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The Abia State Government has assured transport companies that its plan to introduce electric buses across the state is not aimed at driving existing operators out of business but rather to enhance public transportation and assurance on urban development. The State Commissioner for Transport, Chimezie Ukaegbu, gave the assurance on

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# One Dead, Six Injured In Lagos Bus-Tipper Collision

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A tragic road accident occurred in the early hours at Majidun, inward Ogolonto, along Ikorodu Road, leaving one woman dead and six others critically injured. The crash involved a Volkswagen commercial bus (registration number EPE 494 XM) and a stationary tipper truck.

According to LASTMA, preliminary investigations reveal that the commercial bus, which was transporting passengers to a scheduled programme in Ogijo, suffered a sudden brake failure while reportedly travelling at high speed. The driver lost control of the vehicle, causing a violent collision with the tipper truck, which had stopped roadside to purchase diesel.

The impact claimed the life of an adult female passenger on the spot. Five female passengers and one male sustained severe, life-threatening injuries and were rushed to Benic Special Hospital for urgent medical

care. The body of the deceased was transferred to General Hospital, Ikorodu, for official documentation.

In a swift response, operatives of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) pursued and apprehended the tipper truck driver, who reportedly attempted to flee the scene. The bus driver was also arrested. Both individuals have been handed over to the Ipakodo Police Division for thorough investigation.

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the accident scene

# Lagos Govt Begins Upgrade Of Waterway Infrastructure

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The Lagos State government says the installation of modern concrete pontoons in selected jetties across the state is in progress, as part of efforts to upgrade waterways infrastructure.

Lagos State Commissioner for Waterfront Infrastructure Development, Dayo Alebiosu, said the installation will improve commuters' experiences under the €410 million Omi Eko Project.

In a statement on Sunday, he described the installation as being a major step in modernising water transport, and enhancing public confidence in boat travel.

According to him, the concrete floating pontoons, which function as flexible docking platforms, were already being mounted in Agboyi Ketu in Kosofe, Ijegun Egba in Amuwo Odofin, and Bayeku in Ikorodu.

He said additional sites will be included across the state.

Mr Alebiosu hinted that similar installations will be done at Ebute Ero on Lagos Island,

Ijede in Ikorodu, Apa in Badagry, Mile 2 in Amuwo Odofin, Mowo in Ojo, as well as other jetties identified for infrastructure upgrades.

"These pontoons are crafted from rigid concrete blocks designed to float and withstand wave pressure, while providing stability.

"The platforms eliminate the fear passengers feel when boarding from shaky wooden structures," he said.

The commissioner noted that the innovation creates a flat and stable surface, which feels like boarding from solid ground, adding that the modular pontoons can also serve as temporary bridges during flooding or erosion.

According to him, the ongoing upgrades include a six-sided pontoon model that offers 360-degree docking capacity and crowd movement, noting that Falomo Jetty currently operates a partial installation with a two-sided configuration.

He said the French Development Agency, European Investment Bank and the European Union jointly fund the project.

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# Ondo, Foreign Partner Push Ahead With FTZ, Refinery Project

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Ondo State's proposed refinery and free trade zone project has entered a new implementation phase after Backbone Infrastructure Nigeria Limited and the state government formalised a joint venture platform and commenced technical engagements and began site assessments for a refinery and free trade zone project in Ilaje Local Government Area.

The move comes on the heels of Backbone Infrastructure Ltd's recent disclosure that it has secured more than \$50bn in funding commitments for a 500,000bpd refinery and the Sunshine Free Trade Zone in Ilaje, Ondo State.

The funding was facilitated through a joint venture agreement between BINL and NEFEX Holdings Limited of Canada, marking one of the largest single private sector investment packages targeted at Nigeria's downstream oil and gas industry.

In a statement released on Saturday,



Ondo partners foreign company ahead with FTZ for refinery project

the Vice President, Corporate Services at Backbone Infrastructure Limited, Wale Adekola, said the agreement has led to the creation of Sunshine Joint Venture Infrastructure Limited, which will serve as the execution platform for the refinery and industrial corridor.

He explained that the entity was established after months of technical

reviews and information-sharing sessions with the Ondo State Investment Promotion Agency, bringing together BINL, NEFEX Petro Line Limited and Cooldeal Limited to work with the state government through ONDIPA.

The partners in the JV include Backbone Infrastructure Limited, NEFEX Petro Line Limited and

Cooldeal Limited, working in partnership with the Ondo State Government through ONDIPA.

According to Adekola, NEFEX is represented in the joint venture by Messrs Navid, Egbal and MJ, while BINL's representation includes its Directors, Henry Owonka and Steve Dike. Maryam is representing Cooldeal Limited.

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## Bauchi Communities Commend Bala On Road Construction

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The Gwallagan Mayaka and Dandango communities in Bauchi Local Government Area of Bauchi State, have expressed their appreciation to Bala Mohammed Abdulkadir, governor of the state, for the construction of a 6km road. The delegation of the communities, led by Ibrahim Abubakar, traditional leader of Dandango, to the office of Titus Saul Ketkukah, Commissioner for Works and Transport, noted that the construction of the road marked the first ever motorable access road in the communities' history. Abubakar said that before the road construction, the communities had suffered severe hardship due to the absence of accessible roads and facing challenges such as insecurity, limited economic activity, and isolation during the rainy season.

The traditional leader expressed appreciation to the state government for transforming the lives of the people through the landmark project.

He further said that the construction of

the road has brought tremendous relief and progress to the area, transforming it from a rural settlement into a growing urban centre where businesses, social amenities, and essential services can now thrive.

In his response, the commissioner thanked the communities for the visitation, saying that the Ministry of Works and Transport remains dedicated to ensuring strict supervision and quality delivery of all infrastructural projects across the state.

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Governor Bala

## Emadep E&P Achieves First Oil From Ibom Field

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Emadep Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Limited (Emadep E&P) has announced the achievement of first oil from the Ibom Field (PPL 236), marking another milestone in Nigeria's upstream oil and gas industry.

The company, in a statement signed by its management said that the achievement underscores its emergence as a fully integrated energy player and highlights the pivotal role of indigenous operators in advancing Nigeria's energy security and economic diversification.

Located approximately 30 kilometres offshore, Ibom Field was originally discovered in 1979. The field boasts significant in place volume of 103 million barrels of oil.

It explained that since its acquisition in the 2020 Marginal Field Bid Round, Emadep E&P has invested over \$100 million in a phased field development programme. The Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) approved the Ibom Field

Development Plan (FDP) in November 2024.

"Following sustained investment, technical rigour and collaborative effort, Emadep E&P has commenced commercial production from Ibom Field. The achievement underscores its emergence as a fully integrated energy player and highlights the pivotal role of indigenous operators in advancing Nigeria's energy security and economic diversification.

"It also aligns with the Federal Government of Nigeria's vision and aspiration to increase the nation's crude oil production.

"This milestone reflects our deep commitment to unlocking Nigeria's hydrocarbon potential through homegrown expertise, strong partnerships, and disciplined investment.

"We are proud to contribute to Nigeria's energy goals, foster local content, create jobs, and deliver sustainable value," said Adebawale Olujimi, CEO, Emadep E&P.

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President of ROSOWA, Hajia Nafisah Shehu Mohammed, urged drivers to exercise maximum caution to prevent avoidable tragedies. "My advice is simple; avoid over speeding, stay off phones while driving and ensure your vehicles are properly checked before embarking on any trip.

"Drive safely, avoid distractions, check your vehicles and don't drink and drive. A lot of crashes we see are preventable, especially during this



ROSOWA

period when movement increases," she said.

The ROSOWA President also lamented the rise in hit-and-run cases, particularly in Abuja, describing the trend as worrisome and demanded stiffer penalties for offenders.

"We are seeing too many hit-and-run incidents. This is a wake-up call for stronger deterrents," she added.

She reaffirmed ROSOWA's commitment to strengthening advocacy on safer motoring and providing support to crash victims nationwide.

Accompanied by FRSC representatives, Special Marshals and volunteers, the ROSOWA President used the outreach to donate hospital stretchers,

wheelchairs, crutches, toiletries, disinfectants and cash tokens to road crash victims at FMC.

Head of Emergency at FMC Jabi, Dr. Sumaila Timothy, commended ROSOWA for the timely intervention, noting that most accident cases treated at the hospital stem from reckless driving, brake failure and poor road use practices. "Only yesterday, we treated 18 victims from a single crash caused by brake failure. Many of these tragedies are avoidable," he said.

Also speaking, Deputy Corps Commander, Henrietta Henshaw representing the Corp Marshal Shehu Mohammed, reminded motorists and passengers to remain vigilant, advising travellers to monitor drivers during long trips and insist on rest stops when necessary.

The FMC management, on behalf of the Chief Medical Director, thanked ROSOWA for the continued support, describing the visit as timely and impactful.

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# Kogi Zariagi International Airport To Commence 2026 - Gov Ododo

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Ahmed Usman Ododo, Kogi State Governor, has announced that civil construction works on the proposed Zariagi International Airport will officially commence in 2026.

The disclosure came during the 2025 AKK Business Development Roadshow and the strategic launch of the Ajaokuta-Kaduna-Kano (AKK) Gas Pipeline, held at the Government House in Lokoja.

Ododo equally disclosed that the airport's design phase took eight months to complete and is currently undergoing stakeholder review to ensure compliance with technical and regulatory standards, as he pointed out that the project has already attracted interest from several local and international investors willing to support the infrastructure phase of the development.

He noted Kogi's strategic location as the gateway between Northern and Southern Nigeria, describing the airport project as a key component of his administration's vision to unlock economic opportunities

and strengthen regional connectivity.

He reaffirmed his commitment to a governance culture built on continuity, accountability, and completion of inherited projects, stressing that no government initiative will be abandoned under his leadership.

He added that the proposal to upgrade the Zariagi Airstrip into an international airport was initially presented to the Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development by the Kogi State Government in 2024.

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Governor Usman Ododo

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The Dangote Group has insisted that the Federal Government's deferment in the implementation of the 15 per cent import duty on petrol and diesel will not alter its long-term refinery expansion plans.

It stressed that the company remains focused on scaling up its production capacity to 1.4 million barrels per day. The Group Chief Branding and Communications Officer of Dangote Industries Limited, Anthony Chiejina, told Sunday PUNCH on Friday that the policy shift has no bearing on the company's strategy or timelines.

Recall that last month, Africa's foremost industrialist, Aliko Dangote, announced plans to expand the capacity of Dangote Refinery from 650,000 barrels per day to 1.4 million barrels per day, making it the largest refinery in the world upon completion.

"No. The policy deferment cannot stop the company's strategic efforts to upgrade the refinery to a 1.4 million barrels per day capacity. How can it stop?" he said. "This is a strategic issue that was taken for the organisation to

# Dangote Group Affirms Refinery Expansions

grow. We are thinking about tomorrow. We are not thinking about today at all."

Chiejina explained that the refinery expansion remains a forward-looking investment designed to position the company as a major supplier of refined products for domestic and export markets.

"The 1.4 million barrels per day is a strategic thinking of the organisation. It's for tomorrow, not for today," he added, dismissing concerns that the tariff suspension could slow down the refinery's market positioning or discourage investment in local refining.

The PUNCH had reported that the Federal Government has approved the postponement of the implementation of the 15 per cent import duty on petrol and

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faster than the legal frameworks that support them.

Oduwole however called on members of the NMLA to bridge this gap in terms of legislation and policies.

Oduwole, who was represented by the Legal Adviser of the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA), Mrs. Oyindamola Ade-Alli, said that transport systems across sea, road, air, rail and inland waterways are evolving far more rapidly than the legal frameworks governing them. She noted that a robust, unified legislation is central to Nigeria's ambitions in the Blue Economy.

The Minister explained that modernizing transport networks and strengthening regulatory structures are vital to protecting shippers and carriers, boosting investor confidence, and integrating Nigeria more deeply into global trade.

She said: "We meet at a time when global supply chains are being reinvented, driven by technological advancement, expanding trade routes,

global disruptions, and increasing pressure for sustainability. Transport systems across sea, road, air, rail, and inland waterways are evolving faster than the legal frameworks that support them. As maritime lawyers and policy makers, we must bridge this gap.

"For Nigeria, this is central to our aspirations in the Blue Economy. Modernizing transport networks and strengthening regulatory environments are essential to protecting shippers and carriers, boosting investor confidence, and integrating our economy more deeply into global trade. This conversation is timely and strategic, shaping a future where multimodal connectivity drives economic expansion and creates opportunities across our coastal and inland communities.

"Global trade is no longer defined by port-to-port movement but by seamless, secure, origin-to-destination delivery, anchored by rules that define liability, ensure safety, and protect all stakeholders. The future of trade will be determined by two factors how

efficiently goods move and how clearly the law governs that movement.

"This makes evolving carriage regimes, stronger enforcement mechanisms, and legal certainty critical to Nigeria's competitiveness and to Africa's integration under the African Continental Free Trade Area.

"For decades, the maritime industry has operated under the Hague, Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules, each an important stage in carriage law. But today's supply chains are multimodal and increasingly digital. The Rotterdam Rules, though not yet globally adopted, point toward what future-ready regimes should reflect—a single contract for multimodal transport, recognition of electronic transport records, extended responsibilities for carriers, enhanced transparency and documentation integrity.

"A forward-looking carriage regime for Nigeria must therefore support digitalization, fair liability allocation, efficient dispute resolution, and alignment with global best practice principles that will determine our

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Nigeria Maritime Law

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Speaking at the 16th Lecture and Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Maritime Law Association, NMLA, Themed: "The Future of Multimodal Transport in Global Trade: Evolving Carriage Regimes, Enforcement Mechanisms and Legal Certainty" Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Jumoke Oduwole, said that transport systems across sea, road, air, rail, and inland waterways are evolving



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Oluwole Adama, Executive Director of MDGIF, explained that the plan involves the creation of a government-backed special purpose vehicle in collaboration with MDGIF, the Bank of Industry (BOI), Endurance Group, and Séquor Investment Partners.

He said, "The collaboration underscores the parties' commitment to accelerating Nigeria's transition to cleaner fuels by addressing infrastructure gaps across



CNG

the country's CNG refuelling stations, nationwide."

value chain. Under this develop LCNG gas The project aligns with agreement, we will set supply infrastructure, President Bola Tinubu's up the Compressed and provide CNG and vision for energy Natural Gas Auto LNG transportation security, according to Mobility Infrastructure trucks with truck- Oluwatoyin Subair, Senior Special Adviser to InfraCo), which will forming a virtual pipeline the President on Special Duties and Domestic

Affairs.

Subair noted that the initiative aims to deepen the adoption of auto-CNG, reduce dependence on petrol (PMS) and diesel (AGO), and create new jobs within Nigeria's domestic gas sector.

Endurance Group CEO, Eric Lin, emphasized that the special purpose vehicle will establish a nationwide ecosystem for CNG refuelling, maintenance, and logistics by leasing CNG equipment to certified operators while ensuring a reliable gas supply through a world-class virtual pipeline network.

The project is expected to significantly boost Nigeria's clean energy infrastructure while providing more affordable fuel options for transport operators nationwide.

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FRSC outreach in Katsina

As part of activities commemorating the 2025 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Crash Victims, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Katsina Sector Command, in collaboration with the Road Safety Officers' Wives Association (ROSOWA), Katsina chapter, organised a humanitarian outreach to sympathise with victims of road traffic crashes receiving medical attention across the state.

Speaking during the event at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Katsina, on Saturday, Hadiza Maxwell Lede, the ROSOWA chairperson, said the purpose of the outreach was multifaceted, adding that "first, it aimed to offer prayers for the souls of those who lost

their lives in road traffic crashes and to express heartfelt sympathy to families currently grieving.

"Secondly, the visit sought to demonstrate compassion, solidarity, and emotional support to victims who are still undergoing treatment."

Represented by Aisha Yakubu Idris, the ROSOWA chairperson appealed to individuals, corporate bodies, and the general public to extend continuous support to victims of road traffic crashes, many of whom remain hospitalised for prolonged periods due to the severity of their injuries.

She reiterated the critical importance of responsible driving, emphasising that life has no duplicate, and urged motorists to refrain from reckless driving, overloading goods and passengers, and speeding, behaviours identified as major contributors to preventable road traffic fatalities.

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materials, commended the Corps and ROSOWA for the thoughtful initiative, describing it as a noble contribution to public welfare.

He highlighted the importance of sustained collaboration between the FRSC, ROSOWA, and healthcare institutions, noting that such humanitarian interventions significantly enhance the morale, emotional resilience, and recovery outcomes of crash victims.

The team comprised regular marshals, special marshals, and members of the NYSC Road Safety Club, all of whom actively participated in the outreach, as relief items were formally presented to the hospital management for onward distribution to patients within the facility.

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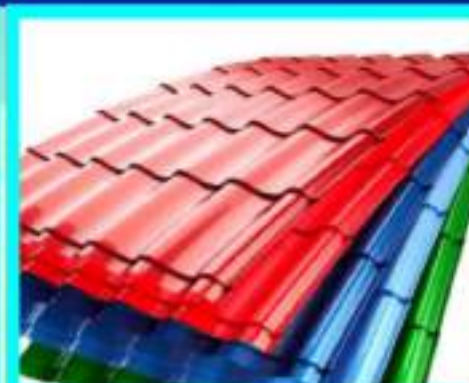
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# Emirates To Reactivate More Airbus A380s & Fly Them Until 2041

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In a move that defies industry trends, Emirates plans to bring even more of its Airbus A380s out of storage — aiming for a fleet of 110 active Superjumbos by the end of 2026. The Dubai-based carrier, already the world's largest A380 operator, is doubling down on the aircraft while others rush to retire it.

Speaking with Aviation Week, Emirates President Sir Tim Clark said the airline will continue operating its A380s for another 16 years, with the final aircraft not expected to retire until 2041. Emirates currently flies around 95–96 A380s and wants to grow that number to 110 next year.

“By the end of next year, we will probably have about 110 [A380s] flying,” Clark said, adding that some aircraft require fixes before returning to service.

Emirates originally purchased 116 of the 251



A380s ever built and has recently been buying additional examples from its long-term lessors.

The airline has also begun reactivating stored aircraft and fitting them

with refreshed interiors that include the carrier's hugely popular premium economy cabins. Clark

admitted demand for these seats “could be sold three times over”

during the summer and Business Class offerings with modernised

The three-year retrofit programme will bring a

consistent new look across the fleet, blending Emirates' signature First

class cabin materials and layouts. While Emirates intends to

keep the A380 flying into the 2040s, Clark

concedes that “the dreaded supply chain” could eventually limit how long the jet remains viable.

The aircraft was designed for an operational life of around 100,000 flight hours, or roughly 20 years, but pandemic groundings effectively paused that clock, giving Emirates a few extra years of life from many airframes.

But Emirates will struggle to keep the jet flying beyond 2041. Clark noted “to take an A380 up to 24-25 years is a big ask... Is it possible? I don't know. Much will depend on the dreaded supply chain.”

The 'dreaded' supply chain is something that grows to haunt many out-of-production aircraft. The final A380 was delivered in 2021, and many subcontractors have moved on. This means it will become increasingly difficult to source the needed components to [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

# Unity Colleges Ready To Deploy AI In Teaching Across Nigeria - FG

**Culled:**  
The Minister of State for Education, Prof. Suwaiba Said Ahmad, has said Federal Unity Colleges are ready to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into their teaching and learning processes.

She said the schools already have the necessary facilities, with additional provisions being made to ensure they are adequately equipped to deploy digital learning tools.

Prof. Ahmad disclosed this yesterday in Lagos during the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Principals of Federal Unity Colleges, hosted by the Southwest zone.

The minister said the Federal Government would train teachers and principals to effectively implement the new digital curriculum, which includes components on AI.

She reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to revitalising education through curriculum reform, teacher professionalisation, and the integration of digital technology in classrooms.

"The Minister of Education has a huge agenda on digitisation. We have a lot of platforms. First, the teachers themselves need to be



Prof Ahmad

developed to understand how they can use these digital and AI tools in their classes. We are doing that training for them," she said.

"You are aware that we have reviewed the curriculum, and part of the review introduced a new subject—Digital Technology—for secondary schools. This includes the positive use of AI in classrooms for teaching and learning."

Prof. Ahmad urged the principals to uphold high

ethical standards, reminding them that they represent the Federal Ministry of Education in their respective states.

She called for collective efforts to restore the lost glory of Federal Unity Colleges, describing them as "symbols of excellence and national pride."

Also speaking, Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Basic Education, Dr Mark Oseni, reaffirmed the

National Assembly's support for education through budgetary allocation and oversight functions to ensure accountability.

He urged the executive arm to prioritise funding for the colleges, describing them as critical to national development.

Oseni encouraged the principals to return to their schools better prepared to tackle challenges and improve academic performance.

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# Nigeria Honours Fallen Heroes, Serving Troops

**Culled:**  
The Minister of Defence, Mohammed Badaru Abubakar says the Armed Forces Celebration and Remembrance Day (AFCRD) is a solemn reminder of Nigeria's enduring gratitude to its fallen heroes and serving troops who continue to defend the nation's unity and sovereignty.

Speaking during a press briefing held at the National Defence College, Abuja, ahead of the 2026 Armed Forces Remembrance Day, the Minister reaffirmed the Nigerian Government's commitment to safeguarding every soldier carrying out lawful duties.

According to the Minister of Defence, the theme of the 2026 edition, "Valour, Sacrifice and Unity: Honouring Our Heroes," underscores the essence of courage, patriotism and national cohesion that the Armed Forces embody.

He said; "under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's leadership, the Ministry of Defence and the military high command have achieved significant operational gains, neutralising over 13,000 terrorists and criminals, arresting more than 17,000 others, and rescuing nearly 10,000 hostages, while over 100,000 insurgents and their families have surrendered."

"These successes reflect improved synergy among the Services and security agencies," the Minister said, stressing that the government remains committed to sustaining ongoing operations until all remaining threats are eliminated.

Badaru highlighted recent strategic reforms, including the signing of the Defence Industries Corporation of Nigeria (DICON) Act 2023, which positions Nigeria as a regional hub for defence technology.

He noted that the acquisition of new Armoured Fighting Vehicles, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and naval vessels has significantly enhanced operational readiness and reduced dependence on imports.

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# Nigerian Press Must Build, Not Destroy - Tinubu



Prof. Pate

**Culled:**  
President Bola Tinubu has urged Nigerian journalists to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, emphasizing that a free but responsible press is crucial for national unity

and democratic development.

Speaking on Wednesday at the opening of the Nigerian Guild of Editors' Annual Conference held at the State House, with the theme "Democratic Governance and National Cohesion: The Role of Editors," Tinubu

reflected on the historic role of the Nigerian press in shaping the nation's democratic journey.

He recalled how early newspapers fought against colonial injustice and how courageous journalists kept hope alive during military rule, often enduring intimidation, detention, and hardship in defense of the public interest.

The President said the freedom achieved through such struggles must be exercised with responsibility, noting that democracy thrives when public discourse is guided by integrity.

He reminded editors that, as gatekeepers of national information, they have the power to shape narratives, influence understanding, and set the national agenda.

While acknowledging Nigeria's diversity and the right to debate, Tinubu cautioned that disagreement must not undermine national cohesion. He said constructive criticism, rather than cynicism, serves the public interest and strengthens governance.

The President also warned of the growing threat of misinformation in the social media era, urging editors to uphold truth, balance, and sound professional judgment.

"In an age where social media turns every citizen into a potential publisher and accelerates misinformation, verification must be the anchor, balance the principle, and professional judgment the guide," he said.

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# NDIC Strengthens Legal Framework For Bank Liquidation

*Culled:*  
 The Managing Director of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC), Mr. Thompson Oludare Sunday, has announced that the Corporation now operates under a stronger and more effective legal framework to execute its bank liquidation mandate. Mr. Sunday disclosed this when he received the President and Chairman of Council of the Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria (BRIPAN), Mr. Chimezie Victor Ihekweazu (SAN), and members of his council during a courtesy visit to the NDIC Headquarters in Abuja.

According to the NDIC Chief Executive, the Corporation's authority in liquidating failed insured institutions has been significantly reinforced with the enactment of the NDIC Act No. 30 of 2023, alongside the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA) 2020. He explained that the new legislation empowers the Corporation to prosecute those responsible for bank failures, correcting a long-standing gap that previously allowed such individuals to evade accountability. Mr. Sunday expressed appreciation to the National Assembly for addressing the historical challenge of a weak legal framework that had hindered the

NDIC's operations. He also commended the judiciary for its growing expertise in deposit insurance law and practice, which has led to more effective adjudication of failed bank cases and relief for depositors. "The enhanced powers granted to the Corporation under the NDIC Act 30 of 2023, the BOFIA 2020, and the improved understanding of the judiciary have made it impossible for individuals to hide under the law to escape liability," Mr. Sunday stated. "With stronger legal backing, individuals now approach the Corporation to settle out of court—not necessarily because the law has

caught up with them, but because they can see that the noose is tightening around those responsible for bank failures." He credited the Corporation's ability to realise sufficient assets to declare a first round of liquidation dividends to uninsured depositors of the defunct Heritage Bank Limited within one year of its licence revocation to the impact of the strengthened legal framework. Mr. Sunday reaffirmed that the NDIC would continue to leverage the improved laws while collaborating with BRIPAN and other stakeholders to ensure effective delivery of its mandate.

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# Nigeria, IMF Strengthen Collaboration On Growth Plan

A high-level delegation from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at the weekend met with the Federal Government's team on budget and economic planning to discuss the country's five-year growth plan. The discussions focused on Nigeria's ongoing reforms, medium-term outlook, and preparations for the 2026-2030 National Development Plan. Assistant Director, African Department, International Monetary

Fund (IMF), Mr Axel Schimmelpfennig, met with Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Senator Abubakar Bagudu as part of IMF's consultative mission to review Nigeria's fiscal priorities, macroeconomic framework, and reform trajectory ahead of the IMF's subsequent country report. The meeting underscored Nigeria's continuing relevance as a prominent advocate for evidence-based

policymaking and inclusive economic transformation. Schimmelpfennig commended Nigeria's reform momentum and mentioned the IMF's interest in understanding how the country's medium-term strategy aligns with its broader development agenda. He said: "We would like to hear your thoughts on current developments — your outlook for the next year and the medium term," he said. "We

understand that you are preparing the medium-term framework, the National Development Plan, and the 2026 budget. Having your overall vision at this stage will be extremely helpful". He observed that while pre-election years often bring uncertainty, Nigeria's consistent policy coherence highlights its institutional maturity. He said: "Every country manages pre-election periods differently," Schimmelpfennig noted, stating, "But *Find Full Story In The Link*

# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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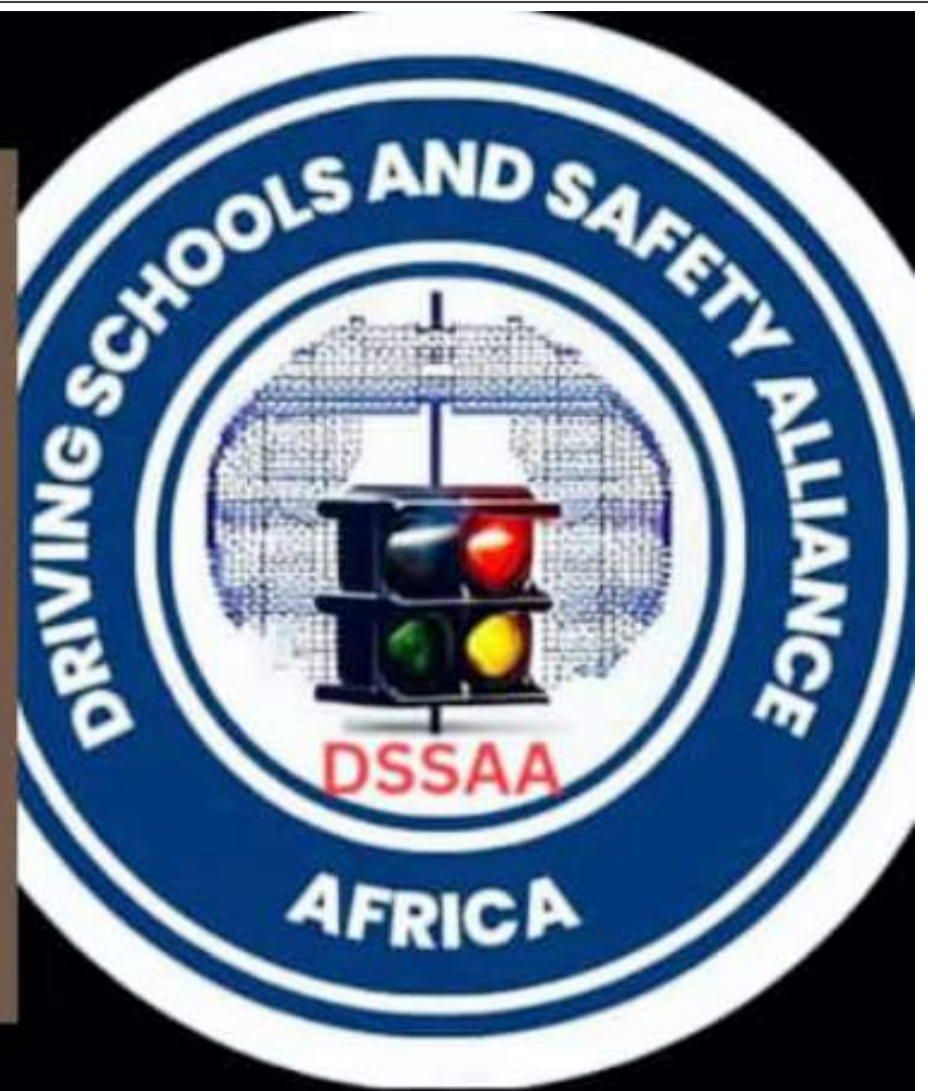


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