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Jigawa Govt Urges Residents To Protest Road Infrastructure, Projects

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The Jigawa State Government has called on residents to safeguard and maintain road infrastructure and other projects provided in their communities, emphasizing the importance of collective responsibility in preserving public assets for sustainable development.

Governor Umar Namadi made the call on Sunday, at the flag-off of the construction of Malam Madori, Gari Uku, Kanya Babba, Malam Kasim, Garin Mai Gawo, Kubuna, Sumburtu and Diginsa road project. Namadi explained that the thirty-four-point four kilometers road contract is awarded at the contract sum of over Eighteen point five billion naira with completion period of twenty four months.

He said the project is aimed at providing access roads for seven communities along the road.

The state Commissioner of works

and transport, Gambo Malam, said the project is among the six regional roads awarded by the present administration to improve the transportation of people and goods in rural areas.

The council chairman, Salisu Sani expressed gratitude to the state government on behalf of the people of the area for executing a number of projects especially roads infrastructure.

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Governor Namadi

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Following Senator Osita Izunaso's recent outburst over what he described as a “national embarrassment” caused by touting and begging at Nigerian airports, the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria has rolled out a comprehensive set of measures aimed at cleaning up operations and improving passenger experience across major terminals.

It rolled out these plans in a document sighted by our correspondent, titled “Position Document on Measures to Address Corrupt Practices and Enhance Passenger Experience at MMIA and GAT,” which was signed by the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo.

The framework, developed after an emergency high-level meeting involving FAAN's Managing Director, Olubunmi Kuku, and other heads of agencies working within the airport, outlines Operation Air Clean, an initiative designed to eliminate corrupt practices, enhance transparency, and improve airport

operations, particularly at Murtala Muhammed International Airport and the General Aviation Terminal in Lagos.

Among the measures proposed is the dissolution of joint inspection tables by security agencies, to be replaced with intelligence-driven passenger screening, individual profiling, and camera-based monitoring.

The document also states that the Department of State Services and Immigration Service will now share counters to ease passenger flow, while Customs officers will relocate to Aviation Security screening points for money declaration purposes.

FAAN plans to introduce greater transparency in passenger search procedures. Secondary screenings for arriving passengers will now be conducted in designated profiling rooms at Terminals 1 and 2, with real-time information screens displaying the names, agencies, and contact details of officers on duty. FAAN says this measure will “ensure transparency and accountability.”

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Police Parade Suspected Warri-Itakpe Rail Vandals In Lagos

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The Railway Police Command in Lagos over the weekend paraded two suspects arrested over the removal of fishplates along the Warri–Itakpe rail corridor, an act authorities say contributed to the derailment of two railway coaches near Agbor in October.

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

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

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

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



Vandals

increase the number that we will be involving with.

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

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

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

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

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

"We are already in discussion with the

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

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

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Emirates To Resume Nigeria Flights Soon

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Dubai's Emirates airline will resume flight schedules to Nigeria soon, ending a close to two-year halt to flights.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) stopped issuing visas to Nigerians in 2022 after Emirates suspended flights between the nations because of inability to repatriate funds from Nigeria.

"We are excited to resume our services to Nigeria. We thank the Nigerian government for their partnership and support in re-establishing this route and we look forward to welcoming passengers back on board," the airline's deputy president and chief commercial officer, Adnan Kazim, said in a statement.

The Lagos-Dubai service has been popular with Nigerian customers in the past and Emirates said it hopes to reconnect travellers to Dubai and onwards to more than 140 destinations with its resumption of services.

President Bola Tinubu and UAE

President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan met last September in Abu Dhabi and discussed the lifting of the visa ban and new investments into Africa's most populous country.

The resumption of schedules also includes cargo flights, the statement said.

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Carrying placards and banners, the demonstrators blocked major roads, including the busy Iwo Road junction along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, causing heavy traffic gridlock that lasted for hours.

One of the community representatives, Akeem Olaiya, who spoke to journalists during the protest, said the

residents were not opposed to the construction of the circular road but were only demanding fairness and respect for previously established boundaries.

"We are law-abiding citizens. You can see that our protest is peaceful," Olaiya said. "What we are asking is very simple — that the state government should maintain the 150 metres already marked by former Governor Rashidi Ladoja. Anything beyond that will destroy our farmlands and homes." He noted that many affected families had already lost portions of their ancestral lands during the first phase of the project and could not afford further displacement.

Other protesters who spoke expressed similar concerns, accusing the government of failing to engage them in proper consultation before commencing new phases of land acquisition. They urged Governor Seyi Makinde to intervene urgently to prevent the situation from escalating.

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This was as the security agencies say they have intensified their onslaught against oil thieves in the Niger Delta Region.

The Acting Deputy Director 6 Division Army Public Relations, Lieutenant Colonel Jonah Danjuma, disclosed this in a statement in Port Harcourt, Monday.

Danjuma noted that the success was recorded in different operation conducted in different parts of the oil rich region between the October 20 and November 9, adding that the operations also resulted in the dismantling of 14 illegal refining hubs.

He noted: "In Rivers State, along the fringes of the Imo River, troops deactivated six illegal refining sites, destroyed fourteen drum pots and nine drum receivers, as well as confiscated



The army officials

over 8,000 litres of stolen products. The recoveries were made around Asa, Okonta, and Okoloma in Oyigbo LGA of Rivers State, and Obuzor in Ukwa West LGA of Abia State.

"Similarly, in Delta State, around Eruemukohwarien in Ughelli North LGA, troops arrested three suspected oil thieves and impounded a J5 bus and one motorcycle, recovering over 4,000 litres of condensate. Also, at Bipoko

Community in Warri South LGA, troops discovered an active illegal refining site with a cooking oven and thirty-eight sacks filled with over 1,140 litres of stolen crude oil.

"In Akwa Ibom State, following actionable intelligence, troops intercepted a truck while transloading Automotive Gas Oil (AGO) from an underground storage facility at Olive Field Filling Station along the Uyo-Ikot

Ekpene Road in Ikot Ekpene LGA. The truck was loaded with over 3,287 litres of illegally refined AGO.

"In Bayelsa State, troops also sustained operations against economic saboteurs. All the suspects arrested, as well as the confiscated products, were handled in line with the subsisting operational mandate."

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One-Way Driver Rams Into Minibus In Lagos

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) has said a one-way Toyota Highlander collided with a commercial minibus (Korope), rendering the driver unconscious. The General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, confirmed this in a statement to journalists on Monday in Lagos. Mr Bakare-Oki said the incident occurred along Kudirat Abiola Way by Clay Bus Stop, inward Radio Junction on Awolowo Way, Ikeja. He stated, “Investigations revealed that the Highlander Jeep driver with registration number SMK 343 JV, while speeding traversed a prohibited one-way corridor, violently rammed into the oncoming commercial mini-bus registration number SMK 343 JV. The result of the devastating impact left the mini-bus driver unconscious and both vehicles severely damaged. Operatives of LASTMA who arrived at the scene within minutes, promptly

initiated emergency rescue efforts.” He said that LASTMA officers extricated the unconscious minibus driver, administered immediate first aid, and ensured his urgent transfer to a medical facility for advanced treatment. “To ensure proper handling of the incident, security operatives from the Alausa Police Division were invited by LASTMA officials to take over the case for a detailed investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.



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The government of Denmark has pledged its continued support for Nigeria's maritime sector development while seeking to explore new areas of economic partnerships. This was disclosed by the Danish Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Jens Ole Bach Jansen, during his recent visit to the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) head office in Lagos. Jansen emphasised the longstanding ties between both countries which spans decades and has seen the Danish government and Danish private companies invest in the Nigerian maritime industry. He further expressed optimism that his country is willing to explore new areas of collaboration with Nigeria especially in training of seafarers and maritime security support amongst others. Welcoming the delegation to NIMASA, the Director General, Dr. Dayo Mobereola, expressed appreciation for the continued engagement with Nigeria, particularly in the area of maritime. According to him, “I would like to use this

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opportunity, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy and the Nigerian Government, to thank the Danish Government for its longstanding support for this (maritime) sector. This has seen Danish companies successfully invest in various areas of the sector, and we are confident that this relationship can only grow”. Jansen emphasised the longstanding ties between both countries which spans decades and has seen the Danish government and Danish private companies invest in the Nigerian maritime industry. He further expressed optimism that his country is willing to explore new areas of collaboration with Nigeria especially in training of seafarers and maritime

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Ondo residents protesting against deplorable road

Residents of the Ijoka community, in the Akure South Local Council Area of Ondo State, shut down socio-economic activities on Monday while protesting against the abandoned and deplorable state of the major road linking the community to other parts of the Akure metropolis. With the infuriated residents mounting barricades on the road with logs of wood and piles of stones as early as 7:00 am, the protesters forced hundreds of commuters to abandon their vehicles and trek long distances to their destinations. With the gridlock stretching into adjoining major routes such as Oda Road and

Oluwatuyi, the angry residents accused the state government of abandoning the dualisation of the Ijoka road project, which was inaugurated about seven years ago during the administration of the late Governor Oluwarotimi Akeredolu. The residents claimed that all work on the road ceased following the governor's passing in December 2023, and the road, which they described as one of the state capital's busiest and most strategic routes, has since deteriorated further. Armed with placards bearing inscriptions such as “Fix Ijoka Road, Save Our Lives”, “No More Promises, We Need Action”, and “We Deserve Good Roads Too”, they completed Akeredolu's projects, saying, “We've Been Forgotten Since Akeredolu Died”, as the residents chanted solidarity songs and demanded immediate government intervention. Commercial drivers and motorcyclist riders, popularly known as Okada riders, also joined the protest, honking

their horns and calling for the mobilisation of contractors to the site. Lamenting over the situation, one of the protest leaders, Dele Akinola, disclosed that the action became inevitable after years of neglect and broken promises by successive administrations. He said, “It's painful; this road was a top priority for the late governor. He came here himself and promised it would be completed. After his passing, it's as if the government forgot we exist. The partial work that has already begun to deteriorate is due to erosion and a lack of maintenance. “Every rainy season, this road becomes a river. Cars break down daily, tricycles tip over, and people get injured. We have written petitions, made appeals, and even met with government officials, but no tangible action has been taken. This protest is not political; we only want a motorable road. That's all we're asking for.” A community leader, Chief Kayode Ogunleye, appealed to Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa to honour

Akeredolu's legacy by completing the abandoned project, stressing that “finishing this road would be the best way to respect the memory of his predecessor and ease the suffering of thousands of Akure residents.” Attempts to speak with the Commissioner for Works in the state, Abiola Olawoye, were unsuccessful, but a senior official in the Ministry, who spoke on condition of anonymity, acknowledged that the government was aware of the poor condition of the road and assured that plans were underway for its rehabilitation. The Chairman of Akure South Local Government Area, Gbenga Fasua, who visited the scene of the protest, appealed to the residents to remain calm. “We understand your frustration, and the government is not turning a blind eye. Work on Ijoka Road will commence shortly. I appeal to all residents to cooperate and be patient while the authorities put measures in place to fix this road once and for all,” he stated.

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In a press briefing held at its Lagos headquarters, as part of its activities to mark the FAAN Safety Week Olubunmi Kuku, FAAN Managing Director emphasised the imperative for enhanced communication and collaboration among passengers, airlines, and airport security agencies to mitigate this escalating concern.

Kuku spoke on the complexities arising from divergent airport and airline protocols, highlighting the need for harmonization and strict adherence to established guidelines for the handling and packaging of dangerous goods.

She said that FAAN has been proactive in addressing these concerns, conducting



Mrs Kuku

refresher training have underscored the passenger became sessions for aviation gravity of this issue, with belligerent when security personnel on passengers attempting to questioned about a the identification and carry acidic substances suspicious item, management of and other forbidden items underscoring the need for prohibited items and onto aircraft. Kuku heightened awareness hazardous materials. recounted a particularly and understanding passengers sometimes do not understand what is classified as prohibited materials or what are dangerous goods," Kuku explained.

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Abuja and Kano airports A b u j a , w h e r e a regarding the risks

associated with hazardous materials.

Kuku explained that FAAN has seen instances where the procedure of the airport may slightly differ from that of the airline because each airline has their own procedure in terms of dangerous goods or prohibited goods and how they're packaged.

"Immediately, we sprang into action. One of the things we did was to make sure that the Directorate of Aviation Security conducted a refresher on dangerous goods and prohibited items in line with the standard procedures.

"I believe we had two situations in Abuja and Kano airports. In Abuja, we had a passenger who came into the terminal with items. The aviation security officers had asked her if what she had was acidic in nature.

"The passenger was livid. She was upset. In fact, I understand she slapped some FAAN security officers that were there who restrained themselves because her question back to them is why should I have acid? Even the passengers sometimes do not understand what is classified as prohibited materials or what are dangerous goods," Kuku explained.

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Governor Namadi

Jigawa State Governor, Malam Umar A. Namadi, has flagged off a ₦14 billion road construction project in Malam Madori Local Government Area as part of his administration's commitment to infrastructural development under the "Renewed Hope Agenda."

The event, which also featured the presentation of brand-new vehicles to eight All Progressives Congress (APC) stalwarts and grassroots mobilisers in the Jigawa North-East Senatorial District, was sponsored by Senator Ahmed Abdulhamid Malam Madori. The gesture was part of efforts to strengthen party unity and promote President Bola Ahmed

Jigawa Gov Flags Off N14bn Road Project In Malam Madori LGA

Tinubu's Renewed Hope vision across the state.

The ceremony took place during Governor Namadi's official visit to the area under the Jigawa State Government Citizen Engagement Programme (JSGCEP), tagged "Gwamnati da Jama'a" — meaning "Government and the People."

Speaking at the event, Governor Namadi commended Senator Malam Madori for his loyalty, generosity, and commitment to promoting the APC's ideals. He described the senator's gesture as a sign of true party loyalty and a motivation for other members to emulate.

"This is a clear demonstration of Senator Malam Madori's dedication and loyalty to our great party, the APC. It also serves as encouragement to other committee members to double their efforts in promoting the APC and in supporting President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's developmental strides under the Renewed Hope Agenda," the

governorsaid.

In his remarks, Senator Ahmed Abdulhamid Malam Madori, who represents Jigawa North-East Senatorial District, reaffirmed his unwavering loyalty to the APC and to the leadership of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and Governor Namadi.

He explained that the car donations were meant to empower loyal party members to effectively mobilise support for both the President's Renewed Hope Agenda and the Governor's 12-Point Development Plan across the zone.

"Every resident of Jigawa and indeed Nigeria can attest to the human and infrastructural development being driven by President Tinubu and Governor Namadi," the senator said.

"President Tinubu has approved the establishment of key federal institutions in our state, including the Police Training Institute at Kafin Hausa, the Federal College of Education in Malam Madori, and the

Federal College of Agriculture in Kirikasamma.

Similarly, Governor Namadi has just flagged off a 47-kilometre road project worth ₦14 billion and is reconnecting the Hadejia–Garun Gabas road, upgrading general hospitals, and revitalising primary healthcare centres."

Senator Malam Madori further expressed the collective loyalty of all APC stakeholders in Jigawa North-East, including three Members of the House of Representatives, nine State House of Assembly members, eight Local Government Council Chairmen, and 85 Councillors.

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

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

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

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

The railway consists of 21

Egypt Unveils First High-Speed Train Connecting Two Seas



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

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

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

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

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

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

The project has been considered a ground-breaking move toward regional connectivity by industry observers. They realize that Egypt has been given a platform to establish itself between Africa, the Middle East, and Europe as a transportation hub.
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Despite ongoing reforms and efforts to construct new ports and rehabilitate existing ones, world powers, including the United States and Russia, are actively seeking to secure access to the Port of Lomé in Togo which has emerged as a key maritime hub in West Africa.

The increase in volume of trade between Asia and West Africa has seen Lomé port transform into a key regional container port.

Major ocean carriers, specifically MSC, have responded by redeploying ultra-large container vessels

US, Russia Ditch Nigerian Ports, Seeks Access To Togo Ports

(ULCVs) to the route.

This has come as a major boost for liner connectivity of West African ports including Lomé.

In view of these trade advantages, the U.S has pledged to expand its African market access through Lomé port.

Last week, the U.S Embassy in Lomé, led by the Chargé d'Affaires, Richard C. Michaels, conducted a tour of the port facility.

The delegation also held a meeting with the management of Lomé Container Terminal, LCT, to explore commercial opportunities for U.S businesses.

"With advanced deep-water capabilities, cutting-edge equipment, and an annual throughput exceeding 30 million tons, Lomé offers U.S businesses unmatched access to African markets.

"Ongoing infrastructure expansion, including a dry-port and industrial zone, further enhances the port's role as a growing gateway," commented U.S Embassy in Togo.

The port tour followed shortly after U.S President, Donald Trump, met five African

leaders in Washington.

The African leaders were largely from countries in West Africa, including Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania and Senegal.

The meeting with Trump concentrated on trade opportunities for both sides, at a time the U.S government is cutting aid in Africa and other regions. Meanwhile, Russia has ratified its military cooperation agreement with Togo, which was initially signed early this year.

As per the agreement, Russia and Togo will jointly hold military exercises, training exchanges and weapons and military equipment support.

Notably, the agreement also covers support in hydrography, navigation and combating piracy.

According to some observers, the agreement will give Russia unfettered access to Togo's strategic seaport of Lomé. Visit by Russian military ships to ports in Togo is covered by the cooperation.

"Togo is considered the most organised and equipped in Tropical Africa. For example, the busiest seaport in West Africa is located on its territory," said Vladimir Gruzdev, a member of the Russian Government Commission on Legislative Activity, which drafted the ratification law of the defence.
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UN, EU Pledge Support For Improved Human Rights Protection In Nigeria

Culled:
The United Nations (UN) and the European Union (EU) have pledged their support for efforts aimed at strengthening human rights protection in the country.

They commended the effort of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) for its consistent promotion of human rights in the country and for ensuring that cases of rights violations are addressed.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Nigeria, Mohammed Fall, and the Deputy Head, European Union (EU) Delegate to Nigeria, Zissimos Vergos, spoke for both organisations in Abuja on Monday during the unveiling of NHRC's 30th anniversary logo as part of activities marking the commission's 30 years of existence.

Fall said, “For us in the UN family, it is a thing of joy to join in this celebration of 30 years of courage, 30 years of service, 30 years of unwavering commitment to human dignity.”

He noted that the NHRC was established to guarantee the rights enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution and in the global treaty and the regional framework for the protection of human rights.

Fall observed that the NHRC has



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grown from a little beginning to become a pillar of justice for every Nigerian who seeks protection from rights violations and every Nigerian who seeks justice for rights abuses.

He added, “Looking up to the next years, may the National Human Rights Commission deepen its legacy, strengthen its partnership and advance human rights to every corner of Nigeria, for every Nigerian and for everyone who finds home in

this great nation.

“May the National Human Rights Commission continue to be a beacon of justice for every Nigerian and for everyone who calls this land home,” Fall said.

Vergos noted that as Nigeria continues on a dynamic path of development and reform, the NHRC's work is more crucial now than ever before. He said the NHRC must see itself as a vital bridge between the citizens and the government, providing a

mechanism for redress and providing succour for victims of rights violations.

Vergos equally noted that the responsibility of the commission transcends the protection of individuals' rights, but extends to the promotion of peace for the stability and development of the country.

He said the EU is proud to associate with the NHRC and assured of his organisation's continued support for the activities of the commission.

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Nigeria’s Security System Best In World - Pst Iren

Culled:
Pastor Emmanuel Iren has claimed that Nigeria's security infrastructure is “one of the best in the world.”

He, however, emphasised that the system's efficiency often depends on an individual's social and financial status.

Speaking during a sermon, Iren said those with wealth or influence receive swift responses from security operatives, while the poor and marginalised are often ignored.

He stated that the uneven distribution of justice allows injustice and violence to persist in some parts of the country.

“I think, in my personal opinion, our security infrastructure is actually one of the best in the world. Be a rich person in trouble. Drop money and see, they will bring the thief for you, am I lying? So maybe the problem is that, where the wickedness is happening, the voices there are poor. Maybe it doesn't matter much to us as much as we pretend”, he said in part.

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Sanwo-Olu Leads Discourse On Nigeria’s Future



Governor Sanwo-Olu

Culled:
The Governor of Lagos State and Chairman of the South-West Governors Forum, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu, will on Tuesday deliver a lecture in commemoration of the 65th Independence Anniversary of Nigeria at

the Arewa House, Kaduna.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, as a Guest Speaker will deliver a lecture titled “65 Years of Nigeria's Independence: A Journey So Far with the Renewed Hope Agenda in View”, at a one-day public event organised by the Arewa Think Tank, a Northern

Nigerian socio-political and policy advocacy group composed of professionals from 19 northern states.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is the Special Guest of Honour for the event to be chaired by former President of the Senate and Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Senator Pius Anyim Pius, and co-chaired by Madakin Zazzau, Mallam Mohammed Munir Ja'afaru. The Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani, will be the Chief Host, while the Royal Father of the Day is the Emir of Birnin Gwari, His Royal Highness, Malam Zubair Jibril Maigwari II.

Former Governor of Osun State and pioneer Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Chief Bisi Akande, as well as ex-Governors Olusegun Osoba

(Ogun) and Mukhtar Ramalan Yero (Kaduna) and former Chief of Army Staff and Defence Staff, General Martin Luther Agwai, will serve as Special Guests.

The event is also expected to be attended by members of the Federal Executive Council – H.E. Mohammed Badaru (Minister of Defence), Dr Dele Alake (Minister of Solid Minerals), Hon. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo (Minister of Interior), Mohammed Idris (Minister of Information and National Orientation) and Senator Abubakar Kyari (Minister of Agriculture and Food Security) – as well as other prominent personalities, including former and current public office holders, Northern leaders and captains of industries, among others.

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N’Assembly Moves To Pass Digital Economy, E-governance Bill

Culled:
The National Assembly on Monday hinted that Nigeria is set to introduce the continent's first dedicated legal framework for digital economy and e-governance.
The National Digital Economy and e-Governance Bill 2025, which is due to be transmitted to President Bola Tinubu for assent this week, was jointly drafted by the Senate and House Committees on ICT and Cybersecurity.
The move comes at a time when the country continues to grapple with slow adoption of digital public services, fragmented data systems among

Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, weak ICT regulatory coordination, and infrastructural gaps that have left over 20 million Nigerians unconnected.
Despite rapid growth in the fintech and telecom sectors, government services in many areas still rely on paper-based processes, manual verification systems, and in-person interactions, contributing to inefficiencies, revenue leakages, and corruption vulnerabilities.
The legislative push, however, gained momentum on Monday at a one-day public hearing in Abuja, where the Chairmen of the joint committee,

Senator Shuaib Afolabi Salisu and Hon. Adedeji Olajide, confirmed Senate and House plans to pass the bill for third reading and harmonisation within the week.
The Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Dr. Bosun Tijani, who addressed stakeholders at the hearing, disclosed that Tinubu is already positioned to approve the bill once transmitted.
“This bill is being awaited by President Bola Tinubu for assent this week, being one of the catalysts for the actualisation of the projected \$1trillion economy,” Tijani said.
He noted that the legislation

represents a major step in consolidating Nigeria's leadership in Africa's tech landscape.
“This sector, which once contributed about 16 percent to our GDP, is now tracking at 19 percent. Under the President's leadership, we are targeting a \$1 trillion economy with the digital economy contributing 21 percent to GDP by 2027. This Bill will unlock the private sector's potential to achieve that goal,” he added.
To close connectivity gaps and expand digital access, Tijani disclosed that the Federal Government is deploying “90,000 kilometers of fiber-optic network”
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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

polymaking 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
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