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# Effective Regulation, Credible Enforcement, Professional Driver Training Will Improve Road Safety, Transport Efficiency - Balogun

Mr. Ojo Balogun, CEO, Leap Driving Academy, (Nigeria/USA) a Road Safety and Vehicle Administration expert has opined that the synergy between effective regulation, credible enforcement, and professional driver training forms the tripod upon which road safety and transport efficiency rests.

Balogun gave the explanation in a paper he delivered at the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration of Nigeria (CloTA) annual conference held in Abuja from November 4-6, 2025, with the theme: 'Repositioning Nigeria's Transport Infrastructure and Governance Models for Global Competitiveness.'

Using comparative analysis from Sweden, Rwanda, the United States, and Nigeria's own legal and institutional frameworks (FRSC Act), he recommended a governance model that integrates education, enforcement, and compliance to reduce fatalities, enhance accountability and promote sustainable road use.

With reference to the record of National Bureau of Statistics (2022), stating that despite more than 90% of goods and passengers are conveyed via road networks, yet, Nigeria records one of the highest rates of road traffic fatalities in Africa (WHO, 2018).

These fatalities according to him are often attributed to driver error, poor enforcement of traffic regulations, and inadequate driver education.

"Globally, countries that have achieved reductions in crash rates, such as Sweden, Japan, and the United States, have done so by integrating rules, enforcement, and education into their national transport safety strategies." He stressed.

While emphasizing that in Nigeria, fragmented enforcement, weak institutional coordination, and inconsistent training all contribute to undermining safety outcomes.

Drawing from the Safe System Approach, which emphasizes that humans make mistakes, he advocated that the road system should be designed to be forgiving, factoring three basic factors including; rules, enforcement, and



Balogun

education.

Rules according to Balogun provide the normative structure for safe road use, enforcement ensures accountability and deterrence, while education develops competence and internal motivation for compliance, saying when integrated, these elements create a sustainable feedback loop that shapes driver behavior, reduces road risk, and strengthens institutional governance (FRSC, 2022).

He however advocated the need to review Road Traffic Rules and Regulations in Nigeria founded on key legal instruments: the Federal Road Safety Corps (Establishment) Act 2007, the National Road Traffic Regulations (2012), and the Nigerian Highway Code.

"Collectively, these documents define vehicle standards, road use behaviors, driver licensing procedures, and penalties for violating these standards. The National Road Safety Strategy II (2021-2030) outlines Nigeria's national commitment to halve road fatalities by 2030, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.6. "However, implementation challenges persist due to overlapping responsibilities between federal and state agencies, poor coordination among enforcement bodies, and inadequate monitoring frameworks." He added.

Adding that road rules often lag technological and behavioral changes, such as distracted driving from mobile phone use, necessitating continuous updates to maintain relevance and deterrence value.

Asserting that comparative analysis was

conducted to benchmark Nigeria's systems against those of Sweden, Rwanda, and the United States, applying the Safe System theoretical framework to evaluate the interdependence between road rules, enforcement, and driver education, while drawing insights from ISO 39001- aligned practices to assess Nigeria's institutional readiness for measurable improvements in road safety. He noted however that enforcement credibility is the bane of compliance in Nigeria. The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS), and the Police share overlapping functions, while manual policing and inconsistent penalties weaken deterrence, saying that despite recent reforms like e-ticketing and offender databases, corruption and inter-agency rivalry persist.

Explaining further, he said, nations such as Rwanda have successfully implemented automated e-enforcement and cashless penalty systems, resulting in significant reductions in corruption. Sweden's fixed camera network ensures fairness and consistency in speed regulation.

"Nigeria can emulate these systems by standardizing digital enforcement, linking offender data to the National Vehicle Identification System (NVIS), and conducting regular audits of device calibration."

He alluded that Driver Education and Training standards forms the foundation of safe road use, asserting that in Nigeria, training quality varies widely due to

inadequate curricula and limited access to simulation tools, while International standards emphasize competency-based education integrating hazard perception, psychological readiness, and behavioral awareness. ISO 39001 promotes continuous improvement and the use of measurable performance indicators in driver training, he added.

He made reference to Nigeria's National Road Safety Strategy (II) which recommends harmonized curricula, mandatory refresher programmes, and instructor certification. The inclusion of digital learning, virtual reality (VR) simulators, and mobile training apps, such as DriveSmart, that can modernize the system and enhance learner retention.

Balogun emphasizes that sustainable road safety emerges when these three pillars interact effectively; Rules set behavioral expectations; enforcement ensures fairness and deterrence, while education builds long-term compliance.

The integration according to him can be achieved through:

1. Establishing a National Road Safety Observatory to consolidate crashes and enforcement data.
  2. Regular multi-agency planning between FRSC, Police, VIS, and state traffic agencies.
  3. Linking professional driver re-certification to continuous education and compliance history.
- He pointed out that when coordination replaces fragmentation, Nigeria can achieve measurable reductions in crashes and fatalities.

Comparative Global Practices: Sweden's Vision Zero model prioritizes shared institutional responsibility for safety. Through automated enforcement, infrastructure design, and driver accountability, Sweden cut fatalities

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# Gov Mbah Pledges To End Road Crashes In Enugu

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The Governor of Enugu State, Mr Peter Mbah, this weekend, said the state would lead other states in Nigeria in attaining crash-free highways.

Gov Mbah said the goal would be achieved through fully funded joint operations, tech upgrades such as AI cameras, and community town halls to ensure safety compliance.

The governor stated this in his address during the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) 2025 Enugu Sectoral Workshop for Special Marshals and Investiture of Honourary Special Marshals held in Enugu.

He said the ongoing reconstruction of over 1,000 kilometres of roads across the state had reduced road crashes by 25 per cent in key corridors like Enugu-Onitsha Expressway, and we cannot relent.

Quoting him, "I have pledged and will deliver unwavering support to FRSC initiatives: from legislative backing for stricter enforcement to state-of-the-art

patrol vehicles and tech-driven surveillance via our Enugu Security Trust Fund."

He also commended FRSC, Enugu State Command, for living up to expectations in ensuring safety in the roads and prompt responses to road crashes.

Earlier, the Sector Commander of FRSC, Enugu State Command, Mr Franklin Agbakoba, said that the Special Marshal Scheme remained the bedrock of public partnership in the FRSC.

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Governor Mbah

# Four Dead, Several Others Injured In Gombe Road Crash

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A ghastly lone crash along the ever-busy Cham-Numan road, in the Balanga LGA axis, has claimed four lives, while several others were injured.

The crash was confirmed on Sunday by the Gombe State Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), through the Sector Commander, CC Samson Kaura, who disclosed that among the victims was a child.

According to him, the crash occurred due to loss of control by the driver as a result of violating the speed limit.

Kaura said, "The crash happened around 2 am in the early morning of Sunday, when a Toyota Hummer bus from Toro LGA in Bauchi State, travelling to Adamawa State, carrying mostly children, lost control along Cham-Numan Road, resulting in the crash.

"The vehicle was moving above the recommended speed limit, and that resulted in loss of control and eventual crash.

"This is unfortunate because the bus was

overloaded as the children were lapping one another, which increased the number of persons expected for such a vehicle."

He also stated that the bus was carrying more than the expected passengers, stressing that the vehicle was conveying 41 persons, mostly children, as against 18.

He further used the medium to caution drivers and other road users against night travel, adding that "though it is their constitutional right to travel anytime, they must know that it is riskier travelling at night than during the day.

"Those who want to escape road enforcement officers and decide to travel at night must desist from those acts while doing the right thing and prioritising their safety and that of their passengers."

Kaura urged drivers to adhere to traffic rules and regulations, stressing that "life is more important than any economic or other benefit from driving."

The FRSC stated that both the injured and the dead have been evacuated to the hospital for medical attention and

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Speaking during the parade of the two suspects, the Managing Director of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), Kayode Opeifa, reiterated the call for state governments to take ownership of the rail systems in their states to stem vandalism of railway assets.

The NRC MD said, "The essence of today's gathering is the profiling of the two suspects allegedly linked with the vandalism of train tracks, of which over 300 bolts and clips were removed.

"To address the issue of vandalism, we are going to renew our discussion with the Delta state government and increase the local involvement.

"There are so many communities around that area, but we have ended up talking with two out of five communities and will



Vandals

increase the number that we will be involving with.

"We are going to definitely change strategies and this will help us."

He noted that one of the suspects caught comes from the community, who claimed to be farming, adding that the police would profile on what steps to take.

The NRC boss also said that due to security issues around the area, the

corporation had to shut its train station in June, and this had to do with the issue of the safety of the lives of people patronising the station.

He noted that going forward, the corporation is looking at mechanisation, usage of technology and how to increase the 2026 budget to ensure that the issue of funding would be addressed.

"We are already in discussion with the

Rural Electrification Agency to ensure solar lighting 500 meters around and after the stations in order to illuminate the areas, but everything boils down to budgetary funding," he said.

He pointed out that the issue of vandalism was on the decrease, adding that the Corporation is taking stringent actions against each vandal so as to discourage others from following suit.

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## Air Peace Lands Nigeria's First Dry Lease In A Decade

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Air Peace, West and Central Africa's largest airline, has taken a major step in modernising its fleet with the arrival of a dry-leased Boeing 737-700 NG from AerCap, the world's largest aircraft leasing company. The transaction marks Nigeria's first dry lease in almost ten years and showcases growing international confidence in the country's aviation sector.

The aircraft touched down at Lagos' Murtala Muhammed Airport during a ceremony attended by government officials, financial partners, and industry stakeholders, reflecting the strategic importance of the deal. Moore Ibekwe Jr, Boeing's sales director for Africa, described the acquisition as a landmark achievement for Nigeria and a testament to Air Peace's operational excellence and growth ambitions.

The milestone is the result of coordinated efforts between AerCap, Boeing, the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), and the Ministry of

Aviation. AerCap's Vice President of Leasing, Gad Wavomba, highlighted the role of government support and regulatory frameworks, including Nigeria's NCAA 83Bis Agreement, as key enablers in facilitating the lease.

Financial backing for the transaction was provided by Fidelity Bank, with Managing Director Kevin Ugwuoke noting that the dry-lease financing represents a natural progression following previous wet-lease operations and a transformative step for the domestic aviation landscape.

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Others are: Wasasa-Turunku-Mararaba Phase II 42 km; Kaduna at N30.23 billion; Enugu-Onitsha Road Phase I, 35 km (OP Junction – Anambra border) at N28.47

billion total; Mushin-NNPC-Apapa-Oshodi Dualisation 14.4 km, Lagos ports access N19.09 billion and East-West Road (restructured) PH-Warri axis + 3 flyovers + 2 bridges Inherited at N156 billion package.

The minister explained that improvements in design, difficult terrain, and inflation, has led to changes in cost, noting that the cost of reinforcement steel has increased to over N1.1 million per ton. He also revealed that the governors of Edo, Delta, and Abia States have assumed responsibility for financing and executing certain federal road projects within their jurisdictions.

This initiative for him is aimed at alleviating the financial burden on the federal government and expediting the completion of these projects.

He said, "The revised approvals reflect our commitment to durable, concrete-based infrastructure that can withstand decades of use while ensuring value for money."

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Dotun Oyelade, commissioner for Information who disclosed this said they are key infrastructural projects approved by the State Executive Council meeting. According to the Commissioner, these projects formed part of the major highlights of the Executive Council's approvals aimed at further improving infrastructures across the state.

On energy, the Council also approved the construction, installation, distribution, operation, and maintenance of the 12MW Ibadan



Governor Makinde

Independent Gas Power Plant Project at a cost of N27.338 billion

This approval will ensure the attainment of sustainable infrastructural development in the state by providing uninterrupted electricity to critical government facilities such as the Oyo State Secretariat, Government House, Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State (BCOS), High Courts, State Hospitals, and Lekan Salami Stadium, among

others.

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 billion to extend the project to selected key areas within the Ibadan metropolis.

On the education front, the Council approved the release of N3.554 billion

as counterpart funding to facilitate the disbursement of the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) matching grant to Oyo State for the 2024 UBEC/SUBEB Intervention Project.

Likewise, the Council approved the remodelling and reconstruction of the uncompleted library building located behind the Government House, which has been abandoned for about 25 years in which the project will be undertaken at a cost of N3.787 billion.

Oyelade also stated that a total sum of N221,021,000 (Two hundred and twenty-one million, twenty-one thousand naira) was approved for the conduct of the second and third term unified examinations for public primary schools across the state.

Other approvals include the construction of an office building for the Oyo State Anti-Corruption Agency (OYACA) at a cost of N1.334 billion and the construction of a permanent site for the Nigeria Mobile Police Squadron located in Ago-Are, Oke-Ogun Zone, at a cost of N5.858 billion.

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# FRSC Flags Off 2025 Ember Months Campaign In Delta

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The Delta State Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, has launched its 2025 Ember Months Campaign with a town hall meeting.

The event, held in Asaba under the theme "Take Responsibility for Your Safety: Stop Distracted Driving", brought together key stakeholders from the transport sector, security agencies, community leaders, and the media to discuss strategies for safer roads during the busy festive season.

In her opening remarks, Delta State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Corps Commander Joyce Nnennaya Alexander, emphasised the need for collective responsibility in reducing road crashes, particularly during the high-risk ember months.

"The ember months come with increased travel, busy roads and, unfortunately, a rise in road crashes," she said.

"That is why we must all work together—government, security agencies, transport unions, traditional

ruled, and citizens—to make our roads safer for everyone."

Commander Alexander stressed that road safety is a shared responsibility, noting that every driver, passenger, and pedestrian has a role to play.

"Safety is not just about the government or any particular organisation. It is the responsibility of all road users. Our choices determine whether we arrive safely from point A to point B," she added.

She commended the Delta State Government, the Commissioner for

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Commander Alexander

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Edo State Governor, Senator Monday Okpebholo, on Sunday reassured residents that his government remained committed to road infrastructure and security.

The governor stated this at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Auchi Diocese, where he led bigwigs in the state for a thanksgiving service marking his one year in office.

He said he had identified pressing challenges confronting the state and promised to tackle them to achieve a better society.

"As I came here today, my mind was on how we will fix the bad roads. The second thought on my mind is about a matter that concerns us all — insecurity. We will continue to do our best to fight insecurity and ensure that the evil ones are driven out of our midst," he added.

The governor also sympathised with the church and families affected by recent kidnappings of priests within the diocese, assuring them of the government's resolve to restore peace and order across the state.

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"While I sympathize with the church over the kidnapped priests in recent times, I want to say that there is never a day we are not concerned about the insecurity in our land.

"We are doing everything possible to bring it to an end. I assure you that very soon, with your prayers and our efforts, we will overcome," Okpebholo declared. He reaffirmed his administration's determination to rebuild Edo State on the foundation of peace, faith, and purposeful leadership.

He emphasised that governance must always reflect compassion, service, and accountability, assuring the people that his administration remained committed to driving sustainable development across all sectors.

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# NPA, TTP Collaboration Sustains Order On Port Access

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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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



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# Delta Witnessing Progress In Road Construction, Others - Gov Oborewori

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Governor Sheriff Oborewori of Delta State has said that the state was witnessing progress in road construction, construction of markets, provision of healthcare facilities and other projects that are easing transportation and stimulating socio-economic development of the state.

The governor said his administration was committed to achieving prosperity across the state.

He stated this during the official presentation of Staff of Office to His Royal Majesty, Michael Orugbo, Okporua I, the Ovie of Udu Kingdom at Otor-Udu, Udu Local Government Area, Delta State.

Governor Oborewori who was represented by Monday Onyeme, his Deputy, specifically noted that "under our MORE Agenda, my administration remains committed to Udu's prosperity.

"Across Udu, we are witnessing progress in road construction, Udu Harbour market, healthcare facilities, projects that are



Governor Oborewori

easing transportation, Ovwian, which now serves as a beacon of stated; "This ceremony is creating jobs and healthcare excellence for more than tradition; it is bringing government Udu and its neighbouring reaffirmation of our closer to the people. communities." heritage and a

"I am particularly proud Governor Oborewori celebration of unity, of the successful take- while congratulating peace and progress.

off of the Federal HRM Okporua I, on his "Your Majesty, your Medical Centre at enthronement as the emergence from one of

Udu's seven ruling houses, in line with the 1979 Chieftaincy Edict, reflects the wisdom and unity of your people.

"The joy that followed your selection is a testament to your character and the trust placed in you.

"As an engineer, Justice of Peace, and Papal Knight, you bring intellect, humility and innovation to the throne.

"You are both guardian of tradition and a visionary leader.

"The Staff of Office symbolizes your duty to lead with fairness, preserve your culture and foster development.

"I urge you to sustain peace, heal divisions, empower the youths and expand opportunities for all.

"The strength of any kingdom lies in its people, as such, I call on all sons and daughters of Udu to support their monarch, uphold lawful authority and contribute to community growth.

"A united people empower their king and together, progress becomes inevitable.

"Udu Kingdom occupies a special place in the economic landscape of Delta State; it is not

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## FG Condemns Sabotage On Abuja-Kaduna-Kano Road



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The Federal Government has promised to ensure the speedy completion of the Abuja-Kano Highway just as it expressed concern over the rising cases of vandalism and misuse of newly constructed and ongoing road projects.

It warned that such actions, if not quickly halted, could threaten the longevity and safety of key national infrastructure projects.

Minister of State for Works, Bello Goronyo, issued the warning during an inspection of the ongoing Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano road project on Saturday.

He condemned what he described as acts of sabotage and carelessness by residents living

along completed and ongoing road corridors.

Goronyo, who expressed regret over reports of individuals damaging road sections, removing safety railings, or converting portions of highways into dumping and drying grounds, particularly along the Jaji Bridge corridor in Kaduna State.

He also decried the new culture of refuse collectors, commonly referred to as "Baban bola" who have included stealing of iron components of the pavement of the ongoing road projects for sale as scrap.

He said, "Preventing road abuse is part of road maintenance. We have noticed people going overnight to break newly completed roads or remove vital components.

"Along the Jaji Bridge, for instance, some residents have tampered with structures to pass cables or place logs across the bridge. These are acts of vandalism that must stop," Goronyo said.

The minister appealed to traditional

rulers, community leaders, and residents to take ownership of public infrastructure and discourage harmful practices which shorten the lifespan of roads.

"The government has invested huge resources in these projects, and we must protect them for the benefit of all," Goronyo added.

Commenting on the project from point zero in Tungan Maje, Abuja, Goronyo highlighted that the improved road conditions have already enhanced travel safety and reduced insecurity along some formerly volatile corridors.

He said, "The importance of well-maintained roads cannot be overemphasised. They enhance safety, reduce travel time, and improve security. We must therefore work together to protect these national assets.

While reaffirming the Federal Government's determination to complete the Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano

Expressway within record time, the Minister described it as one of President Bola Tinubu's flagship projects aimed at strengthening economic integration between northern and southern Nigeria.

On his part, Engineer Musa, Director of Bridges and Design at the Ministry, said, "Most heavy-duty vehicles in Nigeria exceed axle load limits, and asphalt cannot withstand that stress. Rigid pavements are built to endure, with concrete designed to last over a century."

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# Egypt Unveils First High-Speed Train Connecting Two Seas

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Egypt started the trial phase for its first fast electric train line running between El Sokhna, Alamein, and Marsa Matrouh. The project represents an important step in developing Egypt's infrastructure.

This is reported by the railway transport news portal Railway Supply.

Egypt's contribution to transportation innovation lies in its development of high-speed train

The trial phase was inaugurated by Egypt's Prime Minister, Mostafa Madbouly, at the TransMEA 2025 forum in Cairo. The project encompasses a corridor spanning 660 kilometers across the country in both directions, starting from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea. In other words, Egypt will now have its first intercoastal route.

The railway consists of 21



stations that will serve major cities, industrial areas, and tourist destinations, with train speeds not to exceed 250km per hour. Due to its integrated nature,

other major rail systems like Cairo's Light Rail system, Metro Line 6, or the West Nile Monorail system will directly interconnect to this system.

It's expected to serve one million passengers per day and transport four million tons of cargo a year. The project will enable Egypt to improve its logistical

infrastructure.

Transport Minister Kamel el-Wazir said that "this project will stimulate urbanization and enable intermodal transportation between seaports,

airports, and industrial areas. As it passes through areas considered to be emerging agricultural areas like New Delta & Toshka, intermodal transportation will serve to enhance transportation of agricultural products to other countries for export."

In fact, the line makes use of clean electric traction systems to cut emissions and preserve the environment. In addition, the line contributes to employment within the country since it offers thousands of jobs both directly and indirectly.

The project has been considered a ground-breaking move toward regional connectivity by industry observers. They realize that Egypt has been given a platform to establish itself between Africa, the Middle East, and Europe as a transportation hub.

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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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# 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



*MultiChoice*

*Culled:*

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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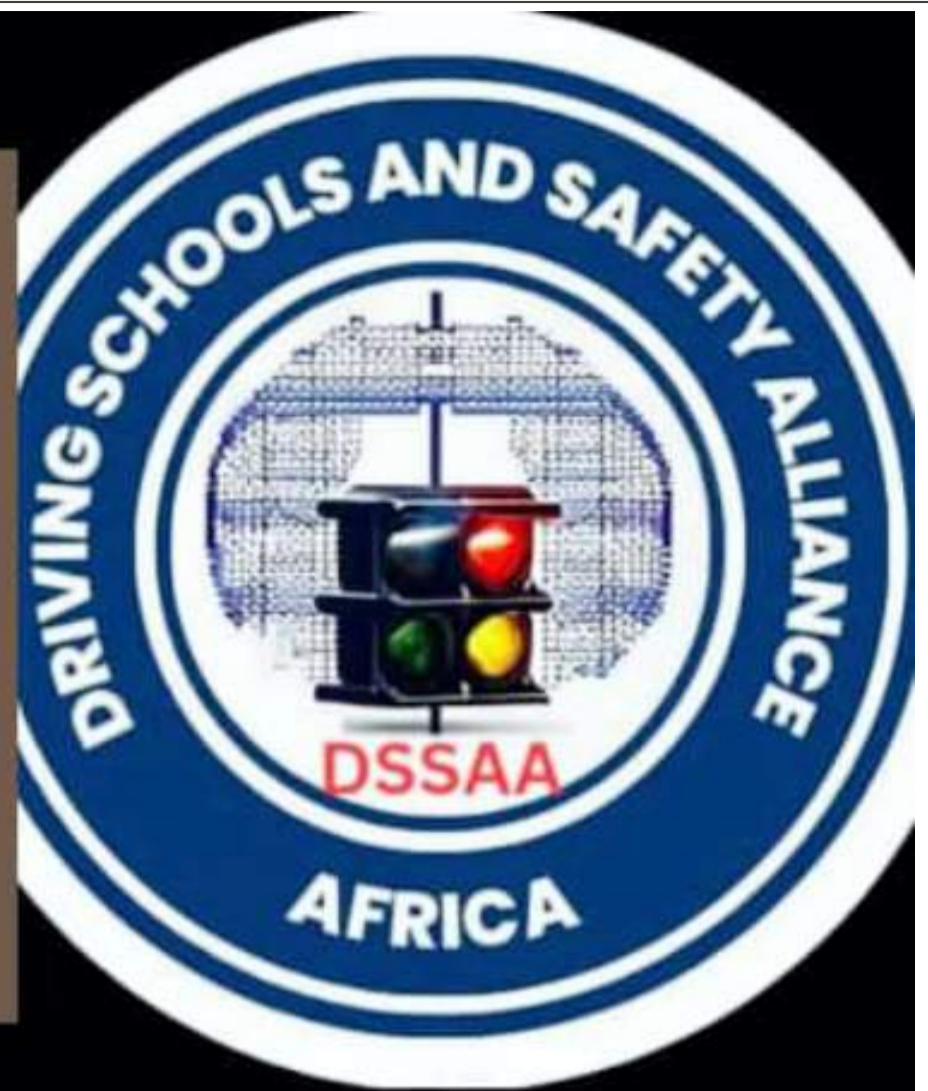


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