills and contribute to national development.

"This initiative aligns with our commitment to equip young people

with practical, employable skills.

"It's a win-win for Nigeria and Germany, reducing irregular migration among job-seeking youths," the minister said. He reiterated the government's determination to strengthen technical and vocational education as a sustainable pathway toward productive employment, entrepreneurship, and lawful migration channels beneficial to both countries.

Dingyadi said Nigeria was ready to

deepen collaboration with the German Chambers of Commerce to promote structured migration through training exchanges and professional development initiatives between the two nations.

He highlighted Germany's dual vocational training model, combining classroom instruction with hands-on experience, as a system Nigeria hoped to adopt to enhance its workforce development framework.

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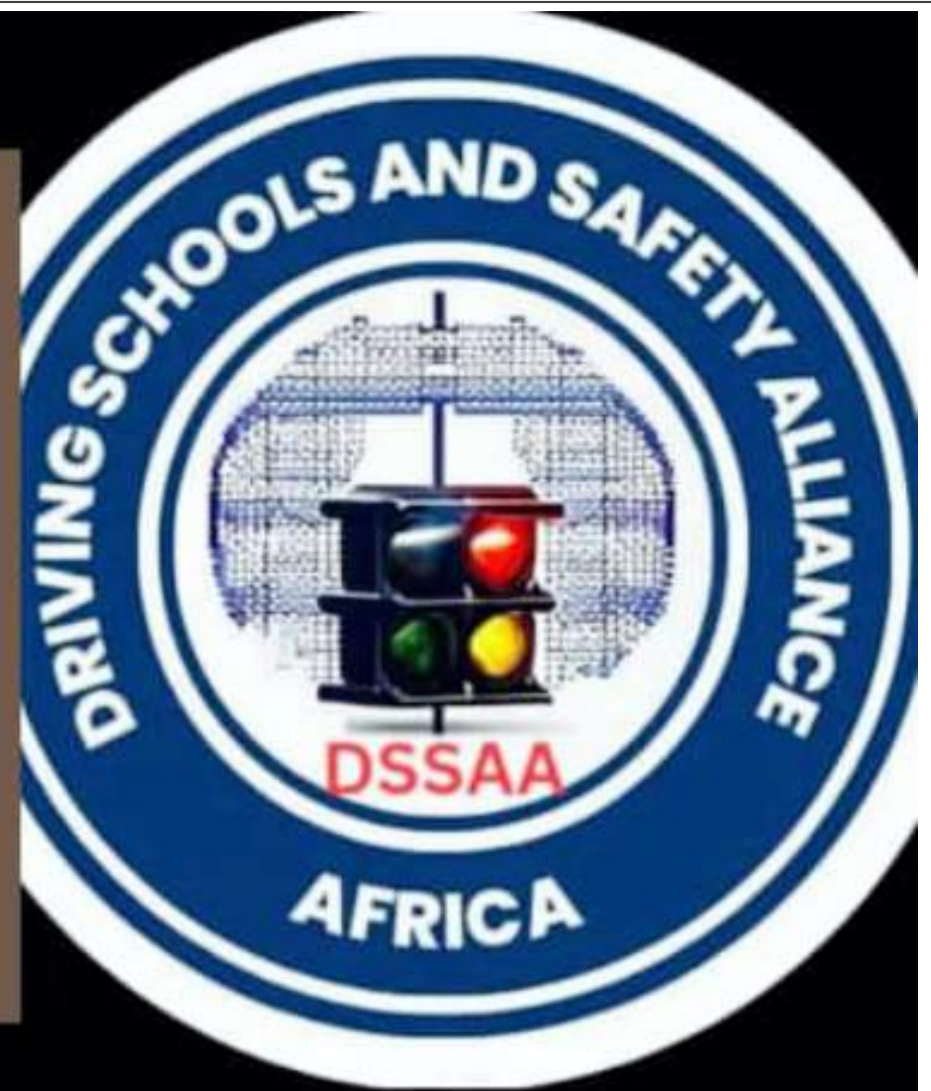


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