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NCAA Seeks Details Of VeryDarkman, Mr Jollof Altercation

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Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, NCAA, has demanded full details of the inflight altercation involving social media influencers, Martins Otse, better known as VeryDarkman, and Freedom Atsepoi, known as Mr Jollof, onboard United Nigeria Airlines' Flight UN0523 at Asaba International Airport, Delta State. Spokesperson for the NCAA, Mr Michael Achimugu, in a post shared on X, formerly Twitter, said although the airline had not forwarded an incident report, it has tasked its officials to find and report the actions taken by aviation security, pilot and other personnel during and after the incident.

Achimugu reacted to a post on X which stated: "Again, VDM and Jollof have enjoyed the privilege of an ineffective system. Under UK laws, you would get five years imprisonment and land on a no-fly list."

His words: "First, aviation security must deboard and arrest both passengers and take them to the investigation room.

After questioning, a decision is made to prosecute them. Prosecution is not instant. What could happen faster is the airlines placing the unruly passengers on a no-fly list, and even that would happen after management meetings, debates, and action.

"This event in Asaba just happened. I was boarding a flight out of Nigeria when the report from an X user got to me. As soon as I landed at the transit airport, I made calls.

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Air Peace Loses \$15m Over Aircraft Withdrawal

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Air Peace has cried foul over the unjustified withdrawal of three aircraft it wet leased from a foreign company: Smartlynx, which has caused severe disruptions in its flight operations occasioning delays and cancellations.

Air Peace entered a wet lease agreement with SmartLynx because 13 of its aircraft are currently undergoing scheduled maintenance abroad.

According to Air Peace, the withdrawal of the four aircraft without prior notice amounts to a clear violation of industry standards.

Speaking at a briefing in Lagos, Air Peace, Chief Commercial Officer, Mr Nowel Ngala said the carrier has lost over \$ 15 million as damages to the contractual transactions.

Ngala said over \$ 5 million of its funds including one million dollars had been collected upfront by SmartLynx from Air Peace, fully aware that the right owner of the aircraft would be withdrawing them because they have been in default of

payment to the said owners.

The Air Peace said the four aircraft had already been rostered for scheduled flights as the sudden removal has created significant gaps in its operations. Ngala said :” Over the past week, Air Peace has experienced several operational disruptions, resulting in flight delays and cancellations. We understand the inconvenience this has caused our valued customers, and we want to address these issues with full transparency.

"We consider this action by smartlynx to be serious breach of contract, fraudulent, and a premeditated scheme that as inflicted financial loss and reputational damage not just to Air peace but indirectly to Nigerian traveling public, whom we serve with pride. Despite SmartLynx's actions, Air Peace has released three of the aircraft in question to their rightful owners in good faith. One more aircraft remains, and all we are requesting for is a refund of our funds."

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The refinery said it lowered its Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) gantry price from N877 to N828 per litre and its coastal price from N854 to N806 per litre on November 6, marking a 5.6 per cent reduction.

"These price changes were publicly announced across major media outlets and clearly predated the adjustments made by marketers," the statement read. The company stressed that, "despite the tariff not being implemented, we proceeded with the



Dangote Refinery

price cut as part of our commitment to ensuring Nigerians benefit from domestic refining."

Since beginning operations, Dangote noted that it has reduced fuel prices more than seven times and has absorbed logistics costs to maintain uniform pricing across the country, particularly during peak festive periods.

The refinery also criticised the continued importation of substandard fuel into Nigeria, describing the practice as "dumping" that undermines the economy and recalls the decline of the nation's textile sector, once a major source of employment.

Dangote reiterated its commitment to supplying high-quality, competitively priced petroleum products while calling

on stakeholders to rely on verified information to avoid misleading the public.

"The claim that the reduction in pump prices was driven by the suspension of the 15 per cent import tariff is therefore incorrect. The import tariff had received the approval of His Excellency, President Bola Tinubu, as far back as October 21 for immediate implementation.

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NURTW Gifts N42m To 28 Widows Of Members

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The Lagos State Chairman of the National Union of Road and Transport Workers (NURTW), Alhaji Mustapha Adekunle (aka Sego), has empowered 28 widows of NURTW members with N42 million

Each of the widows got N1.5 million.

The empowerment, which marked part of the activities commemorating his one year in office, was held at the NURTW Secretariat, Agege.

Mustapha said the gesture wasn't included in the union's constitution; however, he deemed it fit to restore hope and support the widows of the union's late members.

He listed his achievements in office to include: payment of inherited N315 million debt, provision of a generator to augment power supply, award of scholarship to secondary school pupils, sponsorship of members to perform hajj, amongst others.

Former National Vice President of the union, Alhaji Tajudeen Agbede, while

commending the initiative, said it was a step up from the usual support of members who had an accident with funds. NURTW Lagos State Secretary, Usman Teslim, said this was the second edition of the widows' support scheme embarked upon by this administration.

He added that Alhaji Adekunle has been supporting union and non-union members in his philanthropic drive.

"This is the second edition we are doing now, and I think it's very good, a very nice idea.

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But reacting to the development, the Senior Special Assistant to the Lagos State Governor on Transportation and Logistics, Mr. Adekoya Hassan, argued that the problem lies not in Lagos ports themselves but in long-standing policy flaws within the NPA.

"The NPA's decision to divert focus from Lagos Port to Warri Port due to congestion underscores the need for policy reform. While Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has shown unwavering dedication to addressing the issue,

NPA's policies remain a significant obstacle to achieving seamless cargo movement within the Apapa Port corridor."

He listed multiple toll points, an inefficient e-call-up system, favoritism and racketeering, abuse of power by senior officials, and misinformation circulated through truck unions as major factors sustaining the gridlock.

According to him, if these policies were reformed to reflect present economic realities, congestion at Apapa would be drastically reduced — eliminating the need for what he described as an "unpopular decision."

Hassan urged that the true situation be presented to President Bola Tinubu, stressing that the NPA itself plays a central role in the persistent congestion at the Lagos port corridor.

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Speaking during the opening ceremony of the FAAN National Aviation Conference, FNAC 2025, at Eko Hotel, Lagos, on Monday, Keyamo said leveraging the renewed hope funding, Nigeria is modernizing its terminals, rehabilitating runways, expanding aprons, and developing new cargo complexes, adding that some of these projects could be delivered transparently under PPP frameworks that guarantee viability and investor returns.

The minister, who was represented by Ibrahim Kana, permanent secretary, aviation ministry, said Africa loses billions yearly to offshore maintenance, stressing that FAAN is positioned to facilitate a regional Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul centre in Nigeria that will



Keyamo

serve West and Central Africa, reducing costs, retaining capital, and creating high-skill jobs.

"With Nigeria's significantly improved legal standing for aviation financing, the environment is primed for indigenous leasing firms. This is a direct opportunity to deepen aviation financing and support airline fleet modernisation.

"Nigeria's agricultural and manufacturing potential demands efficient export

gateways. Our plan for dedicated cargo and logistics hubs at key FAAN airports will unlock agro-exports, reduce spoilage, and integrate Nigerian producers into global value chains," Keyamo explained..

He said these are not just concepts, as FAAN will present data, timelines, and structured business cases for investors.

Olubunmi Kuku, the Managing Director/Chief Executive Federal Airports

Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), who also spoke at the event, said six airports across Nigeria and numerous runways are currently undergoing a government-funded transformation.

Kuku said the gap between the airports' current capacity and projected demand is an opportunity in terminal modernisation, cargo facilities, and airport cities.

She said FAAN seeks partnership in global expertise in management, ground handling, and logistics to enhance efficiency and share in the profitability of a growing market.

She noted that from biometrics to sustainable solutions, there is a need to invest in the future of African travel with Nigeria as Africa's largest population, a growing economy, and a strategic geographic position, which presents great opportunities.

Speaking on the theme of the event, 'Elevating the Nigerian Aviation Industry through Investment, Partnership & Global Engagements,' she said the industry is not just recovering but soaring to new heights.

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Kogi Zariagi International Airport To Commence 2026 - Gov Ododo

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

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

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

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

and strengthen regional connectivity.

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

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

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Governor Usman Ododo

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Seven people have died in a lone road crash along the Kiyawa-Azare Road in Jigawa State after a commercial bus lost control and somersaulted multiple times, police confirmed on Sunday.

The accident occurred near Jigawan Kurma village in Kiyawa Local Government Area.

According to the police, the Toyota Hummer Bus travelling from Kano to Potiskum with 18 passengers on board suffered a sudden rear tyre burst while on speed.

"The vehicle lost control instantly, somersaulted several times, and veered off the road," a police spokesperson said, describing the scene as "severe and tragic."

A team from the Motor Traffic Division, led by the Divisional Police Officer in Kiyawa, was dispatched to the crash site for rescue operations.

Police said seven people, including the 70-year-old driver, Mallam Ibrahim Potiskum, died on the spot.

"Seven occupants sadly could not survive the impact," the statement

Seven Dead, Many Injured In Jigawa Road Accident

added. "We have secured all recovered luggage and deposited the bodies at the hospital mortuary. Efforts are ongoing to identify and contact the families."

Eleven injured passengers were rushed to the General Hospital in Dutse.

Medical officials confirmed that four of them have been treated and discharged, while the remaining victims are still receiving care.

Jigawa State Commissioner of Police, CP Dahiru Muhammad, expressed sympathy to the bereaved families.

"Our hearts go out to everyone affected by this unfortunate incident," he said.

"We pray for the quick recovery of the survivors."

He also issued a reminder to motorists to prioritise safety on the highways.

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Nigeria's Aviation Industry Most Viable, Under-exploited - Tinubu

Government of the Federation (SGF), Sen. George Akume, the president said, "Nigeria has over 220 million people and the largest domestic aviation market on the continent with a strategic geographic location, ideal for trans-African and intercontinental linkages.

According to him, Africa's 1.7 trillion-dollar regional market, driven by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), depends heavily on efficient air logistics.

He added that the growing middle class and travel demand were expected to double within a decade, and there was massive demand in cargo, MRO, leasing, charter services, and aviation-linked real estate.

He explained that "these are not abstract possibilities; they are real market opportunities ready for investors.

"These areas with core potential include aviation cargo and agro-export corridors involving dedicated cargo terminals in Lagos, Kano, Port

Harcourt and Makurdi, integration with Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones and cold-chain infrastructure for perishables.

"MRO infrastructure aimed at reducing aircraft maintenance capital flight, attracting global MRO players to partner with local investors, and development of Smart and Green Airports involving renewable energy integration."

According to Tinubu, these emerging areas align directly with the administration's economic diversification, growth and job creation goals.

"This administration shall remain focused on safety, efficiency and sustainability in the sector. We also renew our commitment to implementing civil aviation policy reforms, embracing renewable energy solutions for airport operations, and developing smart, secure and customer-friendly terminals," he said.

On the conference theme, Tinubu said it tallied with the focus of his administration in transforming aviation

into a critical engine for national growth and global competitiveness to drive job creation and wealth.

He added that the aviation industry remained one of the most technologically advanced in the world, vital in connecting people and markets, driving tourism and trade and supporting countless jobs across sectors.

He recounted the significant strides recorded under the Renewed Hope Agenda in infrastructure, including the launch of new international terminals in Lagos and Port Harcourt.

Some others, he added, were major rehabilitation works in Abuja, Enugu, Kano, and other airports to meet global safety and efficiency requirements.

Others are strengthening of regulatory oversight, with enhanced collaboration between NCAA, ICAO, IATA, and NCAT to elevate industry standards.

He also noted the expansion of cargo, hangar, and MRO facilities in Lagos and Kano to position Nigeria as West Africa's logistics and aircraft-maintenance hub, among others.

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Bola Tinubu

President Bola Tinubu has assured potential partners and foreign investors that the right time to invest in Nigeria's aviation is now, as the industry remains under-exploited but most viable in Africa.

He made this known at the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) National Aviation Conference (FNAC) 2025 on Monday in Lagos.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the theme of the conference is "Elevating the Nigerian Aviation Industry Through Investment, Partnership and Global Engagements."

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This was disclosed to The Guardian on Monday afternoon by the Special Adviser to the governor on Public Enlightenment, Prince Eze Ugochukwu. Ugochukwu said the Surveyor General of the state, Dr. Uzodinma Bob Odidika, had last week done the necessary notification work, expressing that the state's residents would be delighted over the development as it would create both direct and indirect jobs if completed.

He said: "Residents of Imo State have reason to be optimistic as the state moves closer to attracting another modular refinery in the Nekede area of



Governor Uzodinma

Owerri West Local Government Area. Umudibe and its environs in Nekede Ugochukwu, the Office of the Surveyor General of Imo State announced that approximately 30.6 hectares of land at Field project." According to Ugochukwu, the acquisition processes and acquired for the construction and accordance with the operational activities of relevant laws, urging cooperation and support from the affected land

owners in the impacted areas, emphasising: "The acquisition is being carried out for overriding public interest in line with Sections 28 and 29 of the Land Use Act of 1978."

This follows an earlier advertorial published in Newspapers on September 18, 2025, by the Ministry of Lands, Survey, and Physical Planning, which stated that survey exercise began on Friday, November 14, 2025, and will continue until Wednesday, November 19 2025.

He continued: "All landowners and property owners within the affected area are urged to appear during the exercise with verifiable landmarks and original ownership documents to substantiate their claims."

The governor's aide advised the landowners to use the window of notice to present their papers, as there would not be any extension. "The notice stressed that no amendments or extensions to the scheduled dates will be entertained," he clarified.

He informed that Odidika signed all the notices on behalf of Governor Hope Uzodinma.

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Kwara Enforces 'No Life Jacket, No Entry' Policy On Waterways



Kwara state govt

The Kwara State Government has declared that the safety of residents engaging in water transportation is "non-negotiable," as it begins strict enforcement of the "no life jacket, no entry" policy across all waterways in the state. This comes as Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq supervised the distribution of 2,500 life jackets to five riverine local government areas—Moro, Kaiama, Patigi, Edu, and Baruten—during an event held at the Ipata-Jebba Water Front in Moro LGA.

A statement issued on Monday by the Press Secretary, Ministry of Transportation, Alabere Ahmed Babatunde, and made available to the PUNCH, said the governor, represented by the

Commissioner for Special Duties, John Bello, emphasised that the safety of citizens remains central to the state's socio-economic development.

"Rivers in the state hold vast economic potential for fishing, inter-city trade and commerce, this life jackets must be judiciously used by boat operators and passengers to prevent recurring boat mishaps.

"The state would continue to prioritise safety while building a sustainable environment for economic growth," AbdulRazaq was quoted in the statement.

Also speaking at the event, the Commissioner for Transportation, Lafia Aliyu Kora Sabi, described the gesture as a lifeline for riverine communities whose livelihoods depend heavily on waterways.

"Recent boat capsizes in the state, especially in Patigi, had resulted in tragic loss of lives, this distribution reflects the governor's commitment to prevent further incidents," he said.

Kora Sabi also appreciated President Bola Tinubu for supporting the state with the life jackets, assuring that the Ministry would ensure transparent and accountable distribution.

Chairman of the Kwara State House Committee on Transport, Lawal Ayansola Saliu, said the legislature would continue to strengthen regulatory mechanisms to ensure safety standards on water transportation, while ensuring that government interventions reach intended beneficiaries.

Representing the Moro Local Government Chairman, Maryam Omotayo Wasiu, the Council Secretary, Nura Muhammed, commended the intervention as timely, saying it would boost the economic value chain for fishermen and farmers in Jebba and surrounding communities.

Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, the community youth leader, Azeez Akanbi Arisekola,

thanked the governor for his continued support.

He noted that the state's earlier donation of fibre speedboats had already reduced accidents on waterways.

He further called for synergy between the state government and the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPERDEC) to construct concrete embankments around the Jebba water region to prevent recurrent flooding.

Key highlights of the event included demonstrations on the proper use of life jackets, safety sensitisation sessions, and an inspection tour of the riverbank.

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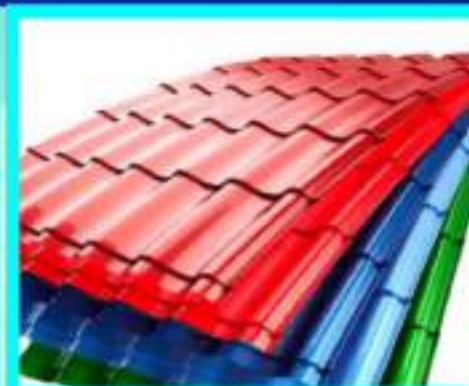
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Emirates Places \$38bn Order For 65 Boeing 777-9s At Dubai Air Show

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The airline plans to begin receiving deliveries in 2027, as it expands its fleet to meet growing demand through Dubai, one of the world's busiest travel hubs.

The biennial Dubai Air Show opened Monday with hometown airline Emirates ordering 65 of Boeing's upcoming 777-9 aircraft, as the carrier looks to increase its fleets off record earnings and unending demand for flights through this East-West travel hub.

Emirates valued the deal with Boeing and GE Engines at \$38 billion (€32.75bn) at list prices, although airlines often negotiate lower prices in major orders.

The announcement brings the total of Boeing 777-9s on order for Emirates to 270, making it Boeing's largest customer for the aircraft, even as the plane has suffered repeated delays in



entering service. Emirates relies heavily on the double-decker Airbus A380 and the Boeing 777, and has also started flying the Airbus A350.

Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Emirates' chairman and chief executive, described the order as a "long-term commitment" that supports thousands

of high-value factory jobs and strengthens the airline's 40-year partnership with Boeing and GE.

"Emirates is already the world's largest operator

of the 777 – all powered by GE engines – and after today's order, I expect to remain the biggest 777 operator for years to come," he said.

Sheikh Ahmed added

that Emirates continues to encourage manufacturers to build larger aircraft with greater capacity, as air travel is expected to grow. He smiled and looked towards Boeing when discussing the hoped-for timeline for introducing the 777-9 into service.

Stephanie Pope, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, offered no timeline for the aircraft's entry into service in her brief remarks.

"The 777-9 will further support Emirates' mission to connect people and places around the globe like never before," she said.

Officials took no questions from journalists following the announcement.

The air show also features renewed interest in flying taxis, which the sheikhdom has long promised and now hopes to deliver next year. [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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Nigeria's Trade To African Countries Hit N4.8trn In 2025

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The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) on Monday said Nigeria's trade with other African countries hit N4.82 trillion in the first six months of 2025 from the N600 billion recorded the previous year.

Comptroller- General, Bashir Adewale Adeniyi broke the news at the Customs Partnership for African Cooperation in Trade (C-PACT) in Abuja.

His words, "In the first half of 2025, Nigeria's trade with other African countries reached N4.82 trillion—an increase of more than N600 billion compared with the previous year."

He described the transaction as a clear signal of strengthening regional trade momentum.

The Comptroller-General was impressed by the 464 confirmed participants representing 28 countries, including 26 African nations.

He said there were also 10 senior customs officials in the room – Directors General and Commissioners – colleagues leading some of the continent's most important trade gateways.

According to him, there were 16 diplomatic representatives present, including 5 Ambassadors and



Comptroller Bashir Adeniyi

several High Commissioners, representing embassies and missions from across Africa. He said from the private sector – the people whose businesses depend on efficient customs processes, there was an impressive showing: 53 CEOs and 19 Managing Directors.

Describing their commitment, he said, "That's over 70 senior business leaders who've committed their time to making AfCFTA

work in practice." Adeniyi said that within West Africa specifically, Nigeria's exports to ECOWAS countries have climbed significantly, reflecting our growing role as a hub for intra-continental trade and value chains. He urged the partners to embrace customs and logistics modernisation, and implement the AfCFTA framework more deliberately because the partnership is turning the gains into broader regional partnership across

Africa markets. On the C-PACT, Adeniyi said the idea for the event didn't emerge from a conference room or a policy paper. He recalled that it came from real observations and real conversations last year in Kigali at the Biashara conference. He also noted that in Cairo in April at an Afreximbank event, he found himself making the same point to the Secretary General of AfCFTA.

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Nwabali Reacts To Nigeria's Defeat To DR Congo

Culled:
Super Eagles goalkeeper Stanley Nwabali has broken his silence following Nigeria's painful World Cup playoff loss to DR Congo, apologising to fans and admitting that the team's "best wasn't enough" on the night.

Nigeria crashed out after a dramatic 4–3 penalty shootout defeat in the African playoff final, with the match ending 1–1 after extra time. Despite Nwabali saving two penalties, the Super Eagles could not recover from misses by Calvin Bassey, Moses Simon, and Semi Ajayi.

DR Congo captain Chancel Mbemba converted the decisive kick, sealing Congo's passage to the intercontinental playoffs and ending Nigeria's hopes of reaching the 2026 World Cup.

In an Instagram post on Sunday, Nwabali said he understood the pain Nigerians felt because he had once been just another fan of the team before becoming the nation's first-choice goalkeeper.

"I know how it feels giving you a disappointing night," he wrote, adding that the players "gave everything for the badge" and "take full responsibility" for the outcome.

The defeat has sparked fresh debate about the team's future, but Nwabali's message marks the first public reaction from a key player after the heartbreaking loss.

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MTN Nigeria Foundation Invests N32.23bn In Projects



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MTN Nigeria has solidified its position as a leading corporate social investor, committing and dedicating over N32.23 Billion to national priorities through its Foundation. This massive investment is strategically deployed

across key sectors, primarily youth empowerment, digital inclusion, and national development, reflecting the company's core strategy of creating shared value. The investment funds critical initiatives like the MTN Skills Academy and the provision of STEM scholarships. The

impact is personal and profound. Sofiya Mustapha, a visually impaired student, shared that the MTN scholarship enabled her to learn "English... data programming, and attended programming courses". Akas Ngozi, another beneficiary, expressed gratitude for the Foundation, "believing in our potential and providing a platform to pursue our dreams." The Foundation's efforts are actively integrated with federal programmes. MTN continues to support the Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation & Digital Economy's 3 Million Technical Talent (3MTT) Programme initiative, directly aligning with the company's vision of driving inclusive growth. In addition to its Foundation work,

MTN is contributing significantly to infrastructure. The rehabilitation of the Enugu-Onitsha Expressway under the RITC scheme is 50 per cent complete, demonstrating a comprehensive commitment to supporting the nation's growth priorities. The company's ability to sustain this large-scale social investment is underpinned by its profitability, evidenced by the N750.2 billion PAT, and its overall fiscal responsibility, having paid over N6.9 Trillion in taxes.

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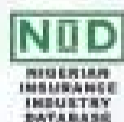
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Nigeria, UNDP Partner To Strengthen Regional Democratic Governance

Culled: West Africa has taken a significant step toward strengthening democratic governance with the launch of the Regional Partnership for Democracy, (RPD) an Africa-led initiative jointly unveiled by the Nigerian Government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with strong endorsement from ECOWAS and regional peace institutions.

At the launch in Abuja, Nigeria, Nigeria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Yusuf Tuggar, who was one of the signatories to the RPD, described the RPD as a transformative framework designed to

reinforce democratic resilience through African values, contextualized governance models and inclusive institutions.

He said the initiative responds to the region's mounting challenges, including political instability, electoral malpractice, shrinking civic spaces, and the erosion of public trust in state institutions.

"Through this framework, we seek to not only strengthen electoral institutions by deploying early warning and rapid response mechanisms against unconstitutional transitions, but also elevate youth and civil society as indispensable democratic actors,

counter disinformation and lay the foundations for long term governance and stability" he said

Amb. Tuggar emphasised that the RPD is President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's contribution and Nigeria's "gift to Africa", aimed at strengthening governance systems anchored in legitimacy, accountability and long-term sustainability.

"Together, we can build a future where African democracy is not imposed or borrowed, but genuinely owned and enduringly strong" Ambassador Tuggar said.

Similarly, the UNDP Resident Representative Elsie Attafuah, who

was the second signatory to the RPD, hailed the partnership as a bold step in reaffirming democracy as the anchor of peace and development in West Africa.

She praised Nigeria's leadership, noting that the RPD would help rebuild trust in governance, promote inclusive participation, reinforce credible elections, and elevate the voices of youth, women and persons with disabilities.

"It is Africa led, regionally anchored and globally significant, grounded in our belief that the access to Africa's governance challenges lies within Africa itself.

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Nigeria's Inflation Rate Drops To 16% In October 2025

Nigeria's inflation trajectory showed a notable improvement in October 2025, with the headline inflation rate easing to 16.05%, a significant decline from the 18.02% recorded in September 2025.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), which released the latest figures on Monday, noted that the year-on-year headline inflation rate stood at 17.82%, lower than the 33.88% recorded in October 2024.

According to the Bureau, this indicates that headline inflation decreased compared to the same month last year, though based on a different base year (November 2009).

The NBS further explained: "On a month-on-month basis, the Headline inflation rate in October 2025 was 0.93%, which was 0.21% higher than the rate recorded in September 2025 (0.72%). This means that in October 2025, the rate of increase in the

average price level was higher than the rate of increase in the average price level in September 2025."

According to the NBS, the urban inflation rate in October 2025 stood at 15.65%, representing a 20.73 percentage-point decline from the 36.38% recorded in October 2024. On a month-on-month basis, urban inflation rose to 1.14% in October 2025, an increase of 0.40% compared to 0.74% in September 2025.

The Bureau added that the twelve-month average urban inflation rate was 22.68% in October 2025, which is 11.84 percentage points lower than the 34.52% reported in October 2024.

For rural inflation, the NBS reported a year-on-year rate of 15.86% in October 2025—15.73 percentage points lower than the 31.59% recorded in October 2024. Month-on-month, rural inflation moderated to 0.45%, a decline of 0.22% from 0.67% in September 2025.

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4. Africa Road Safety Partnerships and Research board (ARSPARB)- A hub for the advancement of partnerships with development agencies, National Governments and corporations as well as a Research Faculty for Road Safety Research Projects.

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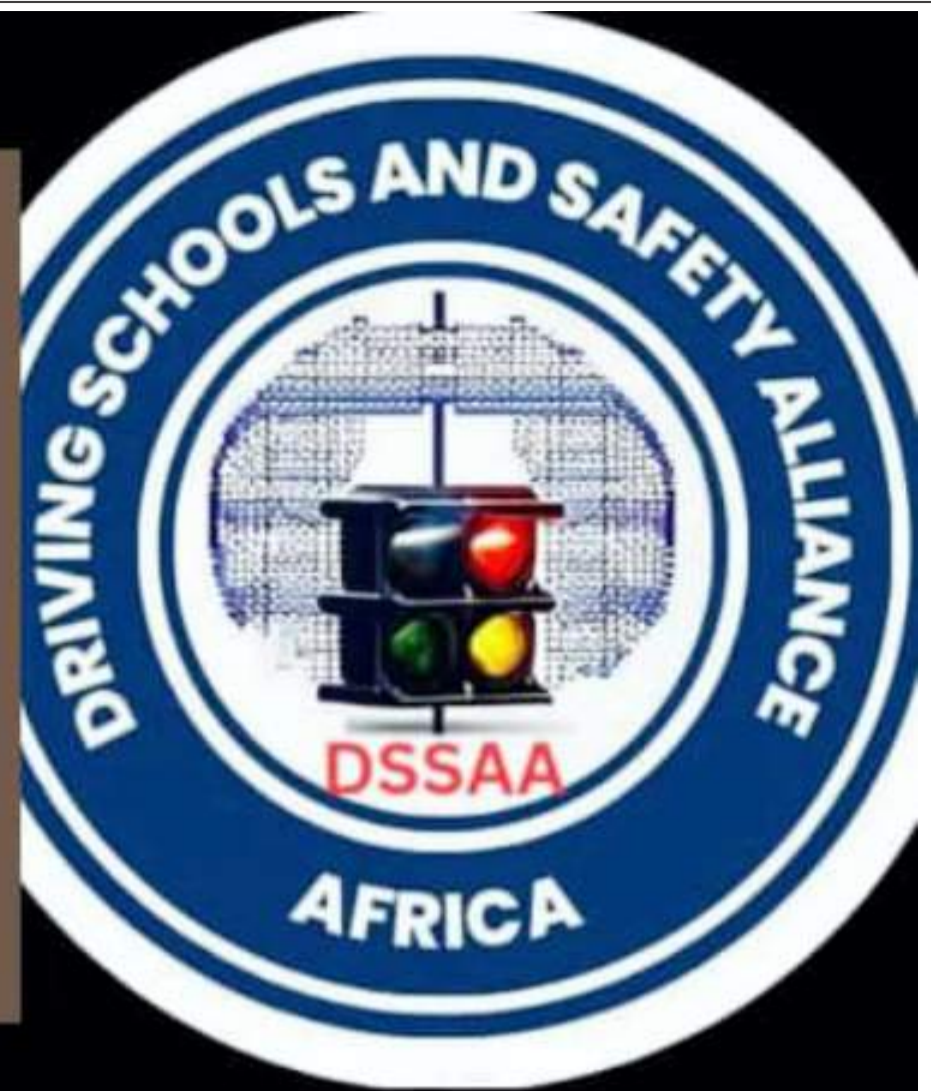


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