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Ogun Government Reaffirms Commitment To Fixing Ota Roads

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The Ogun state government has reiterated its commitment to rehabilitating key roads in the Ota axis, assuring residents that construction work will start soon on several critical routes.

Oluwasina Ogungbade, the state's attorney-general and commissioner for justice, spoke on Tuesday during a meeting with the leadership of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Ota branch, who visited him in his office.

Ogungbade said six major roads—Joju, Koro Otun, Navy, Isikola, Ilo Awela, and Oju Ore—have been assigned to Craneburg, a reputable construction firm, with mobilisation to the sites expected shortly.

The commissioner said additional road projects along the corridor have been divided into four phases, such as the Itele–Ayobo link to Lagos (5.3 km), the Ayobo Mopol–Lafenwa Junction boundary road, the Koro Otun phase, and the Itele–Lafenwa Junction, noting

that work on the first two phases would begin immediately.

He acknowledged the concerns that led to the NBA's peaceful protest on October 25 and assured that the association's agitation would receive a constructive response.

He encouraged lawyers to use their privileged access to the government for faster and more effective engagement, highlighting that the Dapo Abiodun administration has constructed or

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He said the meeting, themed "Promoting Safety and Serenity Through Traffic and Environmental Best Practices," became necessary following the rising rate of urban misconduct across Lagos.

He lamented the losses the state has suffered due to the Okada menace, drug abuse, one-way driving, traffic indiscipline, and criminal activities, stressing that the government under Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu is determined to eradicate such threats.

He said, "The creation of a dedicated

agency to manage these responsibilities is a bold and strategic move by the state government to reduce the human and material losses associated with criminality and lawlessness. As a state, we have lost so much to traffic violations, the menace of Okada on highways, drug abuse, miscreants, one-way driving, and other criminal activities.

"However, as a committed and responsive administration led by Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, we are leaving no stone unturned in our efforts to put an end to these problems. This is why we must all partner with the government, because no one knows where the next incident may occur or who the next victim may be."

According to him, the Lagos State Environmental Reform Law of 2017 and the Transport Sector Reform Law of 2018 were enacted to ensure zero tolerance for Okada on highways, one-way driving, unlawful structures, shanties, street trading, and other activities that compromise safety and urban order.

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The Lagos State Government has held a strategic meeting with the leadership of the Nigerian Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO) on the deployment of 2,000 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) trucks as part of ongoing reforms in the State's transport and logistics sector.

The meeting, which took place on Monday at the Ministry of Transportation, was attended by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Hon. Sola Giwa; the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Olawale Musa; the Senior Special Assistant on Transportation and Logistics, Hon. Hassan Adekoya; and senior officials of NARTO led by the National President, Alhaji Usman Yusuf Lawal.

Hon. Giwa highlighted the achievements of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration in promoting cleaner and safer mobility, noting that the State Government is in talks with the banking sector to improve financing access for transport



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operators. He described the introduction of CNG vehicles as a transformational step toward reducing carbon emissions and modernizing logistics operations in Lagos.

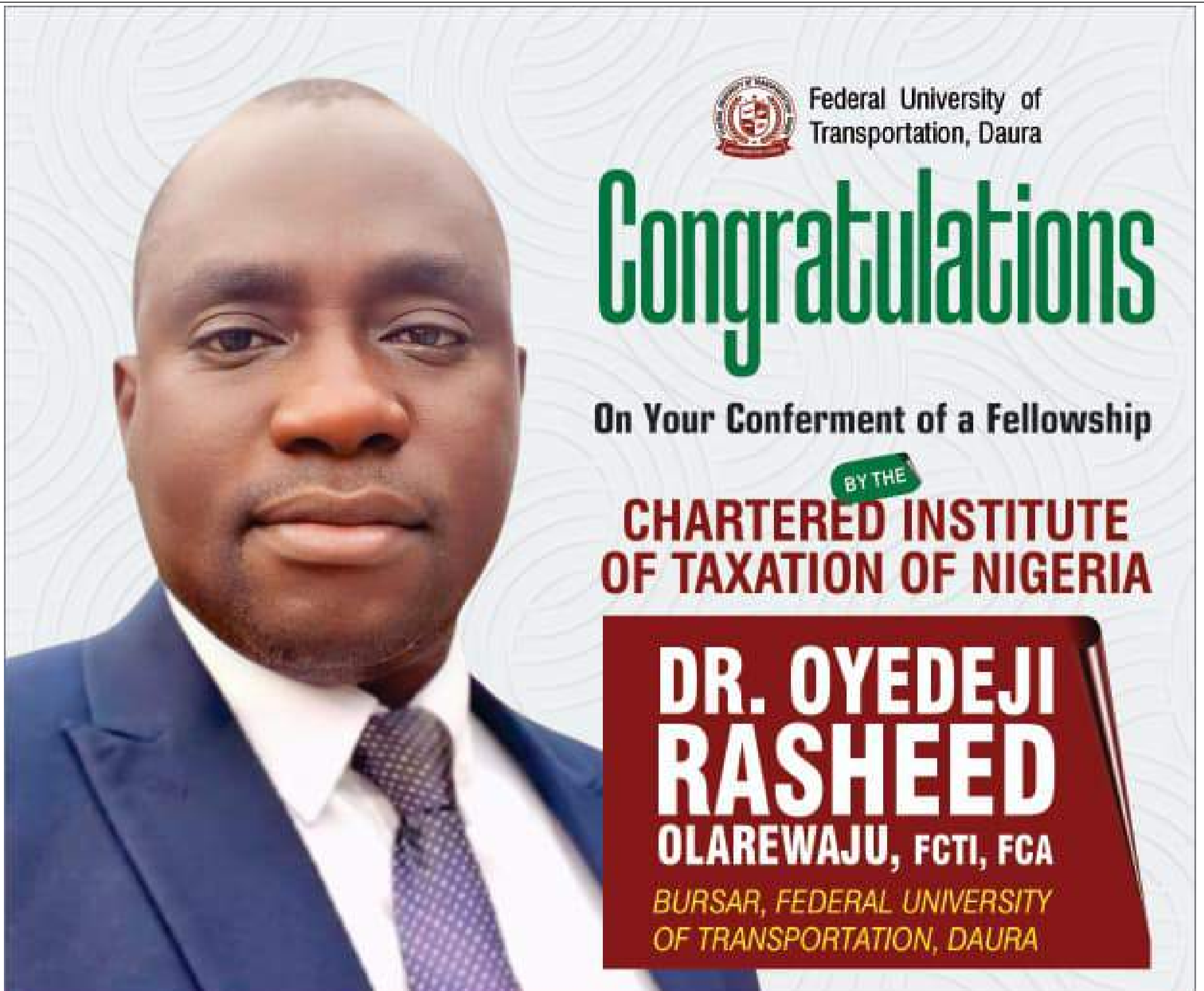
NARTO President, Alhaji Lawal, expressed appreciation for the State Government's support and cited ongoing transport infrastructure developments such as rail projects

and food distribution hubs. He confirmed that Lagos has received 20 CNG buses under the Presidential Initiative on CNG and additional 50-seater units, including three recently delivered LPC buses.

According to him, the deployment of CNG vehicles has already cut transport costs by about 30%, providing economic relief to commuters and operators.

Also speaking, Senior Special Assistant on Transportation and Logistics, Hon. Adekoya, said the government has intensified safety measures in the haulage sector. He disclosed that Governor Sanwo-Olu has approved mandatory substance-abuse screening for truck drivers and free corrective eyeglasses for those with visual impairments.

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Four Airports Get NAMA Approval To Operate Till 10pm

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The Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) has revealed that it has granted approval to four airports to operate till 10:00pm.

The airports granted approval are Yola International Airport, Sam Mbakwe International Cargo Airport in Owerri, General Tunde Idiagbon International Airport in Ilorin and Akanu Ibiam International Airport in Enugu State.

The approval came after stakeholders called for an extension of time for flight operations into other airports aside Abuja and Lagos airports.

The Director General of NAMA, Engr. Ahmed Farouk disclosed this at the 2025 aviation stakeholder forum held in Abuja on Tuesday.

Farouk, who was represented by the Director of Air Traffic Services, Mr. John Tayo also revealed that an ad-hoc approval has been granted to AirPeace airline to operate Anambra and Asaba flights.

He said, "We are always available to grant extension because of our capacity. For now, we will not be able to operate all the airports in the country till 10 o'clock but following the directive of the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, we granted approval to Yola, Enugu, Owerri and Ilorin airports to operate till 10pm.

"The airports got the approval because we found them worthy and because they have the equipment to support the operation."

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China Pledges Support For Nigeria's Port Modernisation

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The government of the People's Republic of China has pledged technical and diplomatic support for Nigeria's ongoing efforts to modernise and automate its seaport operations, signalling a deepening partnership between both countries in the maritime sector.

The commitment was made on behalf of the government yesterday by China's Vice Minister of Transport, Mr Li Yang, during a bilateral meeting with Nigeria's Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, on the sidelines of maritime engagements in London.

Mr Li Yang praised President Bola Tinubu for establishing the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy as a fully dedicated ministry, describing the decision as a transformative step for Nigeria's maritime future.

He noted that China currently operates 52 fully automated ports — among the highest number globally — adding that the country has the capacity, experience and technological expertise to support

Nigeria as it transitions from manual and semi-automated systems to a fully digitalised port environment.

He explained that China's automated ports have enhanced trade efficiency, drastically reduced vessel turnaround time, strengthened security through smart surveillance, and minimised human error using integrated digital platforms. He said a similar approach, adapted to Nigeria's specific needs, could unlock new levels of competitiveness for Africa's largest economy.

According to him, China stands ready to assist Nigeria in deploying smart port infrastructure, cargo-handling automation, digital gate systems, electronic customs processes, and advanced maritime communication technologies.

He also reaffirmed China's support for Nigeria in the upcoming International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council election scheduled for Friday, 28 November.

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Managing Director of the NRC, Dr. Kayode Opeifa, stated this on Tuesday when he received the top management team of the SWDC led by its Managing Director, Mr. Charles Diji Akinola, at the Corporation's headquarters.

Opeifa said the NRC was open to developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Commission to operationalise some old, unserved rail routes, noting that the initiative aligns with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's directive to expand railway operations nationwide.

"We are delighted that the SWDC is continuing the regional rail development agenda earlier championed by the DAWN Commission," Opeifa said. "What you are asking for is possible and will happen. Our directors will work with your



NRC, SWDC collaborates

technical team toward producing a workable MoU."

He also disclosed that similar collaborations are underway with other regional development commissions and state governments, including the Southeast Development Commission and Niger State Government, for the restoration of Eastern and Northern rail corridors.

Earlier, the SWDC Managing Director, Mr.

Charles Diji Akinola, said the Commission's plan is anchored on a phased approach which includes short, medium and long-term targets for reviving rail infrastructure in the six Southwest states.

Akinola explained that in the short term, the Commission is seeking approval to reactivate key abandoned rail lines such as the Osogbo–Dagbolu–Erunmu route and the Idogo line to facilitate agricultural

produce movement and food distribution.

"We want to incentivize agricultural production and use these rail routes to move foodstuffs to Lagos and transport consumer goods back to other states," he said, adding that Lagos, Oyo and Osun are already rail-served states with massive commercial potential.

On the medium-term plan, Akinola said the SWDC intends to secure operational and track access licences for additional routes and attract private sector investment into the rail value chain. He also requested land approvals for warehouse and logistics development to boost commercial activities.

He assured that the initiative has the full support of Southwest governors and would serve as a catalyst for economic revitalisation in the region.

Responding, Opeifa reaffirmed that the rail sector is now open to development commissions, state governments and private operators following recent legal reforms removing the Federal Government's exclusive control over railways.

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Petrol Imports From Malta Drop By 60% After Dangote Refinery

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Nigeria's imports of refined petroleum products from Malta have plunged by 60 percent in 2024, signalling a shift in the country's downstream fuel supply dynamics as the Dangote refinery ramps up output.

Data from TradeMap show that Nigeria's imports of Malta petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals dropped to approximately \$818 million in 2024, down from over \$2.1 billion in 2023.

Between 2017 and 2022, Nigeria recorded essentially no imports from Malta. But in 2023 that changed, as the nation imported \$2.1 billion worth of petroleum products from the small Mediterranean island.

Industry commentary at the time linked the surge to alleged blending plants and unusual routing of fuel shipments. For context, Aliko Dangote, chairman of Dangote Industries, claimed that some personnel of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited, oil

traders and terminals had opened a blending facility in Malta.

The story sparked concerns about transparency, foreign exchange drain and supply-chain integrity.

The 650,000-barrel-per-day Dangote Petroleum Refinery, Africa's largest single-train refining complex, began producing diesel and aviation fuel earlier in 2024, with petrol output following.

Energy analysts attribute the decline in Malta-origin imports partly to the ramp-up of domestic refining capacity.

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The Federal Government has terminated at least five major road contracts in Kogi State over what it described as "unacceptable delays, non-performance and excessive time overruns" on critical federal road projects. A statement issued after a review meeting presided over by the Minister of Works, David Umahi, on Wednesday at the ministry's headquarters in Abuja, revealed the government's dissatisfaction with the pace of work on the Abuja-Lokoja corridor and other strategic roads in Kogi State.

Umahi warned that the ministry would no longer tolerate contractors who "collect mobilisation but fail to deliver," noting that some projects had recorded less than 5 per cent completion despite exceeding 120 per cent of their contract timelines. "These delays are unacceptable. Nigerians are suffering on these roads, and we cannot continue to indulge contractors who have clearly failed to meet obligations," Umahi said during the closed-door meeting.

FG Terminates Five Kogi Road Contracts

The Abuja-Lokoja highway, a 179km dual carriageway linking the FCT to the southern region, has been under construction for more than 15 years, drawing repeated public complaints over gridlock, deteriorated sections and accidents. The ministry highlighted several projects with "alarmingly low" progress despite extensive time overruns, prompting sweeping directives, including multiple contract terminations. One of the affected projects is the Culverts and Drains on the Abuja-Lokoja Road (Section 2), Contract No. 8493, handled by Sadogi Nigeria Ltd. Awarded on April 4, 2024, the project stands at 39.04 per cent completion, while 112.88 per cent of the contract time has elapsed.

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FG Reaffirms Commitment To Global Aviation Safety Regulations

Nigeria, Festus Keyamo, has reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to ICAO global safety regulations."

In his remarks, Keyamo relayed the greetings of President Bola Tinubu and the Nigerian people and congratulated the President of the 42nd Assembly and President of the Oman Civil Aviation Authority, H.E. Engineer Naif Al-Abri, alongside other newly elected officials. He also commended ICAO's leadership in guiding global aviation standards.

Recounting Nigeria's active role since joining the ICAO Council in 1962, Keyamo highlighted the nation's contributions to international aviation safety and its ratification of major air law instruments, including the Montreal Protocol and amendments to Articles 50(a) and 56 of the Chicago Convention.

"Nigeria remains firmly committed to the principles and objectives of ICAO. As Africa's most populous nation and a strategic aviation hub in West Africa, we continue to invest in infrastructure modernisation, regulatory reform, and

capacity building to ensure our sector meets global standards and contributes meaningfully to regional and international connectivity," said Keyamo.

The minister's statement outlined several key policy areas: Nigeria reiterated its support for the Global Aviation Safety Plan, Global Air Navigation Plan, and Global Aviation Security Plan, while maintaining its role as a leading contributor to BAGASOO and BAGAI A.

He emphasised Nigeria's strengthened bilateral and multilateral ties, including recent Air Services Agreements with Canada, and reaffirmed the nation's advocacy for the Yamoussoukro Decision and the Single African Air Transport Market.

Keyamo highlighted ongoing government investments in modern, secure, and environmentally friendly airport and air navigation infrastructure aimed at positioning Nigeria as Africa's most competitive aviation hub.

He cited the deployment of advanced security screening systems, continuous

training of aviation security personnel, and Nigeria's active participation in the ICAO Public Key Directory.

The minister reaffirmed Nigeria's implementation of its State Action Plan on emissions reduction and the country's active role in CORSIA, as well as cooperation with the European Union on Sustainable Aviation Fuel.

Looking ahead, the minister urged greater ICAO support for developing nations in areas such as safety oversight, climate-resilient infrastructure, and digital transformation. He formally sought the support of ICAO Member States for Nigeria's re-election into Part II of the ICAO Council, along with endorsements for all African Union-backed candidates.

In a major announcement, Keyamo invited the global aviation community to the inaugural Nigerian International Airshow, scheduled for Abuja from 2 to 4 December 2025. The event, which will bring together civil and military aviation stakeholders, aims to showcase Nigeria's growing aviation capabilities.

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Keyamo

Nigeria has restated its commitment to upholding and advancing global aviation safety regulations as the country's delegation, led by the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, joined global leaders at the 42nd Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal, Canada.

This is contained in a statement by the Special Adviser on Media and Communications to the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Tunde Moshood.

The statement read partly: "The Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development of the Federal Republic of



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Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Senator Heineken Lokpobiri, gave the commendation during an inspection visit, noting that the project aligns with the Federal Government's petroleum-sector reforms under the Renewed Hope agenda. He described Ebenco's progress as evidence of



Oil refinery

strengthening investor confidence in indigenous energy infrastructure. Lokpobiri explained that modular refineries when backed by strong governance and local fabrication—provide a practical strategy to reduce pipeline vandalism and illegal bunkering by creating legitimate, scalable alternatives within the oil value chain. Ebenco's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ebenezer Oluwabemiga, said the refinery would begin operations in phases, starting with 5,000 barrels per day before full ramp-up. He emphasized that the project will generate jobs,

deepen local content, and reduce the economic incentives that fuel illegal refining once fully operational.

Management Consultant, Dr. Peter Akindeju, highlighted the refinery's modular design as a major breakthrough in indigenous engineering, improving production flexibility and shortening delivery timelines. He urged the government to grant the project pioneer status, citing its national relevance to refining expansion, job creation, and energy security. Associate Professor at FUPRE, Dr. Omonigho, commended the investment as a landmark step toward industrial self-reliance, showcasing Nigerian capacity to build complex midstream and downstream assets.

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FRSC Begins Year-end Intervention Patrols In Lagos, Ogun



FRSC officials being interviewed

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has begun a three-day intervention patrol across Lagos and Ogun states to curb road accidents as 2025 draws to an end.

The FRSC Zonal Commanding Officer, Assistant Corps Marshal Ann Oladayo, on Wednesday in Lagos, said the intervention patrol was to prepare the states for the annual Operation Zero of the corps.

She said that the operation required Lagos and Ogun commands of FRSC working jointly, with their officers deployed for three days to ensure compliance with regulations, promote safe travel and prevent tragedies.

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nationwide operation. It was designed to sensitise motorists and ensure communities feel FRSC's presence before intensified enforcement begins during the first week of December," she said.

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She said that frequent regulations violations on the routes contributed significantly to fatal accidents.

She identified key offences as driving under alcohol influence, overloading, failure to use seat belts, and poor vehicle checks.

She urged motorists to adopt good driving habits to prevent accidents.

"The team will focus on arresting trailers with improperly latched containers, as their impact, when they fall, is enormous. We will also deploy radar guns to track speeding drivers," she said.

She noted that a mobile court had

been put in place to prosecute erring drivers, warning that violations would not be tolerated.

She urged motorists to always inspect their vehicles, ensure effectiveness of tyres and brakes, avoid drinking before driving, have valid papers, and use seat belts.

"Disciplined behaviour keeps journeys safe," she said.

She said that the corps was doing its best to reduce road accidents to the nearest minimum.

"Our strategic goal for this year is reducing fatality by 10 per cent. That is why we are here to ensure we do not have these crashes on our roads.

"We do not want to be carrying dead bodies on our roads especially at this period. A lot of people associate this time of the year with some activities and feel that people must die on the roads, but this is not so," she said.

She said that road accidents resulted from people's lackadaisical attitude toward road safety.

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not want to adhere to traffic rules and regulations thereby causing road crashes," she said.

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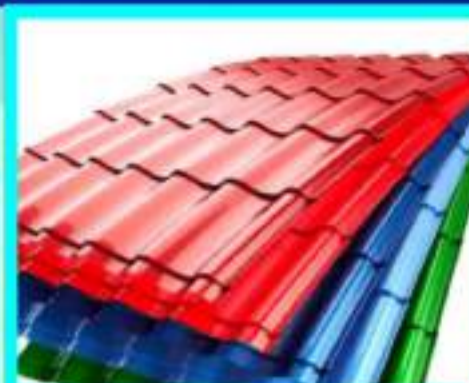
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Uganda Announces Historic 600-million Barrel Crude Discovery

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Uganda has announced a historic discovery of an estimated 650 million barrels of crude oil in the Kasuruban Block.

The find represents a major leap for the country's oil sector, which has long lagged behind other emerging African oil producers, such as Nigeria.

The state-owned Uganda National Oil Company, UNOC, disclosed this in a statement issued on Wednesday. The company identified nine potential oil wells within the Kasuruban Block, confirming "significant new crude oil deposits".

Preliminary assessments indicate that the wells could contain about 600 million barrels of recoverable crude, a development that would significantly expand Uganda's proven reserves and reshape expectations for the Albertine Rift Basin, one of East Africa's key



hydrocarbon zones.

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production-sharing agreement with the government.

Although detailed seismic and drilling data were not released, the announcement —

shared on the company's official X account — ranks among the largest resource additions since the initial Lake Albert discoveries in the mid-2000s.

The development comes as Uganda intensifies work on the Tilenga and Kingfisher oil fields, operated by France's TotalEnergies and China's CNOOC.

Commercial production from both projects is scheduled to commence in the second half of 2026, with output expected to peak at approximately 200,000 barrels per day.

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Morocco is preparing a major shift in how people move across its cities and regions. The government has committed USD 7.8 B to build a cleaner, more connected public transport system by 2029, marking one of the country's biggest mobility investments to date.

The announcement came during a COP30 side event in Belém, where Abdellatif Maâzouz, president of the Casablanca-Settat regional council, detailed the scale and structure of the national plan.

Officials said the goal is to push public transport to the center of

Morocco Commits USD 7.8bn Plan To Green Its Public Transport By 2029

daily travel and cut reliance on private cars. The strategy puts heavy emphasis on cleaner technologies, modern infrastructure, and stronger coordination between regions.

A large share of the funding, roughly USD 1.1 B, will support the purchase of 3,750 new buses designed to meet modern efficiency and environmental standards. The rest, about USD 6.7 B, will go into long-term infrastructure, including new tram corridors, regional express trains, and expanded rail links that connect fast-growing cities.

The Ministry of Interior and regional councils describe the initiative as a "clean, multimodal system" intended to ease movement across Morocco while cutting transport emissions, one of the country's most persistent environmental challenges.

Casablanca-Settat has stepped in as the main driver of the transition. The region has committed USD 2.5 B, nearly 40% of its updated development plan, to modernizing mobility across both urban centers and rural zones.

Its model relies on a non-polluting train-tramway backbone, expanded with a fully modernized

bus network. A new digital multimodal platform will tie the system together, offering real-time passenger information, smarter traffic management, and simpler transfers between transport modes.

Officials say the platform could become one of the most advanced in Africa, designed to reduce congestion and make public transport more predictable for commuters.

Several parts of the country have already seen early changes. Road expansions in and around major cities have eased traffic pressure, and monitoring stations have recorded better air quality between 2023 and 2025. Local councils attribute these improvements to a steady shift toward shared transport, helped by more reliable services and better regional planning.

Speaking at COP30, Maâzouz stressed that Morocco's ecological transition is being driven by the country's advanced regionalization policy. Regions now design and execute their own mobility strategies while aligning with national climate targets.

He said this regional approach has accelerated the rollout of major projects, improved coordination between institutions, and encouraged innovation in both planning and service delivery. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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US To Boost Nigeria's Security With Intelligence, Defence Support

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The Presidency says the United States Government has signalled a renewed commitment to boosting security collaboration with Nigeria, including expanded intelligence sharing and the supply of military equipment to support counter-terrorism and counter-extremism operations nationwide.

This assurance followed a series of high-level meetings in Washington last week between senior Nigerian officials and key arms of the US Government, aimed at strengthening defence ties and exploring new areas of cooperation.

The Nigerian delegation, led by National Security Adviser Nuhu Ribadu, held discussions with officials from the US Congress, the White House Faith Office, the State Department, the National Security Council and the Department of War.

Other members of the delegation included the Attorney General of the Federation, Lateef Fagbemi; the Chief of Defence Staff, General Olufemi Oluyede; the Chief of Defence Intelligence, Lieutenant General Emmanuel Undiandeye; the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun; and two representatives from the Office of the National



Bayo Onanuga

Security Adviser.

This was disclosed in a statement issued on Monday by the Special Adviser to President Bola Tinubu on Information and Strategy, Bayo Onanuga.

Onanuga said the Nigerian team used the engagements to address misconceptions about the country's security situation, Channels reports.

He added that they dismissed claims of genocide, stressing that violence in Nigeria cuts across religious and ethnic

communities and should not be mischaracterised in ways that deepen division.

"The discussions provided ample opportunity to correct misconceptions about Nigeria, forged a constructive, solution-driven partnership with the United States, reinforced mutual trust, and advanced a coordinated approach to protecting vulnerable communities, especially in the Middle Belt.

"The United States also expressed its willingness to

extend complementary support, including humanitarian assistance to affected populations in the Middle Belt and technical support to strengthen early-warning mechanisms," he said.

Onanuga added that both countries agreed to immediately begin implementing a non-binding cooperation framework and to set up a Joint Working Group to coordinate actions in priority areas.

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MTN Nigeria Unveils Nationwide Festive Campaign

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MTN Nigeria has unveiled its festive campaign, 'YelloTide', a nationwide initiative aimed at spreading joy, kindness and community spirit as the year draws to a close, the operator has said.

The announcement follows the three-day teaser that sparked widespread speculation on social media, with users trying to decode the clues shared by the telecoms operator. The campaign officially kicks off this week and will run through the festive period into early 2026.

According to a statement by the company, YelloTide will unfold in three major phases, combining physical activations, digital engagements and community-focused activities designed to rekindle togetherness among Nigerians after a challenging year.

The first phase, 'Yello Santa', will feature a three-day activation from Thursday, 13 November, to Saturday, 15 November 2025, in six cities: Lagos, Port Harcourt, Abuja, Enugu, Kano and Ibadan.

Each location will host surprise appearances, interactive sessions and giveaways aimed at transforming everyday public spaces into hubs of celebration.

Onyinye Ikenna-Emeka, Chief Marketing Officer of MTN Nigeria, stated that the initiative reflects the company's long-standing commitment to fostering connection at a time when many Nigerians need uplifting.

"This season, we want to bring the smiles back. We want people to remember what it feels like to come together, celebrate each other, and share happiness. From city centres to small communities, we're taking the celebration to where Nigerians are," she said.

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Nigeria Ready For Tourism Investment - FG



Fagade

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The federal government has affirmed that Nigeria is fully ready for large-scale tourism investment, and expressed confidence that the sector has the potential to become a major economic growth engine

and viable alternative to oil.

Abisoye Fagade, director general of the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (NIHOTOUR) wooed African investors at the maiden Style de Vie Pan-African Partnership and Investment Networking event in Abuja at the

weekend.

Fagade assured African diplomats and investors that the Nigerian government is prioritising reforms that will make the sector remain attractive, profitable and globally competitive.

"It's important to let the world know that Nigeria is ready to do business especially in tourism and Nigeria is safe to do business," he said. According to him, every challenge in the sector presents an opportunity for growth and return on investment.

The DG described tourism as "a social bitcoin," urging investors to take early positions in Nigeria's underdeveloped tourism industry, which he said has the capacity to generate massive revenue and employment across the country.

He added that every part of Nigeria possesses tourism potential from safaris to agritourism and hiking stressing the diversity of opportunities available.

Fagade explained that the government is restructuring the tourism and hospitality value chain through NIHOTOUR to standardise operations, improve service delivery and ensure better visitor experiences.

"For over 38 years of NIHOTOUR, we realised the sector cannot grow without organising ourselves. What drives tourism is repeat purchase, and that is created from experience. Every tourist encounter impacts the image of the country," he noted.

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Nigeria Leads Continental Push For AfCFTA Implementation

Culled: Nigeria has launched a coordinated national push to strengthen its leadership role in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), bringing government institutions, private-sector actors, and the media into a unified strategy to advance the continent's largest economic integration project.

The initiative was highlighted at the inaugural AfCFTA Public-Private-Press (P3) Summit, convened by the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI) in collaboration with the AfCFTA Central Coordination

Committee, with support from Afreximbank and other partners.

The summit, themed "AfCFTA Simplified: Seizing Opportunities for Government and Business to Win Together," aims to deepen national understanding of the agreement and accelerate coordinated implementation.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr Jumoke Oduwole, said Nigeria is advancing President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda by expanding trade integration and strengthening economic resilience amid a shifting global economy.

She described the AfCFTA as "one of the world's most ambitious economic integration projects," covering a \$3.4 trillion market of 1.4 billion people, the majority of whom are young and entrepreneurial.

Dr Oduwole reaffirmed that Nigeria's economic ambitions are tied to a more active participation in intra-African trade, noting that "Africa retains more value when trading within the continent."

She cited Nigeria's historic role in regional integration—from the Lagos Plan of Action to the Abuja Treaty—and highlighted key milestones recorded in 2025.

These include tariff concessions for AfCFTA-eligible goods, expanded digital trade leadership, improved customs capacity, new air-cargo export routes, and the launch of market intelligence tools for exporters.

The minister stressed that the next phase of implementation requires detailed planning across all sectors.

"Government institutions will adopt a performance barometer, the private sector will define pillars of Nigeria's AfCFTA market strategy, and the media will ensure accurate and constructive national communication".

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Nigeria Moves To Strengthen Online Safety Legislation

The Nigerian government says it is moving to strengthen online safety through a proposed Online Harm Protection Bill.

The bill aims to create a national legal framework for digital security, safeguard citizens, and preserve democratic integrity.

According to the Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Dr Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, the bill has

become essential as crisis management shifts into a fully digital era where misinformation spreads faster than verified facts and where public trust is increasingly shaped online in real time.

Speaking in Abuja at a National Symposium on Digital Innovations in Crisis Communication organised by the Centre for Crisis Communication, Dr Abdullahi warned that crisis management has entered a new era

where the real contest is over truth, trust and public confidence, all unfolding online in real time.

He noted that false information spreads six times faster than the truth, travels deeper and lasts longer because it is often sensational and engineered to trigger emotional reactions.

He explained that emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, data systems and social

media platforms are designed to amplify novelty, making misinformation more viral than verified facts.

According to him, technology itself is not the enemy. Rather, it is neutral, but bad actors weaponise it during elections, economic instability, social movements and protests, exploiting vulnerabilities to mislead the public, manipulate emotions and trigger harmful consequences within minutes.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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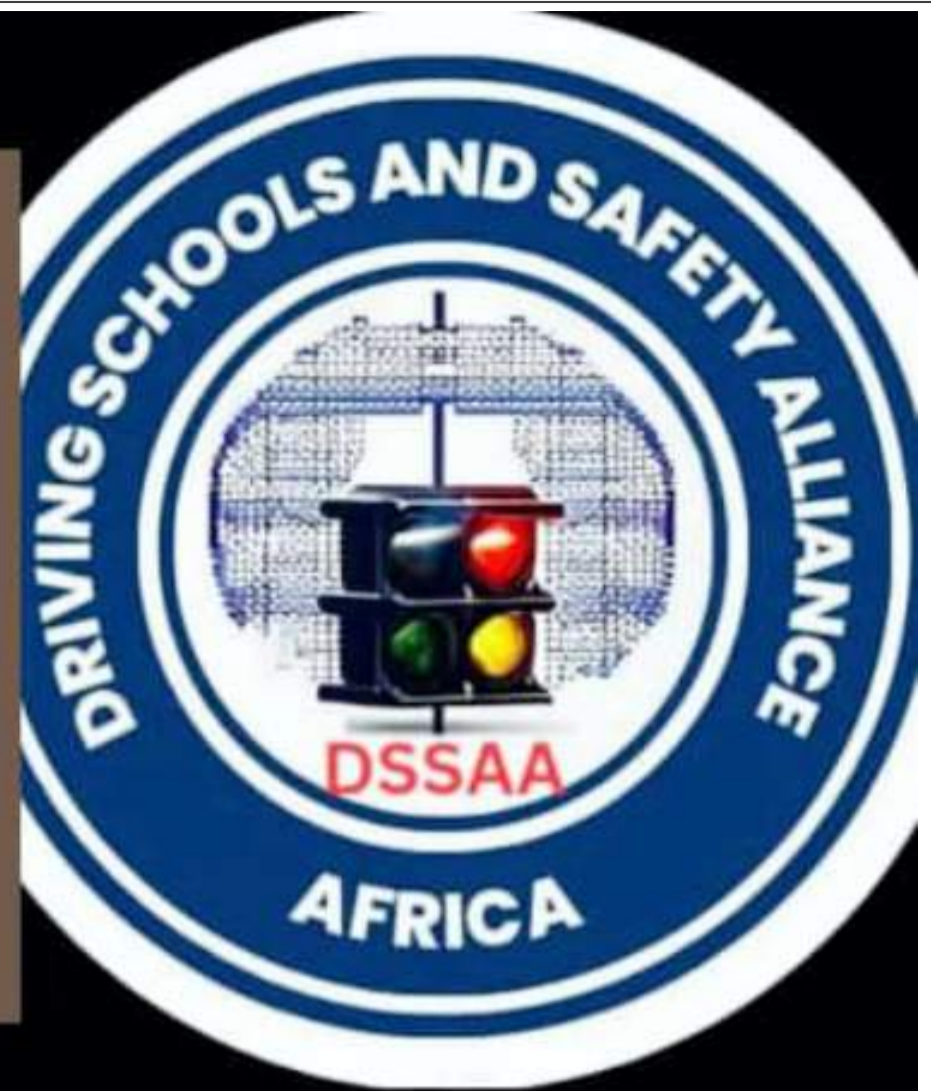


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