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Ondo Bans Street Trading Along Major Roads

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The Ondo state government has placed a ban on street trading along major roads of towns and cities across the state.

Officials of the state Ministry of Environment said over the weekend that the government has observed with deep concern the increasing rate of street trading and the establishment of illegal markets within the Alagbaka axis of Akure, the state capital.

Noting that this development poses serious environmental, safety, and traffic challenges, the ministry will no longer tolerate the continuation of the unlawful practices of such.

He added that it is also of importance to note that, in the course of their activities, they also litter the streets with waste. And this is unbecoming of an environment where the government operates and delivers good governance to the people.

"Accordingly, the ministry hereby issues a seven (7) day ultimatum to all traders

currently operating along the streets and unauthorised areas within Alagbaka, Akure and other towns to vacate their trading spots immediately," he said.

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Speaking at the event, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Hon. Sola Giwa, described the training as a transformative initiative designed to help officers adopt strategies that improve public perception and reinforce trust in the Service.

Hon. Giwa emphasized that trust is built on transparency, consistency, and civility. He urged participants to apply the lessons learned to foster stronger relationships with the public, manage perceptions effectively, and respond to issues with professionalism and empathy.

The Director of VIS, Engr. Akin-George Fashola, stated that the programme represents a major milestone in the agency's ongoing reform efforts to rebuild public confidence and project a culture of civility and discipline among officers. "We want our officers to be true ambassadors of safety, discipline, and integrity. This initiative reinforces the values that define our identity behind the uniform," he said.

Engr. Fashola added that the training aligns with the Lagos State Government's vision of developing a disciplined, responsive, and service-driven workforce across its transport management sector.

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Endorsed by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, the groundbreaking initiative focuses on carbon asset development and management, making Lagos the first sub-regional government in Africa to embark on such a large-scale decarbonization effort in the public transportation sector.

Under the agreement, Greenplinth Africa will serve as consultant and strategic partner, leading the development of a comprehensive carbon credit portfolio for existing and future transport projects. The company will also design a carbon financing



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framework to support Lagos's long-term transition to cleaner, more sustainable mobility options.

According to the approval letter signed by LAMATA's Managing Director, Engr. (Mrs.) Abimbola Akinajo, Greenplinth Africa is expected to commence work immediately on strategies aimed at significantly reducing carbon emissions across the state's transport

network. The collaboration will focus on key areas such as:

- Oversight of the Lagos Rail Mass Transit (LRMT) Blue and Red Lines, with emphasis on electrification and increased ridership

- Development of biogas plants to aid the shift from fossil fuels to biofuel alternatives

LAMATA noted that a major objective of

the partnership is to support its ambitious plan to deploy 10,000 electric buses by 2030, a milestone projected to position Lagos as a continental leader in sustainable urban mobility.

The agency added that the initiative draws on Greenplinth Africa's expertise in environmental sustainability, emissions reduction, and climate resilience.

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CUPP Hails Tinubu, Umahi For Road Projects

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The Coalition of United Political Parties has commended President Bola Tinubu for what it described as impressive progress in road infrastructure across the country, urging the Federal Government to maintain the same level of commitment and consistency.

The Coalition made the commendation in a press release titled "Road Infrastructure: CUPP Commends President Tinubu, Calls for Consistency" and signed by its National Spokesperson, Mark Adebayo, on Saturday in Abuja.

The release noted that the commendation followed an independent inspection of several road projects, including the Abuja-Lokoja-Benin Road. According to the statement, members of the CUPP steering committee embarked on the tour to independently assess federal projects and verify the government's claims on infrastructure delivery.

Those on the inspection team included

Emeka Benjamin Igwe, Mrs. Grace Ishaku, Dr. Abayomi Runsewe, Ambassador Abbah Lewis, and Adebayo himself.

"As 2025 draws to a close, coalition members have been analysing work done in various sectors of the Nigerian economy under the current administration. This is necessary for constructive criticism of the activities of the Federal Government and to task both leaders and the electorate ahead of the 2027 election," the statement read.

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Ibadan Residents Urge Makinde To Fulfil Road Reconstruction Promise

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Residents of Elebu in Ido Local Government Area of Oyo State have appealed to Governor Seyi Makinde to commence the reconstruction of Elebu road without further delay.

They made the call on Wednesday during a visit by journalists to the community, noting that the governor had promised to rehabilitate the road a few years ago.

The Elebu Road, which connects to the Circular Road corridor, is currently in deplorable condition, making movement difficult for motorists and commuters.

The road was originally constructed during the administration of former governor Abiola Ajimobi.

The route serves more than 50 communities and over 250,000 residents.

However, its deteriorating state has continued to affect transportation and economic activities in the area.

A resident, Mr. Dolapo Ajao, said the poor condition of the road has disrupted social

and commercial life.

"As you can see, the road is in a terrible state. During the rainy season, it becomes almost impassable, and many residents have even abandoned their homes because of the situation," he said. Another resident, Mrs. Iyabode Aina, noted that community members have made efforts to ease the hardship by grading and filling portions of the road, but the intervention has not been sustainable.

"We have made several efforts as a community to reduce the suffering. A few years ago, youths raised funds to grade the road. The late Alhaji Taofeek Oyerinde also supported the community when he was alive, but since his passing, there has been no intervention," she said.

Also speaking, Mr. Kolade Adeoye appealed to Governor Makinde to honour his promise, recalling that he made a commitment to reconstruct the road while commissioning a health centre in the area.

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FG Hands Over Federal Roads To Abia For Completion

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The Federal Government has officially handed over the completion of some key federal road projects in Abia State to the state government, in what officials described as a new model of partnership to fast-track road infrastructure delivery under the Renewed Hope agenda.

The handover, authorised by President Bola Tinubu, was announced by the Minister of Works, David Umahi, during a grand civic reception held in honour of Governor Alex Otti at the Enyimba International Stadium, Aba.

The affected roads include the Owerri-Umuaka Road, Onuigbo-Umuahia Road, Omezuo Bridge, and Umuahia-Ikot Ekpene Road, all critical transport links within the South-East economic corridor.

In a statement issued on Sunday by the Director of Press and Public Relations in the Ministry of Works, Mohammed Ahmed, the minister said the gesture reflected the President's approval for Abia State to take over the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the projects "based on a request and mutual understanding."



Senator Umahi

Umahi, addressing a crowd of political leaders, traditional rulers, and stakeholders, commended Otti's "proactive and non-partisan approach" to governance, saying the move exemplified leadership driven by people's needs rather than party lines.

"I am happy that many of our governors are taking the bull by the horns," Umahi said, adding that the roads had suffered years of neglect and funding constraints

before the recent intervention.

The minister urged residents of Abia and the South-East to support the Tinubu administration, noting that the region had benefited from several federal projects and key appointments, including that of the Chief of Air Staff.

He described Tinubu's approach as "fair and inclusive," highlighting the ongoing reconstruction of major federal highways across the region as evidence of

balanced development.

Otti, in his response, thanked the President for approving the state's intervention, describing it as "a practical step that adds value to the people of Abia and Nigeria at large."

He added, "This is not the first time Abia is intervening in federal projects. What matters is that the roads get fixed and our people benefit."

The collaboration has drawn widespread commendation from stakeholders who described it as a pragmatic approach that would enhance mobility, boost commerce, and promote regional integration between Abia and neighbouring states.

Earlier in the day, upon arriving in Aba, the Minister, in company with the governor, members of the National Assembly, and other stakeholders, paid an unscheduled working visit to ongoing works on the 56.1-kilometre Section II (Umuahia Tower-Aba) of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Enugu-Port Harcourt Dual Carriageway being handled by Messrs Arab Contractors (Nig.) Limited.

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For Daniel Adeyemi, a regular commuter, navigating Lagos' unpredictable fare system has become a daily struggle.

"Yes oo, I strategise when going out and I try as much as possible not to come back late," he said.

"Fares go up mostly in the evening. Some drivers say it's because of traffic, some blame fuel price, while others just insist that's the amount they want to collect."

Adeyemi, like many Lagosians, said he has learned to cope with the situation, though it continues to affect his pocket.

"I'm coping already because it's normal in Lagos," he added. "But government should make laws that anyone charging more than the normal amount will face consequences."

Another commuter, Solomon Tomiwa, who travels from Ajah to Obalende, said the constant fare changes has made budgeting nearly impossible.

"It affects me a lot. I can't plan my transport again," he said. "From Ajah to Obalende it's supposed to be ₦1,200 or ₦1,500, but sometimes, I pay ₦2,000."

While commuters often attribute fare hike to traffic congestion, transport operators point to the rising cost of petrol as the main driver. Since the removal of fuel subsidy, drivers say they have been



Lagos Traffic

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A petrol tanker caught fire on Saturday at the Ogheghe junction on Sapele Road after falling due to a bad spot on the road.

In a video that circulated on Saturday evening, a man was heard confirming that the incident happened at the Ogheghe junction by the bypass.

He noted that the tanker fell and caught fire as reside stay way from the inferno.

When The PUNCH put a call through to the Edo State Fire Service's operation room, a lady who gave a name as Faith, said the service dispatched fire fighting vehicles and personnel to the scene of the fire.

She, however, said that the gridlock and the unwillingness of motorists to create space for their vehicles caused them to arrive late at the scene of the fire.

She noted that they got the information about the incident by 7pm and immediately sent their officers to the scene.

She said, "I can confirm that the incident happened. We were called about 7pm and we sent our officials and the fire-

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fighting equipment to the scene.

"It took them awhile to get there as the motorists did not create a passage for the vehicle to pass and get to the scene on time.

"This has been a major problem when it comes to getting to fire incident scenes. However, our people got a little bit after 8pm."

The Sapele Road especially the Ogheghe axis has become a death trap with big potholes impeding vehicular movement.

It has been reported earlier that the Federal Road Safety Corps said eight passengers were burnt to death in a fatal road accident that occurred at Agbede community, along the Benin-Auchi road, Etsako West Local Government.

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Warri-Itakpe Train Derails, NRC Suspends Service



Dr. Opeifa

The management of the Nigeria Railway Corporation has announced the derailment of the Warri-Itakpe train, which immediately halted rail services along the corridor.

This occurred exactly four days after service resumed on the same route.

This was made known in a statement released by the NRC on Sunday.

The Warri-Itakpe train is currently the longest of the three modern trains (The two other modern trains are Lagos-Ibadan and Abuja-Kaduna), with over 300km.

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Warri-Itakpe train service since August 2, due to a series of breakdowns and other technical glitches.

It also reported on October 26, that the NRC announced the official resumption of the Warri-Itakpe Train Service.

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

However, four days after services resumed on the route, the corporation halted the operations due to a fresh derailment.

In the Sunday statement, signed by the Managing Director of the NRC, Kayode Opeifa, the corporation noted that the train derailment, which occurred at exactly 7:30 pm on Saturday, involved two out of the seven coaches of the train at Kilometre 212+8m, Agbor, Delta State.

According to the statement, preliminary investigations indicate that the incident may have been caused by suspected track vandalism.

Opeifa's statement partly read, "We are pleased to confirm that all passengers on board were safely evacuated to Agbor, and everyone has been fully accounted for. No casualties or injuries were recorded.

"Our recovery team, supported by security personnel, has been at the site since last night, carrying out recovery operations. These efforts are progressing steadily and are expected to be completed soon."

He added, "As a precautionary measure, train services on the corridor have been temporarily suspended today to enable a comprehensive security and safety audit of the track and related infrastructure.

"We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause our valued passengers and the general public. Normal operations will resume as soon as it is verified safe to do so."

Statistics shows that more than 188 rail-related incidents have been recorded between 2020 and 2025, many of which are directly linked to vandalism by scavengers and organised criminal syndicates.

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The State Sector Commander, Bridget Asekhauno, said this at the 2025 Special Marshal Sectoral Workshop held in Awka, the Anambra State capital.

The Workshop had the theme: "Enhancing Security and Strategies for Special Marshal Operations."

It was organised by the FRSC Special Duties and External Relations Special Marshals Section.

Asekhauno described special marshals as the largest volunteer force in Africa, adding that their safety remains top priority for the corps.

She urged them to always operate within approved routes, wear proper identification, and maintain close communication with regular officers and security agencies during field operations.



Anambra FRSC

She said: "Security awareness is essential in today's environment. We encourage Special Marshals to be alert, avoid confrontations and promptly report any suspicious activity or threat to your safety."

Asekhauno commended the marshals for their voluntary contributions toward ensuring safer roads in the state. Also speaking at the event, National Coordinator of the FRSC Special Marshals, Adaji

insecurity in the country.

Usman said: "Special Marshals need to be vigilant, understand their operational environment and use technological tools to enhance situational awareness."

"Let us also remain disciplined and committed to service and humanity."

Earlier, the State Coordinator of the Special Marshals, Michael Ogbusa, said the workshop was aimed at providing valuable insights for improving field performance and personal safety of the marshals.

Ogbusa said: "As the volunteer arm of the FRSC, we play a crucial role in public education, traffic control, and community engagement to reduce road crashes and fatalities across Anambra."

"However, with the increasing insecurity, there is a growing need for Special Marshals to adopt proactive safety measures while on duty."

"This workshop is designed to equip us with updated knowledge on security consciousness, operational discipline and effective collaboration with regular marshals."

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Dry Port: Oyo Hands Over 90 Hectares Of Land To FG



Governor Makinde

The Oyo State Government, on Friday, officially handed over 90 hectares of land to the Federal Government for the construction of the proposed Moniya Inland Dry Port in Ibadan, the state capital.

The state deputy governor, Mr Bayo Lawal, handed over the land on the Ibadan-Oyo road, Moniya, in Akinyele Local Government Area, to the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Mr Gboyega Oyetola, who was represented by the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Mr Michael Olufemi.

Lawal described the Moniya Inland Dry Port as a project that would not only enhance the state's economy but would also promote the

agriculture value chain, industrialisation, and infrastructure development in the country.

He added that the dry port operation would result in the decongestion of the Lagos ports and ease the clearing of goods.

Lawal charged all stakeholders to support the project to make it a reality.

Earlier in his remarks, Oyetola explained that the Moniya Inland Dry Port was a strategic national project that would bring shipping services closer to importers and exporters, thereby stimulating industrial and agricultural growth across the entire South-West region.

He commended Governor Seyi Makinde for his patriotic gesture in aligning with the Renewed Hope Agenda of the Federal Government.

The minister described the official handing over of the land as a clear demonstration of partnership and shared vision between the Federal

Government and the state government to expand economic opportunities through modern trade.

He stressed that the project would strengthen regional competitiveness, create jobs, and enhance Nigeria's logistics chain.

Also, in his goodwill message, the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Shippers Council, Mr Akutar Ukiyama, who was represented by the Director, Inland Transport Service, Alhaji Ahmodu Yahyah, appreciated Makinde for his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to the economic advancement of the state.

Yahyah said the Inland Dry Port, when completed, would generate direct and indirect jobs for the people of the state, stimulate industrial growth, increase internally generated revenue, and boost rural and urban development.

He added that the project, when completed, would provide a platform for seamless cargo clearance and

logistics operations as well as enhance the agriculture value chain.

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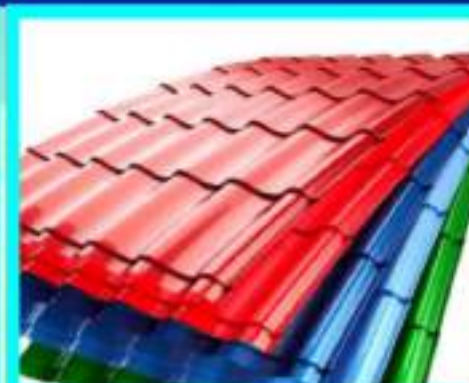
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beyond Nairobi include Rwanda, Malawi, Tanzania's Kilimanjaro region, Mozambique, and Burundi.

Nairobi is also home to Africa's first Emirates World Store, which opened in 2024 at the modern Cube building on Riverside Drive.

The store brings Emirates' reimagined retail concept to life with expert travel advisors, immersive displays, and an elevated customer experience.

Emirates is currently the only airline to offer first class seats in and out of Kenya.

In early 2025, Kenya and the UAE entered into a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. Emirates SkyCargo plays a crucial role in Kenya's global trade, operating three weekly freighters to Nairobi in addition to cargo capacity on passenger flights.

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Emirates has reached a significant milestone in Kenya, marking 30 years since its first flight touched down in Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) in October 1995.

Since then, the Dubai-based carrier has transported more than 6.6 million passengers to and from the country across over 34,250 flights.

Emirates currently operates two daily Boeing 777 services to Nairobi, linking the city with over 145 destinations across the globe. The service has since become a vital trade and tourism route, with passengers from Asia, Australia, and North America making up a significant portion of travelers passing through Kenya's capital.

According to Emirates, over the past year, most visitors to Kenya have come from

South Korea, China, Thailand, and Australia, along with the US.

Meanwhile, Kenyans traveling outbound are heading to major cities like Shanghai, Beijing,

Melbourne, Sydney, Seattle, New York, and Washington.

In 2023, Emirates partnered with Kenya Airways through an interline agreement,

allowing passengers to book onward connections to popular East African destinations. The airline said that around 31,000 passengers have used it

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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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UK Reaffirms Commitment To Deeper Bilateral Trade Relations With Nigeria

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British Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mr Jonny Baxter, making remarks on Thursday at the inauguration of the UK-Nigeria Economic Diversification Working Group Dialogue in Lagos

The British Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mr Jonny Baxter, has reaffirmed the United Kingdom's commitment to deepening bilateral trade relations with Nigeria.

Baxter made the reaffirmation on Thursday at the inauguration of the UK-Nigeria Economic Diversification Working Group Dialogue.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the dialogue is a strategic follow-up to the recently-concluded Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) Roadshow in Kano and Lagos states.

The dialogue is convened under the UK-Nigeria Enhanced Trade and Investment Partnership.

It brought together senior government officials, trade experts, and private-sector leaders from both nations.

Discussions focused on unlocking Nigeria's non-oil sectors, including agriculture, manufacturing and digital services.

The deputy commissioner emphasised the United Kingdom's



Baxter

commitment to supporting Nigerian exporters through the DCTS.

NAN reports that DCTS provides tariff reductions and simplified trade rules for business owners and exporters.

Under the DCTS, more than 3,000 Nigerian products stand to benefit from enhanced market access.

These include produce such as ginger, cocoa, sesame seeds, cashew nuts, and soya beans, as well as

textiles.

According to Baxter, the dialogue marks a significant milestone in the United Kingdom - Nigeria partnership.

"It reflects our shared commitment to driving inclusive, sustainable economic growth through strategic exports diversification," he said.

Baxter said that the United Kingdom was unlocking new opportunities for trade, investment and innovation

across key sectors.

He said: "This is by working together with governments and the private sector through our market development programmes like Propcom+.

"The UK remains a steadfast partner in supporting Nigeria's ambition to stimulate economic growth."

Amb. Abba Nura Rimi, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Nigeria, lauded the initiative.

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Nigeria Aligns With Pan-African GGW SDGs

Culled:
Minister of Environment Balarabe Abbas Lawal has assured that Nigeria will be aligning with the regional vision of the Pan-African Great Green Wall Sustainable Development Goal five on gender equality, while also giving practical effect to SDG 1 on Ending Poverty, Goal 5 on Gender Equality, Goal 13 on Climate Action, and Goal 15 on Life on Land.

The minister who was represented by Agnes Aneke, Director of Planning, Research and Statistics disclosed this at the green women platform validation workshop in Abuja, stating that this initiative demonstrates the government collective resolve to mainstream gender equality into the Great Green Wall programme and ensure that women are not left behind in the implementation of national environmental and climate commitments.

Lawal noted that Women bear the most significant burden of environmental degradation, yet they are also the most potent agents of resilience and adaptation. "By creating the Green Women Platform, Nigeria is aligning with the regional vision of the Pan-African Great Green Wall, as the task is urgent and essential".

"This workshop will validate the structural framework, adopt a national governance arrangement, and agree on a two-year action plan for the Green Women Platform. These outcomes will ensure that women are empowered as beneficiaries and full partners in decision-making, resource mobilization, and implementation".

The minister commended the leadership of the National Agency for the Great Green Wall, NAGGW, the strong political support from the Office of the First Lady of Nigeria, Sen. Olufemi Tinubu and the collaboration of our partners, particularly the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Pan-African Great Green Wall Agency (PAGGW).

The Director General National Agency for the Great Green Wall, NAGGW

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Tinubu Decorates Service Chiefs With New Ranks



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Culled:
President Bola Tinubu on Thursday decorated the newly appointed Service Chiefs with their new ranks at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, reaffirming his administration's commitment to strengthening Nigeria's

security architecture amid persistent threats across the country.

The new helmsmen will now bear the following ranks:

Chief of Defence Staff: General Olufemi Oluyede

Chief of Army Staff: Lieutenant General Wahidi Shaibu

Chief of Naval Staff: Vice Admiral Idi Abbas

Chief of Air Staff: Air Marshal Sunday Kelvin Aneke with the Chief of Defence Intelligence, Major General Emmanuel Akomaye Parker Undiendeye, was equally elevated to the rank of Lieutenant General.

Their decoration followed Wednesday's Senate confirmation of the President's nominations, part of ongoing efforts to recalibrate military leadership and enhance operational effectiveness.

Announcing their appointment earlier, President Tinubu expressed appreciation to the outgoing military heads for their service to the nation and charged the new chiefs to deepen professionalism, enhance

vigilance, and demonstrate exceptional commitment to defending Nigeria's territorial integrity.

He said the refreshed leadership provides an opportunity to refine operational strategies, reinforce inter-agency cooperation, and rebuild public confidence in the Armed Forces.

He noted that his administration expects measurable improvements in ongoing counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations, particularly in areas affected by Boko Haram, ISWAP, banditry, and kidnapping.

During his Senate screening, General Oluyede pledged to champion a "multi-domain, multi-agency" campaign to

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Nigerian Doctors

Nigeria Needs \$1bn, 360,000 Doctors To Strengthen Health System

Culled: Public health expert and former Chief Medical Director (CMD) of Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Prof. Akin Osibogun, has said Nigeria needs at least \$1 billion in urgent investment and 360,000 medical doctors to strengthen its health system.

He made the call at the 2025 Physicians' Week Scientific Conference organised by the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), Lagos State Branch, with the theme 'Healthcare as a Value Chain: Building Efficiency from Policy to Patient'.

Osibogun emphasised the need for

Nigeria to achieve better results in the health sector.

"We cannot allocate five per cent and expect that the health outcomes in Nigeria will catch up with the health outcomes in Europe or the United States (U.S.). To catch up, Nigerian governments at all levels need to invest in health," he said.

He noted that some of Nigeria's over 55,000 registered medical doctors were not practising in the country.

Based on the African benchmark of one doctor for every 600 citizens, he suggested that Nigeria needs at least 360,000 doctors to meet its population's health needs.

The former CMD called for immediate action and funding to build capacity across the health value chain.

"We should find \$1 billion immediately and put it into the health sector to train health workers," he said.

According to him, such investments will increase the health sector's contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from five per cent to 15 per cent, while creating jobs and enhancing productivity.

"The health sector can provide employment opportunities for Nigerians, reduce poverty, and grow the economy, if properly funded," he added.

Lagos NMA Chairman, Dr Babajide Saheed, lamented deductions from doctors' September 2025 salaries.

"Our members received lower pay last month (September). Our salaries were deducted. They said we were overpaid. We are urging the government to correct this," Saheed said.

Noting that similar deductions had occurred in April before refunds were made, Saheed appealed to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to intervene quickly, warning that continued deductions could affect morale and worsen the brain drain among doctors.

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NMA, Foundation Donate Sanitary Towels To Female Inmates

The Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) has partnered with the Diatom Impact Foundation to donate sanitary towels to all female inmates across Nigerian Correctional Service facilities, as part of efforts to promote menstrual hygiene and women's health within correctional centres.

In a release by the NMA Publicity Secretary, Dr. Mannir Bature, on Wednesday, the initiative followed recent findings by a Senate

investigative panel, which identified poor menstrual hygiene among female inmates as a pressing concern. Responding to this, the NMA took up the challenge through advocacy and partnership with Dr. Akindele Akintoye, founder of Diatom Impact Foundation.

The NMA delegation, led by its President, Dr. Bala M. Audu, who was represented by the First Vice President, Dr. Benjamin Oluwatosin

Olowojebutu joined the Diatom Impact team led by Dr. Akindele Akintoye on a courtesy visit to the National Headquarters of the Nigerian Correctional Service (NCS) in Abuja. The delegation was warmly received by the Controller-General of the NCS, Sylvester Nwaku, and his management team.

During the visit, the NMA highlighted its ongoing corporate social responsibility initiatives and

reaffirmed its commitment to improving health and well-being across all social sectors. The association also announced plans, in partnership with Diatom Impact Foundation, to deploy mental health personnel and psychiatrists to correctional centres nationwide to provide psychological support for inmates.

In his remarks, Dr. Akintoye emphasised the importance of [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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