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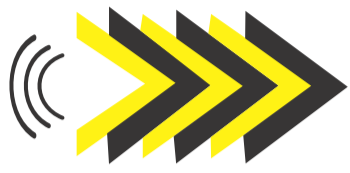
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Firm Deepens Road Safety Drive With 'Car Lovers Connect' Drive

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Veritas Kapital Assurance Plc has reinforced its commitment to road safety and community engagement through its 'Car Lovers Connect' initiative.

The event, held in Abuja yesterday in partnership with K-Cool Automobile Garage and Academy, followed the success of the Lagos edition earlier in the year. It brought together car enthusiasts, drivers, and families for a day of education, connection, and awareness on safe driving and vehicle maintenance.

Through the initiative, Veritas Kapital continues to demonstrate its role as a socially responsible insurer by promoting a safety-first culture and supporting accident prevention efforts across the country.

Speaking at the Abuja edition, Regional Head (North) of Veritas Kapital, Abayomi Ayibosi, said the programme reflects the company's mission to make meaningful contributions to society beyond providing insurance coverage.

"Car Lovers Connect is about connection, education, and protection," Ayibosi said. "As a responsible insurer, we are not just offering policies; we are helping people understand how to maintain their vehicles properly, avoid preventable breakdowns, and stay safe on the road. That is the true essence of what Veritas Kapital stands for."

The event featured free vehicle diagnostics, expert consultations, and interactive sessions with automobile

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Car lovers connect

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The Commissioner of Police, Ports Authority Police (Western) Command, CP Toyin Agbaminjoja, has strengthened the existing collaboration with the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), aiming to foster closer inter-agency cooperation to enhance security, facilitate trade and promote effective operational harmony across the Western Ports.

As part of her familiarisation tour within the maritime sector, Agbaminjoja visited the Customs Commands in Apapa, Ports Terminal Multiservices Limited (PTML) and Tin Can Island, where she commended the NCS for its unwavering dedication to safeguarding the country's economic interests.

She also assured the NCS of the continued support of the Ports Authority Police (Western) Command in maintaining a safe and orderly port environment.

In a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer of the

Command, Isaac Hundeyin, Agbaminjoja emphasised the importance of inter-agency cooperation and intelligence sharing in combating smuggling, cargo theft and other maritime-related crimes.

She reaffirmed her readiness to work closely with all port stakeholders to ensure the ports remain secure, efficient and conducive for legitimate trade and business operations.

In their separate remarks, the Customs Area Controllers of the various commands commended the Commissioner of Police for her proactive and inclusive leadership style and pledged their continued collaboration with the Police in pursuit of shared security and operational goals.

The visits concluded with interactive sessions focused on addressing security challenges, improving coordination and exploring new strategies for joint operations within the maritime sector.

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During a bilateral meeting held in Singapore, Adalikwu called for enhanced technical collaboration with the Singaporean maritime authorities and the replication of its efficient and technologically advanced port systems across MOWCA's member countries.

Specifically, the MOWCA Secretary-General sought Singapore's expertise in human capital development, infrastructure upgrade and maintenance, as well as cargo handling efficiency.

Adalikwu, who also spoke on the importance of a maritime single



Paul Adalikwu

window and digitalisation of port processes, harped on the need for harmonisation and single document submission for seamless end-to-end processing of import and export procedures in ports.

Speaking on environment-friendly shipping, specifically addressing Green House Gas (GHG), Adalikwu told Keong that MOWCA is fully

aligned with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) policy to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from shipping by or around 2050.

He added that MOWCA is setting target timelines as advisory to member states to gravitate towards the target, like planning to reduce emissions by at least 20 per cent before 2030.

According to Adalikwu, a technical

collaboration with the Singaporean Maritime and Ports Authority would help to achieve compliance with the IMO target by MOWCA states.

He also stated that a modernised port system, delivering efficient services, makes a great contribution to the development and sustenance of the blue economy at the countries and sub-regional levels.

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The collapse of the Calabar-Itu highway has led to a total gridlock, leaving commuters, motorists, and truck drivers stranded for days. For three consecutive days, sections of the highway have remained impassable, forcing travellers to either turn back or spend long hours, and in many cases, nights, on the road. Those who managed to make the journey described it as exhausting and distressing, marked by severe delays, fatigue, and financial losses.

Many commuters now set out expecting prolonged delays. A commuter, Uwem Isaiah, who travelled to Akwa Ibom for a friend's wedding on Thursday, said he was compelled to remain there until Monday. Even then, his return trip was gruelling.

"I left Akwa Ibom at 9:00 a.m. on Monday and got to Calabar by 9:00 p.m. Twelve hours. What should be a journey of less than two hours now takes several hours, with no certainty of

arrival time," he said.

"At one point, we were at a standstill. Nobody could move. Trucks were stuck. People came down from vehicles to walk around because of frustration."

Another commuter, Eka Success, who left Calabar for Akwa Ibom on Wednesday, said her return was equally torturous. She began her journey back at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and did not arrive in Calabar until 4:00 a.m. on Sunday.

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"When the closed lane is completed, work will shift to the other lane, and during this phase, motorists going to Lekki/Ajah will have through fare," he said.

He said for phase two, Lekki second toll

gate to Ajah under-bridge, work would be done in four sections.

"Motorists from Ajah inward Lekki will be diverted to one lane while repairs are ongoing on the other lane.

"When the first lane is completed, work will move to the second lane.

"During this phase, motorists heading towards Ajah will have continuous movement," he said.

The commissioner advised motorists to be patient and follow traffic directions, as some sections of the road would be partially closed during the repair period.

According to him, the repairs are part of the state government's efforts to improve road quality and ease traffic flow.

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This was as Governor Makinde responded to the ongoing protests over the 110km Ibadan Circular Road, stating that he would engage with legitimate property owners affected by the project, but that everyone must realise that the project mattered greatly to the future of Oyo State, as it would



Obasanjo commissioning the Ibadan Mega Bus terminal alongside Governor Makinde

become the economic backbone of the state in the not too distant future.

Chief Obasanjo in his remarks praised Governor Makinde for doing well for the people of Ibadan and Oyo State by building people-centred projects, including the bus terminals, which according to him, would ease transportation within Ibadan, the third largest city in Nigeria by population and the largest in terms of land area.

He noted that the constructions of the terminals in Ojoo, Challenge and the two in Iwo Road would make movements easier for residents and that whatever development Makinde is making happen in Ibadan is beneficial to the rest of the South-West, as the metropolis is not only the capital of Oyo State, but also the capital of the defunct Western Region, the Old Western State, and by extension, Yorubaland.

He said, "Governor Makinde, you have done so well. You are making Ibadan liveable and you have been trying to make everyone living in Ibadan and the state comfortable.

"Ibadan, in population, is the third largest city in Nigeria but in land area, it is the largest. So, to move from point A to B in Ibadan is longer than moving from point A to B in the other two cities said to be larger than Ibadan in population. These are Lagos and Kano. And, if you are going to make it convenient for people to live in Ibadan, to trade in Ibadan, there must be availability of transportation and that is what these bus terminals are meant for. The two here and the two in Challenge and Ojoo are meant for that.

"You invited me three days ago to this event; I didn't hesitate. I came here because you are an Omoluabi. Before anyone can invite me to an event three days to the time, he must be someone I hold in high esteem. For you, if you call me a day to the event, I will come. You resemble me in a lot of ways.

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Aviation Minister Lauds Cape Town Convention's Impact

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Nigeria's Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo has lauded the impact of the Cape Town Convention (CTC) on aircraft financing and leasing.

Keyamo described it as a game-changer that has created a predictable, transparent, and enforceable legal framework, reducing credit risks and improving access to capital.

Speaking at the "Maximising the Cape Town Convention Africa Event" held in Abuja, the Minister said the Convention has significantly reshaped aviation financing across Africa.

He noted that access to affordable capital remains one of the continent's greatest challenges in aviation expansion and maintenance.

However, Keyamo said "the CTC provides a beacon of opportunity, signalling to investors and financiers that Africa is progressing towards stronger legal and regulatory frameworks."

"Our legal systems are reliable, our

markets are stable, and our governments are committed to best practices in aviation asset management and protection.

"Today, 28 African countries have ratified the Convention, reflecting a continental recognition that the CTC is not just a legal instrument; it is a catalyst for aviation growth, economic transformation, and connectivity across Africa," he said.

The Minister said that Nigeria's Aviation sector continues to evolve with an "unshakable resolve" to align with international standards.

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The President, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has approved the inclusion of Itawure-Aramoko-Ado Ekiti and Aramoko-Ijero-Ifaki Ekiti roads construction in the 2026 budget of the Federal Government.

A letter to this effect has since been forwarded from the Office of the President to the Minister of Works, Engr. David Umahi.

The Governor of Ekiti State, Biodun Oyebanji was also copied.

The development was sequel to the visit of Governor Biodun Oyebanji and the Senate Leader, Senator Opeyemi Bamidele, to President Tinubu at the Presidential Villa, Abuja on Sunday, November 9th, 2025; where issues concerning the condition of federal roads in the state were discussed.

There has been some public outcry and deliberate misinformation over the deplorable condition of some Federal roads in the state, particularly the Itawure-Aramoko-Ado road.

The President Tinubu-led Federal Government has awarded three of such

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roads in the state and contractors have been mobilised to site, while the Biodun Abayomi Oyebanji administration has also constructed one of them- the Ado-Iworoko-Ifaki road; in addition to dozens of other inter-city and intra-city road projects it has embarked on in the last three years.

When constructed, the two newly approved roads will further ease traveling, enhance connectivity across different parts of the country, boost commercial activities and open up the state to greater economic opportunities and development in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda of the President and the Shared Prosperity agenda of the Biodun Abayomi Oyebanji Administration.

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Keyamo, Turkish Ambassador Align To Boost Aviation Security



Keyamo

The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, has met with the Turkish Ambassador to Nigeria, Mehmet Poroy, to explore a strategic radar technology partnership aimed at boosting Nigeria's aviation security, airspace management, and bilateral cooperation in aviation modernisation. The meeting focused on strengthening bilateral ties in aviation, technology, and radar development as part of ongoing efforts to enhance Nigeria's airspace management and modernisation agenda.

The Turkish delegation included Mr Muzaffer Hakan Tok, Head of Political Office; Mr Akin Carkci, General Manager of Turkish Airlines

Abuja; and Mr Amadou Ndongo Thiam, Country Manager of ASELSAN Nigeria.

In his remarks, Ambassador Poroy, who recently assumed office, expressed profound appreciation to the Honourable Minister for his unwavering support towards Turkish Airlines in Nigeria, particularly during the period of labour agitation involving some dismissed staff members.

The envoy commended the Minister's professionalism, fairness, and liberal approach in handling sensitive aviation matters, which, he said, reflects Nigeria's commitment to fostering mutual respect and international cooperation.

Ambassador Poroy, fresh from the successful commemoration of the 102nd Anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye, noted that his visit marks his first official engagement since resuming duty in Nigeria.

He reaffirmed his country's pride in its longstanding partnership with Nigeria, stating that "Türkiye remains

committed to strengthening both diplomatic and commercial ties, particularly in the aviation and technological sectors."

The Ambassador highlighted recent improvements initiated by the Turkish Embassy, including "the facilitation and speedy issuance of tourist and business visas for Nigerians, aimed at promoting trade, investment, and people-to-people exchange between both nations."

Speaking on air connectivity, Ambassador Poroy disclosed that Turkish Airlines currently operates 12 weekly flights to Nigeria, five to Abuja and seven to Lagos, and requested the Minister's support for an increase in frequency to meet growing passenger demand.

He also introduced ASELSAN, a leading Turkish defence and technology company recognised as Europe's radar centre of excellence. He explained that ASELSAN produces high-tech radar systems that meet NATO and MIL-STD standards and offers both Early Warning Radar

Systems and Air Surveillance Radar solutions designed to provide full coverage of national airspace.

According to him, "The systems possess dual-use capability for both civil and military applications and can be operated remotely via satellite communications infrastructure."

Ambassador Poroy further extended an invitation to the Honourable Minister to visit Türkiye in January 2026 for an on-site inspection of ASELSAN's radar facilities, a visit that would also allow the Minister to meet with his Turkish counterpart to deepen bilateral cooperation in aviation and aerospace technology.

In his response, the Honourable Minister warmly welcomed the Turkish Ambassador and his delegation, commending Türkiye for its continued partnership and investment in Nigeria's aviation sector. He lauded Turkish Airlines for maintaining exemplary operational standards and assured the envoy of the Ministry's readiness to support the airline's request for increased flight frequencies.

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The intervention follows a directive by Governor Sheriff Oborevwori and a follow-up inspection visit by the State Commissioner for Works (Highways and Urban Roads), Comrade Reuben Izeze, on Monday.

Izeze's visit came in response to mounting complaints from motorists and residents over the traffic congestion and hardship caused by the ongoing reconstruction.

Speaking during the inspection tour, which covered the stretch from Effurun Roundabout through Mercy Land to Ohore Junction, the Commissioner said the remedial work was aimed at easing traffic flow and providing temporary relief



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users in recent years, assuring them that the completed project would significantly improve mobility, reduce travel time, and stimulate economic activities across the region.

According to him, the 10-kilometre project spanning five kilometres on each lane features an 8.8-metre-wide carriageway, an upgrade from the standard 7.3 metres.

He noted that the project is expected to be completed within 12 months.

"When completed, this will stand as another landmark achievement for the state, enhancing trade, transportation, and community life," he added.

Governor Oborevwori had earlier, on October 14, 2025, officially flagged off the reconstruction of the Warri-Sapele-Benin Highway, a route long described by residents and transporters as a nightmare due to its deteriorated state.

The commencement of remedial work by CCECC has been widely welcomed by motorists, signalling the government's responsiveness to public concerns.

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Oyetola Lauds Dockworkers' Role In Maritime Growth



Oyetola

The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, has lauded the invaluable contributions of Nigerian dockworkers to the nation's maritime growth, pledging the Federal Government's commitment to improving their welfare and ensuring safer working conditions across the ports.

Oyetola made the pledge in Lagos during the 2025 Day of the Dockworker celebration, organised by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) in collaboration with the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and the Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC).

Themed "Safe Port, Safe Ship," the event highlighted the importance of dockworkers to the sustainability of port operations and Nigeria's expanding blue economy.

Represented by the Director-General of NIMASA, Dr. Dayo Mobereola, Oyetola described dockworkers as the backbone of the maritime industry whose efforts power the nation's trade and economic activities.

According to him, "Today reminds us that our dockworkers are vital to creating a maritime industry where safety is assured and productivity increases. As dockworkers, you are the first link in the trade chain that fuels our economy and turns the potential of the blue economy into real national growth."

The minister disclosed that the Federal Government, through NIMASA, has initiated several safety and capacity-building programmes, including the provision of modern protective equipment for

dockworkers and riverine transport operators, enhanced safety training, and improved emergency response mechanisms.

"Through NIMASA, we are enhancing safety training, improving emergency response capabilities, and enhancing professional development schemes," he added.

In his remarks, the President General of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN), Comrade Francis Bunu, applauded the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy and its agencies for their continuous commitment to dockworkers' welfare.

He said, "It is a great honour to join all dockworkers in celebrating the 3rd edition of Dockworkers Day 2025. On behalf of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN), I sincerely thank NIMASA, terminal operators, stevedores, and all maritime stakeholders for hosting this event and recognising the vital role of dockworkers in sustaining our

nation's maritime industry."

Bunu further commended Oyetola for his "remarkable efforts in revitalising Nigeria's maritime sector" and also appreciated the Minister of Labour and Employment for his "steadfast commitment to the welfare and protection of Nigerian workers."

Delivering a goodwill message on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Employment, Alhaji Muhammad Dingyadi, the Director of Productivity, Measurement and Labour Standards, Mr. Emmanuel Igbinosun, urged stakeholders to maintain a safe work environment and ensure fair remuneration for dockworkers in line with international labour standards.

"All stakeholders must remain committed to the ideals of a safe work environment and appropriate remuneration for dockworkers in line with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) standards," he stated.

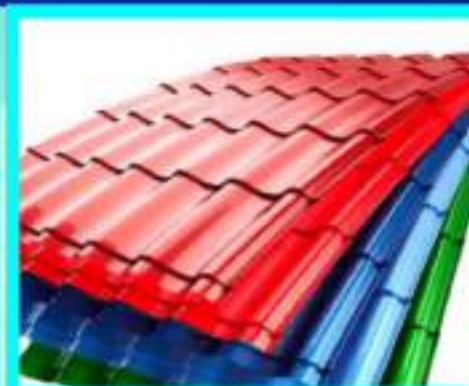
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Emirates To Reactivate More Airbus A380s & Fly Them Until 2041

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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

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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*

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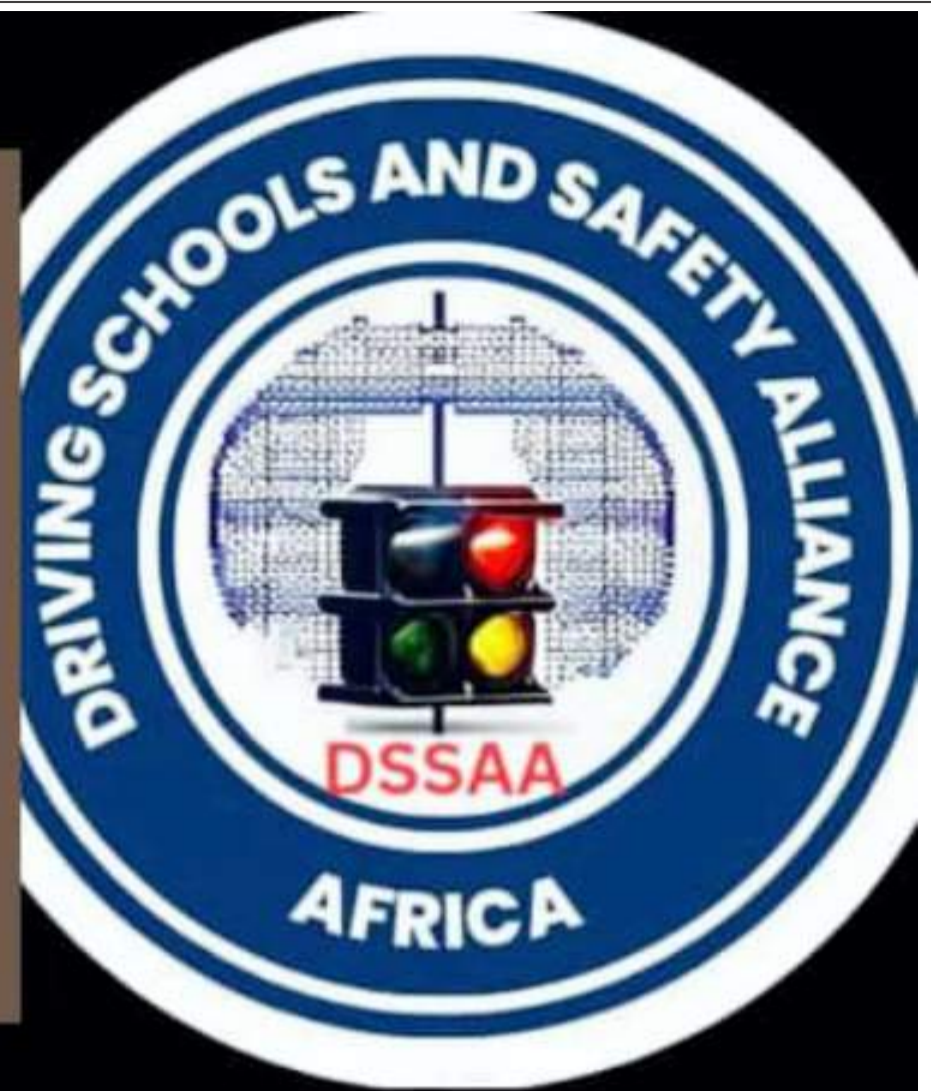


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