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Oil Majors Back Nigeria's Push For 1m Barrel By Day

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The Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria (PETAN), alongside major international oil companies including Shell, TotalEnergies and ExxonMobil, has pledged full support for Nigeria's ambitious plan to ramp up crude oil production.

Their commitments were made at the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission's (NUPRC) Project 1MMBOPD Additional Production Investment Forum, in London — a high-level engagement aimed at attracting investment and adding one million barrels per day (bpd) to Nigeria's output.

The forum convened leading operators, investors and regulators to explore new investment opportunities, address funding constraints, and strengthen collaboration needed to meet the nation's production target.

NUPRC Chief Executive, Engr. Gbenga Komolafe, disclosed that the 2025 Oil Licensing Round will begin on

December 1, 2025. The round will focus on unlocking undeveloped and fallow oil and gas assets across the country.

The forum provided direct access for investors to key decision-makers, showcasing a portfolio of commercially viable projects designed to promote transparent and efficient partnerships across the upstream sector.

Lawmakers and senior government officials reiterated Abuja's commitment to removing operational bottlenecks, [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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Imo Assembly Push For Road Repairs In Owerri, Flood Control

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The Imo House of Assembly has urged the state government to direct its Commissioner for Works to grade roads in New Owerri and construct adequate drainage to control flooding.

The House also called on the government to build standard roads with street lights to enhance the aesthetics of that part of the state capital.

The resolution was made on Tuesday at plenary following a motion by Clinton Amadi (LP-Owerri Municipal), who noted that Governor Hope Uzodimma has rehabilitated over 100 roads in Owerri Municipal.

He, however, observed that some areas, including Areas A, L, M and N, Imo Housing, and Site and Services in the World Bank area, remain dilapidated.

Amadi stated that the roads are riddled with serious erosion and gullies, rendering them impassable during the rainy season and endangering the lives of children and motorists.

He also highlighted that Imo Housing

Estate and its extension suffer from a lack of electricity due to absent transformers, flooding, and high insecurity.

He therefore urged the House to direct the Commissioner for Works to address the affected areas by grading the roads and constructing appropriate drainage to mitigate floods.

The lawmaker also called for standard roads with street lights to beautify the area and urged the governor to direct the Commissioner for Public Utilities and Homeland Security to provide transformers for adequate power supply.

Amadi further recommended the construction of a police station to curb criminal activities exploiting the lack of illumination to terrorise residents.

Supporting the motion, Chisom Ojukwu (APC-Nkwere) said the World Bank area road issues needed urgent attention, describing the route as "traumatic" for residents due to constant wear and tear on vehicles.

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They said with the deplorable state of several major federal roads connecting Edo and Delta states, the Benin-Abraka road became an alternative route for most drivers until some portions of the road started going bad.

According to the road users, the bad state of this road exposes them to attacks by kidnappers and other criminals.

It will be recalled that reconstruction of the 105.6km road was awarded by the Federal Government during the era of former President Goodluck Jonathan for expansion in 2011 for N30bn and was expected to be completed within 36 months. But it was later abandoned by the same administration.

After a series of protests by communities and motorists, the Edo State Government, in 2018, under former Governor Godwin Obaseki approved the contract for reconstruction of the road for



Benin-abraka road

N21.2bn.

The award of the contract followed a co-financing arrangement in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into by the Edo State Government, the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Edo State Oil and Gas-Producing Area Development Commission (EDSOGPADEC) with a financing ratio

of 25%:50%:25%.

Asphalt laying for the first phase of 5km was expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2022 while the project was expected to be completed in 2025.

A visit to the road by NDV showed that the asphalt work stopped at Ogba community in Orhionmwon while the portion from Ogba to Ugo community is still in a deplorable state.

Motorists and travellers plying the road appealed to Governor Monday Okpebholo not to abandon it.

A driver who gave his name as Philip Osayande told NDV that he was disappointed that work on the road stopped shortly after Okpebholo was sworn in. He said the bad section of the road exposed them to serious security challenges.

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Speaking to journalists on Tuesday, the groups said Nigeria's Dangote Refinery is capable of meeting the country's daily petroleum needs, urging citizens to support the facility as a national asset.

BAVCCA President Ikechukwu Chukwunyerere and COCSON President Husseini Abubakar expressed concern over the suspension of the 15 percent import duty on petrol and diesel, arguing that it could undermine local refineries' competitiveness.

They highlighted that Dangote Refinery currently produces over 104 million litres of refined petroleum products daily, exceeding Nigeria's national daily

consumption of 70–75 million litres.

The groups urged the government to ensure policies that favor local production, calling for measures to protect the downstream sector and maintain stable fuel supply while promoting domestic refinery capacity.

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CSOs, Bloggers

Lagos Blames NPA Policies, Rejects Shift Of Operations To Warri

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The Lagos State Government has criticised the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) for its decision to shift operational focus from Lagos ports to the Warri Port Complex, a move the authority says is aimed at reducing congestion at Apapa and Tin Can Island.

Recent NPA operational data showed improved efficiency and cargo handling at the revitalised Warri and Koko ports, suggesting that the shift is already yielding positive results.

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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The initiative — a public-private partnership supported by a N150 billion soft-loan facility from the United Bank for Africa (UBA) — is designed to phase out aging, unsafe trucks that have contributed to road accidents in the state.

Lagos has recorded several incidents involving fallen tankers and articulated vehicles in recent years, prompting calls for stronger safety compliance from agencies such as the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA). The FRSC has repeatedly noted that many trucks in operation are decades old and require replacement to meet modern safety standards.

Stakeholders at previous industry



a rickety truck

engagements had also stressed the need for government-backed access to a new fleet to reduce accidents and improve haulage efficiency.

Speaking in an interview, Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Transportation and Logistics, Comrade Hassan Adekoya, highlighted the benefits, implementation plan, and long-term expectations of the CNG truck initiative.

Adekoya said the programme is timely, noting that the introduction of new trucks would help reduce accidents involving articulated vehicles.

He explained that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu facilitated a N50 billion first-phase funding arrangement through UBA to support operators in acquiring safer, more efficient CNG trucks.

According to him, many of the trucks currently on Lagos roads are outdated

and no longer meet required safety standards. The initial rollout will introduce at least 500 CNG trucks, with a total target of 2,000 units.

“The governor has given a marching order for the launch of the trucks, and enforcement will begin soon,” he said.

Adekoya stated that CNG-powered trucks offer significant environmental and economic advantages. They produce lower carbon emissions, reduce nitrogen oxides, and minimize harmful particulates when compared to diesel engines.

He added that operators would benefit from cost savings because CNG is generally cheaper than diesel, and CNG engines typically require less maintenance due to reduced carbon buildup.

Beyond cost and environmental gains, Adekoya said safety remains the top priority. He referenced recent incidents, including one at Kara Bridge, stressing that modern trucks would help reduce accidents and protect both citizens and public infrastructure.

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Mini Bus Plunges Into Ogoja River, Five Feared Dead

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Five persons have reportedly drowned in Ogoja, northern Cross River State, after an intra-city mini bus travelling from Igoli to Abakpa veered off a bridge and plunged into the river.

According to local reports, the driver was the only survivor, managing to escape before the bus sank.

"It's unfortunate. Abakpa River Bridge doesn't have any protective barriers or railings—nothing to prevent accidents like this. Something urgent needs to be done," a resident, Idah Roland, told Vanguard.

The bridge, currently under renovation by the state government, is narrow and frequently congested, especially due to the high number of motorcycles navigating the tight stretch. Residents say crashes are common, with several vehicles in the past skidding off the bumpy spots into the river.

Efforts to reach officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), whose office is close to the accident scene, were

unsuccessful as they were reportedly out on patrol.

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The ogoja river incident

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President Bola Tinubu on Tuesday says the Federal Government is committed to a future where Road Traffic Crashes, RTCs, no longer claim lives.

Mr Tinubu made the declaration in his keynote address at the opening ceremony of the International Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Crash Victims Conference in Abuja.

The President, represented by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, SGF, Sen. George Akume, said that the era of preventable deaths on the nation's highways must end.

He said the conference's theme, "Gathering Africa and the World for Road Crash Victims," reflected a shared resolve to address what he described as an "epidemic" of road crashes affecting families and communities nationwide.

The event was organised by Kwapda Road Safety Demand, KRSD, in collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

The event brought together families of victims, safety advocates, policymakers and development partners.

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Citing statistics from the World Health Organisation, WHO, the President noted that about 1.19 million people die annually from RTCs globally, while another 50 million sustain various degrees of injuries.

Mr Tinubu said almost every Nigerian has either suffered or knows someone who has suffered from a road crash, adding that many victims live with permanent scars and long-term trauma.

He said his administration would continue to prioritise initiatives that promote safe motorisation, including the ongoing Lagos-Calabar coastal road project and several rehabilitation works being undertaken across the country.

"The Federal Government is also expanding rail and water transport

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Six Airports, Several Runways Undergoing Upgrades - FG

Speaking at the event, the FAAN boss said, "Under the visionary leadership of the Federal Government, we have laid a robust foundation. As we speak, six airports and numerous runways are undergoing a government-funded transformation. This is a direct investment in our shared future, and we are grateful for this decisive commitment."

Kuku said the widening gap between Nigeria's airport capacity and projected passenger demand has created new opportunities in terminal modernisation, cargo infrastructure, and the development of airport cities. She added that FAAN is seeking partnerships with global experts in management, ground handling, and logistics to improve efficiency and benefit from the sector's growth.

According to her, Nigeria must invest in future-focused technologies and sustainable solutions to strengthen its position in African aviation, adding that Nigeria's large population, expanding economy, and strategic

geographic location offer significant opportunities for investors and stakeholders.

Kuku said the aviation sector is not only recovering but experiencing new momentum. According to IATA, global passenger traffic is set to reach a historic 4.99bn this year, decisively surpassing pre-pandemic levels.

She said, "The Airports Council International forecasts a surge to 9.7 billion passengers by 2040. And where is the centre of this next wave of growth? Africa. This is not just a statistic; it is a signal. A signal of billions of journeys, connections, and opportunities waiting to be unlocked. At the heart of this opportunity lies Nigeria."

Kuku also appealed to aviation unions to support the sector's reform efforts, stressing that, "This is why I make a direct appeal to our valued unions: embrace this new era of collaboration. Your understanding and partnership are the bedrock upon which we will build."

She said that private sector

investment would enhance, not replace, the current aviation workforce. She explained, "The private investment we seek is not a replacement for our workforce; it is the catalyst for its growth. It will create better facilities, more advanced systems, and ultimately, more and better jobs for Nigerians. Let us work together with a shared vision to welcome the capital that will secure our collective future."

President Bola Tinubu, who was represented by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, George Akume, outlined key achievements recorded under the administration's Renewed Hope Agenda, especially in aviation infrastructure.

He listed the achievements as "commissioning of new international terminals in Lagos and Port Harcourt, boosting capacity and service quality as well as major rehabilitation works in Abuja, Enugu, Kano, and other airports to meet global safety and efficiency requirements."

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Kuku

The Federal Government, through the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, has announced that six airports across the country, as well as several runways, are currently undergoing government-funded upgrades.

Managing Director/Chief Executive of FAAN, Olubunmi Kuku, disclosed this on Monday at the 2025 FAAN National Aviation Conference, themed "Elevating the Nigerian Aviation Industry through Investment, Partnership & Global Engagements."

Recall that the Lagos Murtala Muhammed Airport is currently undergoing refurbishment worth N712bn.



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He added that while preliminary activities will continue till the end of the month, full rehabilitation works will not begin until the revised schedule is announced.

"The state government appreciates the understanding and patience of all road users as it remains committed to improving road infrastructure and ensuring safer, more efficient transportation for all."

Meanwhile, the Lagos State House of Assembly has officially kicked off preparations for the 2026 fiscal year, receiving a formal communication from



Lekki-ajah corridor

Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for Nigeria's commercial details of the ambitious spending plan formally present the requesting a date to capital. administration's financial present the 2026 The communication, read blueprint for the year. Appropriation Bill. on the House floor by In a parallel development,

The proposed budget Clerk Olalekan Onafeko, the Assembly rejected the carries an estimated initiates the legislative nomination of Mrs. total of ₦4.237 trillion, process required before Adebisi Adelabu as signalling another the Governor can General Manager of the

Lagos State Parking Authority (LASPAA).

The decision followed a presentation by Mojeed Fatai, Chairman of the 12-man Ad Hoc Committee responsible for screening nominees.

Fatai noted that Mrs Adelabu had been serving in the role since 2021 without appearing before the House for the constitutionally mandated confirmation, representing a breach of legislative procedure.

"This breach of legislative procedure was a key factor in the committee's recommendation for her nullification," he told lawmakers.

The Assembly adopted the recommendation, citing Section 92 of the Lagos State Transport Reform Law.

Also, the House confirmed two other nominees for key positions. Mrs. Adeyemo Khadijat was approved as Executive Secretary of the Lagos State Water Regulatory Commission, while Mrs. Adepoju Adebajo was confirmed as Chairman of the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF), a critical body for job creation and small business support in the state.

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FG Renews Support For Local Assemblers, EV Infrastructure



Shettima

The Federal Government has reiterated its commitment to strengthening Nigeria's automotive industry through expanded support for local vehicle assemblers and accelerated investment in Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure.

Vice President Kashim Shettima, represented by Kingsley Tochukwu Udeh, Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology, made the pledge on Tuesday at the opening of the 25th Abuja International Motor Fair.

Declaring the fair open, Shettima described the 25-year milestone as a testament to the resilience and ingenuity of stakeholders who have sustained the annual exhibition despite

economic and structural challenges. He said the theme, "Driving Nigeria's Automotive Future: Innovation, Sustainability, and Growth," aligns with the administration's Renewed Hope Agenda and its drive to make Nigeria the automotive hub of sub-Saharan Africa.

According to him, the automotive sector remains the engine of the government's transformation plan, offering a critical intersection between manufacturing, youth employment, technology, and the national energy transition.

He outlined the government's commitment to steering the industry on three pillars, Gas, Green, and Growth, through a strategic shift to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and New Energy Vehicles, including EVs. Shettima disclosed that the government has made N20 billion available through CreditCorp to finance the acquisition of locally assembled vehicles. He noted that affordable financing is essential to

boost demand and support local manufacturers.

"We acknowledge the need for innovative, bespoke financing packages with single-digit interest rates, specifically for Made-in-Nigeria vehicles. This is why the government has provided 20 billion naira through Credit Corp to finance the acquisition of locally made vehicles.

"When a teacher, a nurse, or an entrepreneur can afford a quality, locally-assembled car, we do more than make a sale-we fuel a virtuous cycle of demand, production, job creation, and national economic stability. Finance is the grease for the wheels of industry; we encourage our commercial institutions to find innovative way to finance and support the automotive sector," he said

He added that through the Nigeria First Policy, the government will continue to prioritise the procurement of Made-in-Nigeria vehicles across public and private institutions, while intensifying efforts to build EV

charging infrastructure nationwide.

"Through the Nigeria First Policy we encourage all public and private businesses to prioritise Locally produced vehicles in all procurement. Rest assured that this government will provide the policy support and incentives to make Nigeria the undisputed hub for both CNG and Electric Mobility in West Africa," he added

The National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC), he said, has already deployed solar-powered EV charging stations in select universities in line with the goal of building technical capacity among young Nigerians and strengthening the EV ecosystem.

Speaking also, Oluwemimo Joseph Osanipin, Director-General of NADDC, said the agency is working aggressively to revive and reposition the automotive sector through sustained implementation of the National Automotive Industry Development Plan (NAIDP). [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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Ethiopian Airlines Orders 6 More Airbus A350-900s

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Ethiopian Airlines added to its tally at this year's Dubai Airshow with an order for six additional Airbus A350-900 widebody aircraft.

The order, when combined with the 26 examples of the A350 that the airline currently operates, cements the carrier's position as the continent of Africa's largest A350 operator.

This agreement was signed at the Dubai Airshow by Mesfin Tasew, Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO and Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, Airbus' EVP Sales of the Commercial Aircraft business.

"We are delighted to expand our Airbus fleet size with this order and strengthen our partnership with Airbus," commented Mesfin Tasew. "As the continent's leading airline and the largest operator of the A350, this milestone order further



supports our vision to grow sustainably while providing a world-class travel experience to our passengers and strengthening our position as the aviation

leader in Africa." "We are proud to further deepen our partnership with Ethiopian Airlines, a long-standing Airbus customer and a benchmark for aviation

excellence in Africa," added Benoit de Saint-Exupéry. "The A350's state-of-the-art technology, efficiency and versatility will bring even greater value to

Ethiopian's operations." Ethiopian Airlines, as the fastest-growing airline in Africa, has been an A350 operator since January 2016. Its current fleet of 26

aircraft is made up of 22 A350-900s plus 4 of the larger A350-1000 variant.

These aircraft can accommodate 343 and 395 passengers respectively, all in a two-class configuration.

The introduction of the A350 into the carrier's fleet served two purposes. Firstly, it released ageing Boeing 767-300ERs from the fleet, but also has allowed for rapid international expansion for the Addis Ababa-based carrier. The airline currently operates 268 routes and serves 167 destinations across 87 countries.

The announcement of the order for more A350s came as the carrier's second large aircraft order of the Dubai Airshow 2025. On the first day of the event, the company announced it had exercised options for more Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

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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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General News

Cloudflare Outage Disrupts Nigerian News Media, Blocks Reader's Access

Culled: Major Nigerian news websites and media platforms experienced a widespread technical outage on Tuesday, following issues with Cloudflare, a US-based internet infrastructure company that supports millions of websites globally.

The disruption affected websites including PUNCH Newspapers, Vanguard, Daily Trust, Nairaland, The Nation, The Guardian Nigeria, and Bellanaija, among others.

Visitors were met with Cloudflare error messages, leaving users unable to access news, features, and timely updates.

The outage came at a critical time for Nigerian audiences, as the country grappled with several high-profile stories, including the abduction of schoolgirls in Kebbi State, and the PDP factional crisis in Abuja, among others.

For many Nigerians, traditional news websites remain the most trusted source of verified information.

The outage forced readers to rely on social media channels and blogs for updates, raising concerns about credibility and misinformation.

Media platforms like PUNCH, The Nation, and Vanguard rely heavily on daily web traffic for audience



Cloudflare

engagement, meaning the outage likely resulted in significant drops in metrics and online reach. This also equates to a drop-in revenue targets for the day.

Social media updates partially filled the gap, with headline and lead captions, as media organisations took to X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, and Facebook to keep followers informed.

However, the simultaneous X outage, due to Cloudflare issues, further disrupted the

flow of information, limiting timely access to news for many users.

Cloudflare, a provider of content delivery network and internet security services, acknowledged the technical problems on its status page, stating, "We are working to understand the full impact and mitigate this problem.

More updates to follow shortly."

The company also noted that scheduled maintenance in its Santiago, Chile data centre

could have contributed to the outage:

"Scheduled maintenance is currently in progress.

"Traffic might be rerouted from this location, hence there is a possibility of a slight increase in latency during this maintenance window for end-users in the affected region."

The outage illustrates the growing dependence of Nigerian newsrooms on global infrastructure for uninterrupted online delivery.

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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 SemiAjayi.

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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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SU Body Seeks Digitalisation Of Teacher Education



Nigerian student education

Culled: The National Association of Nigerian Colleges of Education Students (NANCES) has called for the expansion of the Electronic Education Initiative (E-DON) across Colleges of Education to enhance teachers' capacity to impact learners and improve Nigeria's global competitiveness.

Speaking at a media briefing in Abuja, the National President of NANCES, Kur Isaac Ushahemba, said that the teacher digitalisation project, which started in 2018, needs to be

strengthened and expanded beyond its current scope. "Nigeria needs to fully key into the teacher's digitalisation project like many countries across the globe because of the inherent advantages," he said. On behalf of the association, Ushahemba urged Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Federal Ministry of Education, and other stakeholders to expedite action on the initiative.

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"NANCES is calling on the Federal Ministry of Education, TETFUND, the Committee of Provosts for Colleges of Education, and the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) to further strengthen the digitalisation of teacher education in Nigeria.

"Digitalising the education system of this country will make us meet

the global standard of education.

At least we'll be able to compete with other countries. And that is why we see it as a great priority to take up this agitation," he added.

Ushahemba also said the association is seeking partners to support and enhance the digitisation process, ensuring Nigeria keep pace with countries that have advanced in the initiative.

He highlighted the impact of the E-DON project so far, noting that it has advanced digital education across tertiary institutions, empowered universities, polytechnics, and particularly colleges of education with tools to enhance global learning, modern teaching methods, and seamless classroom interaction.

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House of representatives

House Calls For New Strategies To Address Security Issues

Culled:
 The House of Representatives has called on President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to explore a new strategy to end security issues in Zamfara State, North West Nigeria.

The House also mandated all Ministers of Defence and Service Chiefs to relocate to Zamfara to conduct a massive and rigorous operation to address the issue.

The resolutions were sequel to the adoption of a motion on "Matter Of Urgent Public Importance On The Killing, Kidnapping And Imposition Of 100million Naira Tax By Bandits Inflicted On The People Of Keta,

Bilbis, Kwaren Ganuwa And Danjiga Wards Of Tsafe Local Government Area, Zamfara State," moved by Mr. Kabiru Ahmadu Maipalace, at plenary. Leading the debate on the motion, Mr. Maipalace said that just last week, on Saturday, former special adviser of Zamfara state, also a prominent member of APC, Mr. Umar Moriki, was shot dead by bandits along the Gusau to Tsafe road.

"Heavily armed bandits stormed and operated in Keta, Nasarawa Keta, Kwaren Ganuwa, Bilbis, Danjibga, Yar Tsakuwa, Kwankwado, Mai Dagalo, Chi Kuraye, Hayin Maru, Buku, Musawa Kalgo, and Unguwar

Madawaki, killing over 10 people, abducted 130 people, and imposed a high tax amounting to 100 Million Naira on these vulnerable communities," the motion said.

He also said that the House is worried that the demand for 100 million naira in taxes is not only unjust but also unattainable for a population already suffering from the loss of life and properties, whose primary economic activities are small-scale farming and petty trades.

"This crisis has created a dire humanitarian situation, with residents lacking access to basic needs such as Food, Healthcare, and Security. Fear

prevails as communities live under the threat of further attacks and demands for ransom," he said.

In adopting the motion, the House mandated its committees on Defence, Army, Navy, Air Force, National Security, and Legislative Compliance to ensure strict compliance with the resolutions.

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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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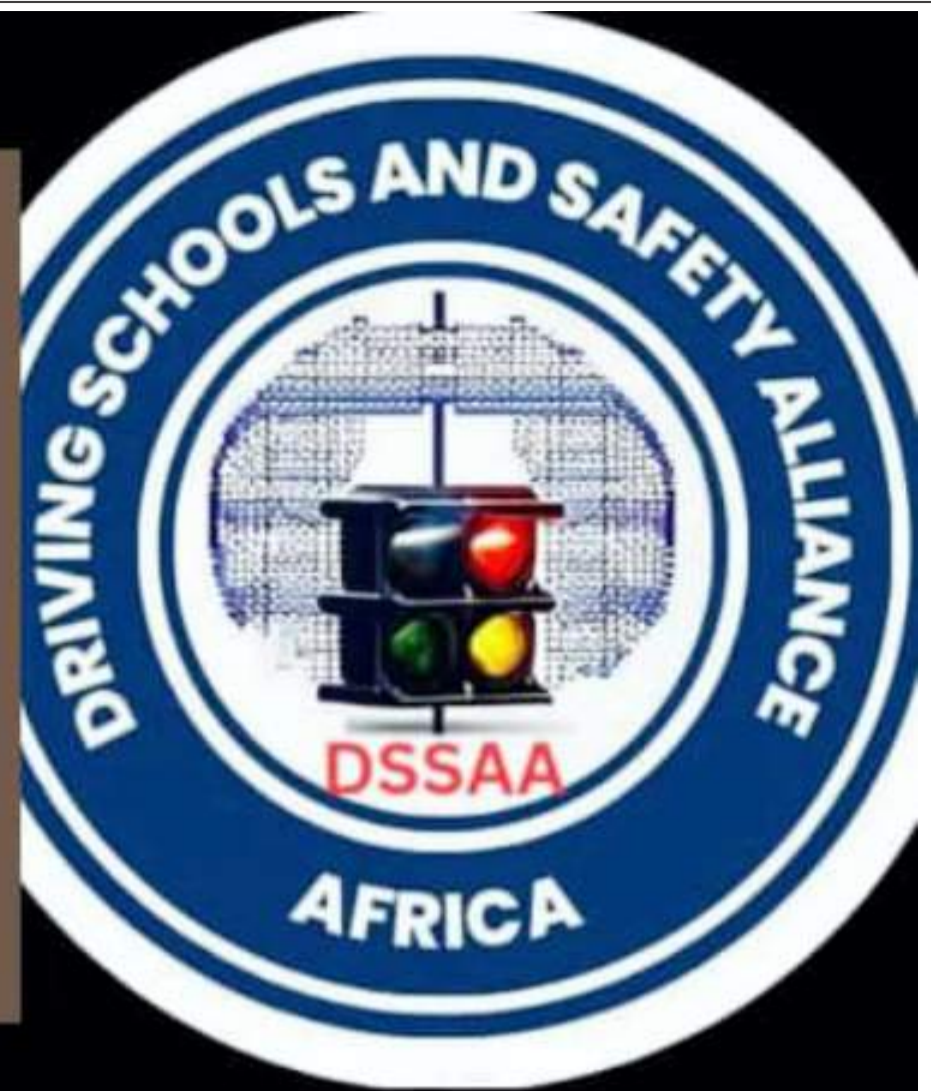


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