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Gridlock had intensified in recent weeks following repair works on the Marine Bridge by the Federal Ministry of Works, leaving both export and import trucks stranded along the Ijora Apapa axis.

But according to LASTCOC, the situation has steadily improved due to heightened on-ground oversight by the NPA leadership, particularly the Apapa Port Manager.

In a statement, LASTCOC Chairman, Shittu Lukmon, said the NPA's sustained 24-hour traffic management efforts have eased bottlenecks at the Lagos Port Complex (LPC) and reduced congestion across Export Processing Terminals (EPTs) despite the ongoing construction. He credited the Apapa Port Manager's

"unusual commitment" for the turnaround, noting that his daily presence often extending into weekends has reassured the trucking community and ensured smoother truck movement into and out of the port.

"This is commendable work from the Apapa Port Manager," Lukmon said. "I have never seen a port manager like him. I've seen him at the port on Saturdays and Sundays, making sure the entire system runs seamlessly."

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The party expressed concern that the once-functional road has become an eyesore and a potential breeding ground for disease. According to the AAC, the situation reflects a "complete breakdown of responsibility" on the part of the local authorities, who they say have

abandoned their duty to ensure proper waste management.

The AAC called on the LCDA to immediately clear the refuse, implement sustainable waste disposal measures, and restore sanity to the area. They also urged the Lagos State Government to intervene and hold local officials accountable for the environmental decay.

The party emphasised that residents deserve a clean and healthy environment and warned that continued neglect would only worsen public health risks and damage the reputation of the community.

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Adigun said the visit was designed to deepen the youth leaders' understanding of Lagos' expanding blue economy and expose them to the state's investments in water transportation, safety systems and sustainable environmental practices.



NYCN Chairmen with the Special adviser to the Governor on Blue Economy, Oluwadamilola Emmanuel

He described Lagos as "a national model for how waterways can drive mobility, tourism and economic growth."

Welcoming the delegation, Emmanuel praised the NYCN's interest in Lagos' transport reforms and reiterated LASWA's commitment to building a "safe, modern and technology-driven"

waterways industry.

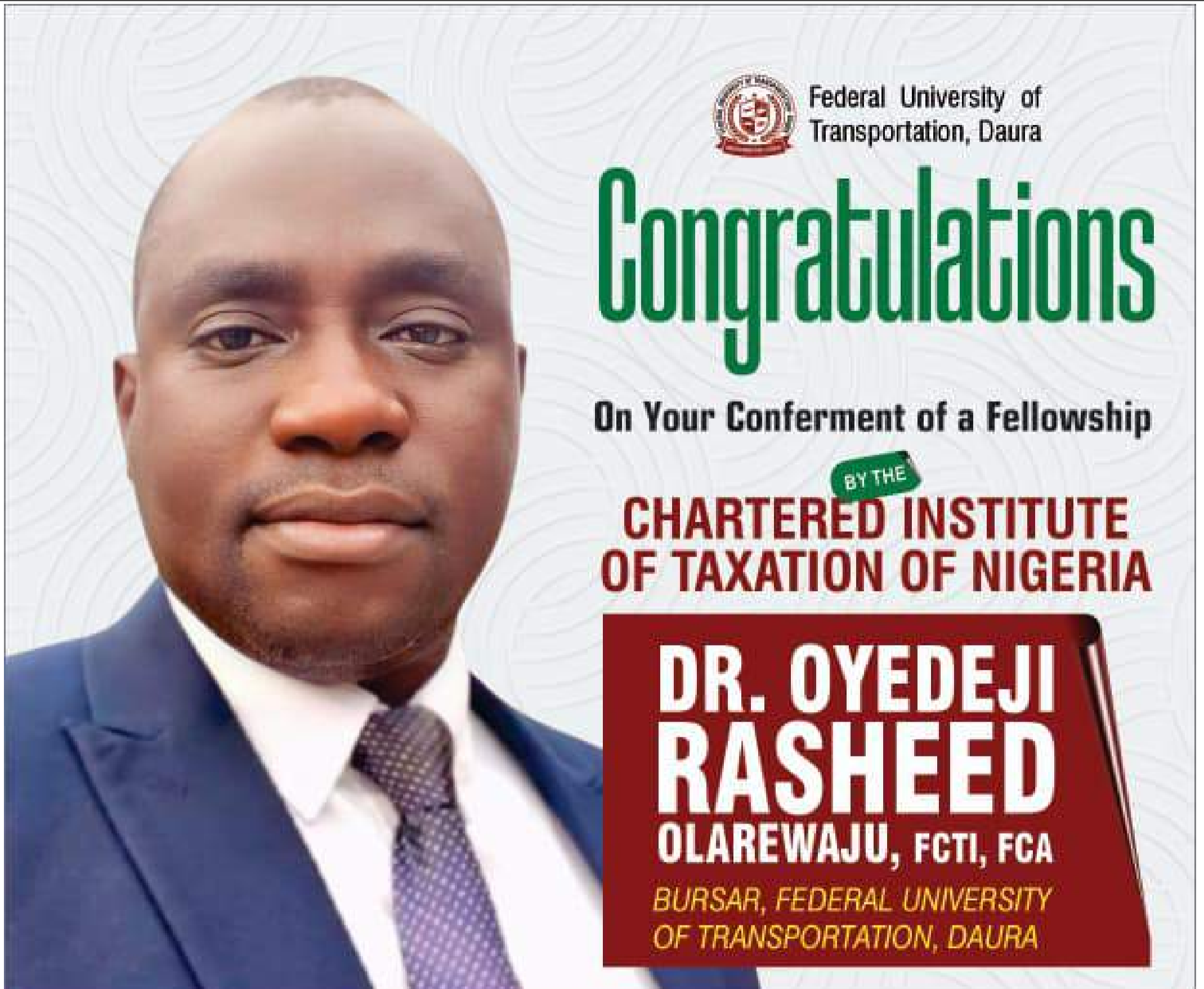
He noted that 28 states and the FCT have significant inland waterway potential, adding that Lagos continues to set the pace in infrastructure, regulation and innovation.

Emmanuel highlighted the state's real-time monitoring system for all ferries and showcased locally built vessels—including the Omnibus and

Omni Ferry, which he said meet international safety and performance standards.

The tour took the youth leaders through Lagos' scenic coastal corridors, ferry terminals and waterfront communities, offering firsthand insight into the state's long-term maritime and environmental plans.

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Ogun To Prosecute DJ Chicken Over Multiple Road Crashes

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Following a series of traffic accidents that have raised concerns about public safety, the Ogun State Ministry of Justice has announced plans to prosecute TikTok content creator, Ademola Abiodun, popularly known as DJ Chicken.

The action comes after Abiodun allegedly crashed into two motorcycles in Sagamu, Ogun State, on November 1, 2025, critically injuring a rider and a female passenger.

The government in a statement, Monday, on its official X handle, said witnesses reported that Abiodun tried to flee the scene before being stopped by onlookers.

According to the ministry, DJ Chicken was involved in another crash on Sunday in Lekki, Lagos State, narrowly escaping pedestrians, making it the third

Part of the statement reads, "Mr Abiodun's heedless return to the wheel with no greater care just three weeks

after makes it imperative that the state must intervene to protect the public – especially as there is an organic outcry against his continued driving.

"While it may be reasonable to allow crash victims to get compensation from persons who have driven recklessly and to resolve road traffic collisions as a civil wrong, some road users are special dangers to society and should be held to account under criminal law," it said.

The statement added that in an effort to guarantee accountability, the Attorney-

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DJ Chicken

NNPC Sets June 2026 Deadline For Refinery Partners

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The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited has announced a fresh target of June 2026 to finalise the selection of technical partners for the country's state-owned refineries, following years of failed rehabilitation efforts and a sharp decline in refining expertise.

The Group Chief Executive Officer of NNPC, Bayo Ojulari, disclosed this during a question-and-answer session at a press briefing on Monday in Abuja, where the company announced a Profit After Tax of N5.4tn for the 2024 financial year, the strongest in its corporate history.

Ojulari said Nigeria's refineries, the Port Harcourt, Warri, and Kaduna plants, despite ongoing rehabilitation, remain "well below international standards," making their products commercially uncompetitive, especially compared to the privately-owned Dangote Refinery.

He, however, explained that the current management is seeking competent

private partners with proven refinery management experience to support the revival of Nigeria's state-owned refineries.

According to him, the new strategy is to work only with private entities that already own and operate functioning refineries, stressing that the partnerships would be based strictly on verifiable track records and structured as business collaborations.

He stressed that any collaboration would be business-driven, based on solid track records and structured as commercial (not state-driven) arrangements. Citing the Dangote Refinery as an example of how technical capacity has shifted abroad, he noted that many of the experts currently running such facilities are foreign because Nigeria has "lost capability over time."

The NNPC boss explained that years of underinvestment, weak governance, and collapsing technical capacity had left Nigeria unable to operate the refineries to global standards.

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FG Ready To Fund Modular Refineries - Lokpobiri

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In order to address the challenges of crude oil pipeline vandalism, the Minister of Petroleum Resources (Oil), Senator Heineken Lokpobiri at the weekend asked illegal operators to emulate the model of the ongoing Ebenco Global Link Limited refinery in Koko, Delta State to replicate other modular refineries.

Addressing reporters after inspecting the refinery, he urged them to acquire modular refineries with the support of credit facilities from the Federal Government.

Lokpobiri said when they acquire modular refineries, the operators will procure crude oil, pay tax and in on the other hand, generate employment.

He said the solution will be beneficial to both the government and the present operators of illegal refineries.

His words: "Producing modular refineries locally is one of the solutions to pipeline vandalism that is going on by those who want to do illegal refining.

"When Ebenco modular is completed, we want to see how this could be



Senator Lokpobiri

replicated in collaboration with stakeholders so that those who are breaking pipelines don't need to break pipeline.

"They need to just acquire this (modular refinery) and if they don't have money we will see how we can procure them. And then they will pay back in over a period of time.

"We have to find ways to solving that problem vandalism by those who are

doing coal fire. By the time we come up with this solution, they will buy the crude, pay taxes, we will have sustainable employment for them and at the end of the day, it will be win-win for everybody."

He expressed satisfaction with the level of establishment the indigenous modular refinery has reached. Lokpobiri pledged to commission the plant when it is completely established.

According to him, in partnership with

Chinese and others, Ebenco has acquired technology and domesticated it in line with global standards.

The minister said, "This is what other countries do, you acquire technology and then domesticate it.

You bring it home. When I got here and saw Ebenco in partnership with partners from other countries with a view to ensuring that whatever it produces in this place will meet global standards.

"So, I am very impressed with what I am seeing and it is what is recommended for those who want to operate in the midstream. Anybody who wants modular refineries instead of going outside the country should come to Ebenco and then see what is being done here."

He pledged Federal Government's support for the fledging local modular refinery.

The minister vowed to draft the Nigerian Content Development Monitoring Board (NCDMB), Executive Secretary, Engr. Felix Ogbe and the management team to assess Ebenco modular refinery for

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Soldiers Destroy Seven Illegal Oil Refining Sites, Arrest Four

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Soldiers from the 6 Division, Nigerian Army, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, have destroyed seven illegal crude oil refining sites in their sustained efforts in the Niger Delta Region.

During the operation, soldiers arrested four suspects and recovered 109,000 litres of stolen petroleum products.

6 Division Army Public Relations, in a statement in Port Harcourt, yesterday, said success was achieved in a sustained operation against oil theft.

Danjuma said: "In the latest operations conducted with other security agencies between 10 and 23 November 2025, several illegal refining sites were taken out, four suspected oil thieves were arrested with over 109,000 litres of stolen products recovered across the NDR.

"These include over 88,000 litres of stolen crude oil and 21,355 litres of illegally refined Automotive Gasoline Oil (AGO). The total cost of the products recovered amounted to over One Hundred and Fifty Million Naira only."

Danjuma disclosed that the operations were conducted in Rivers, Akwa Ibom and Delta State.

He said: "Operations conducted in Rivers State around Okolomade in Ahoada West Local Government Area (LGA) led to the deactivation of three illegal refining sites, three big pots, four big receivers and three big coolants, with over 40,000 litres of stolen crude and 20,000 litres of illegally refined AGO recovered. At the fringes of the Imo River, troops discovered three illegal refining sites, eight drum pots,

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The Petroleum Products Retail Outlets Owners Association of Nigeria, PETROAN, has warned that Nigerian filling stations may shut down without a federal government bailout to sustain the current lower petrol price or allow the fair market price to prevail.

The national president of PETROAN, Billy Gillis-Harry, disclosed this in an interview with DAILY POST on Monday. DAILY POST reports that fuel prices in Abuja dropped last week to between N930 and N945 per litre, depending on the location.

Reacting, Gillis-Harry insisted that the current lower pump prices are "not in any way guided by fair market pricing."

According to him, the decrease neither reflects supply-demand dynamics nor the cost realities of importing, refining, or distributing petrol. He said petrol prices are not determined by actual market fundamentals; thus, the market is being distorted. Distorted markets always come with consequences.

Gillis-Harry warned that eventually, many marketers will lack the capital to

Nigerian Filling Stations Face Shutdown-PETROAN

continue purchasing products. Once that happens, supply shortages could re-emerge — potentially triggering another round of price hikes or scarcity.

He stressed the need for what he calls "right sizing, right pricing, fair pricing, and honest value." In other words, petrol must be priced according to real market conditions, not artificial adjustments that appear beneficial on the surface but are damaging underneath.

He added that the entire market is currently "walking towards price volatility guided by Dangote," implying that Nigeria's downstream sector has effectively become dependent on one dominant refinery, a situation he argues is unhealthy for competition and stability.

"Lower prices today are not guided by

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Circular Road: Makinde Promises Compensation, Resettlement

Makinde emphasised that, in line with his promise to run a people-centred government, he would visit the Circular Road, listen to residents, and explore all possibilities, including adequate compensation and resettlement.

He noted that his administration did not carry out any land acquisition for the project, saying he was forced to release documents showing that the previous government acquired 500 metres on each side of the road and had published the decision in a November 2018 edition of a national daily.

"When I took up this job, I envisaged situations like this. You did not come beg me to become the governor. I came out to say I wanted to do something good for this state. We acknowledge that progress must be people-centred. And we remain committed to ensuring that development remains fair, humane, and inclusive.

"So, I will honour the promise that I made to visit, to listen and to explore all

possibilities, including resettlement, in addition to adequate compensation. I will start this week. On Wednesday, I will visit Ologuneru. But, let me say this, the Circular Road is not just about connectivity; it is about equity, growth, and shared prosperity.

"I was forced to release from the archive a document that shows adverts in the Nigerian Tribune newspaper of November 24, 2018, which showed that the state government at that time acquired 500 metres on the right and 500 metres on the left. On November 24, 2018, was I the governor then?

"But we are engaging with our people. I promised a previous set of protesters when they came under the bridge that we would integrate them. But they also should know that, for me, in about 18 months, I will be out of here. I have started our preparation for transition.

"In 2027, other players will be here. If some people think they should attack Makinde and politicise this thing, maybe the people will vote for them. I can tell you that the state people are

wiser. The next set of leaders, I can only prop them up, expose them, encourage them; the people of this state will be the ultimate deciders."

Makinde added that apart from focusing on development, his administration is shifting governance toward institutional legacy, ensuring that governance is based on systems rather than personalities.

"Our focus has been to shift towards institutional legacies, ensuring that governance is system-based, not personality-based. In Oyo State, we don't want strong men, we want strong institutions, and we have created some of those; including OYACA and the Oyo State Rule of Law Enforcement Authority. So, we'll continue to strengthen our civil service, digitise government processes, and entrench transparency as the standard for leadership.

"Our legacy will not be measured by buildings alone but by the values that sustain progress long after we have left the stage.

"They are talking about the Circular

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Governor Makinde

Oyo State Governor, Seyi Makinde, on Monday declared that his administration would continue to ensure that development is fair, humane, and inclusive, noting that he will engage with residents affected by the ongoing 110km Senator Rashidi Ladoja Circular Road Project beginning Wednesday.

The governor made the declaration while presenting the 2026 budget proposal to the House of Assembly at the House of Chiefs Secretariat in Ibadan.

The PUNCH reports that affected residents have staged a series of protests over the past few months within Ibadan and its environs, causing artificial hindrances to the project.



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The statement, signed by management, revealed that Honeywell will supply catalysts, specialist equipment and technology solutions to enable the refinery to process a broader slate of crude grades.

It said the collaboration is expected to significantly improve operational efficiency and support the projected ramp-up in output.

It read, "Dangote Group is pleased to announce that it has entered a strategic partnership with Honeywell International



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Inc to support the next phase of expansion of the Dangote Petroleum Refinery. This collaboration will provide advanced technology and services that will enable the refinery to increase its processing capacity to 1.4 million barrels per day by 2028, marking a major milestone in our long-term vision to build the world's largest petroleum refining process a broader slate of crude grades. Through this agreement, Honeywell will supply specialised catalysts, equipment, and process technologies that will allow the refinery to process a broader slate of crude grades efficiently and to further

enhance product quality and operational reliability."

Under the deal, Dangote will also deploy Honeywell UOP's Oleflex technology to boost its polypropylene capacity to 2.4 million metric tonnes per year, deepening Nigeria's footprint in the global petrochemicals market.

Although the financial terms were not explicitly disclosed, a source familiar with the transaction told Reuters that the agreement could exceed \$250 million, depending on the final configuration of the expansion.

"Dangote Group is also advancing its petrochemical footprint. As part of the wider collaboration, we are scaling our polypropylene capacity to 2.4 million metric tons annually using Honeywell's Oleflex technology. Polypropylene is a key industrial material widely used across packaging, manufacturing, and automotive applications.

"While contracts of such nature tend to vary based on the project's complexity, a source familiar with the situation said it could be valued at over \$250 million." It noted.

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Wike Vows Timely Completion Of Kuje Road Project June



Wike

Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Wike, has expressed satisfaction with the pace and quality of ongoing road construction projects in Kuje Area Council, assuring residents that the Airport Road to Kuje Road will be completed and delivered by June next year.

Wike, who stated this during an inspection of Kuje projects, also revealed that a series of school projects would soon be commissioned across the territory.

"Those who say we are not doing anything are not well informed. We will soon begin commissioning and flagging off major projects in the school system. Development is not a

one-day thing; it is a continuous process", Wike said.

The minister noted that contractors have demonstrated commitment to meeting the agreed timeline, noting that the project has become a major milestone for the administration.

According to him, the project, first awarded in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic stalled for years until the present administration intervened.

"When we came on board, the contractor was not on site. Through our engagement with stakeholders, we pushed for the contractor to return. Today, we are impressed with the work and the residents are happy," Wike said.

Wike reiterated that development is a continuous process, adding that his administration is also closely monitoring the dualization of the Kuje Gwagwalada Road being handled by Gilmore Engineering.

He explained that the firm, which executed the initial section from Kuje

Junction, was allowed to continue the stretch to Gwagwalada to ensure consistency and quality.

"If we keep to our own promise, 70 to 80 percent of the job will be completed within schedule. These are critical roads that will transform economic activities in this corridor and the FCT in general,"

He added that the completed network would ease movement significantly, eliminating the need for commuters between Kuje and Gwagwalada to rely on the Airport road.

The minister emphasized that many existing deficits, especially in basic infrastructure, were inherited, but assured that his administration remains committed to bridging these gaps under the Renewed Hope agenda.

Responding to concerns about possible community resistance to the projects, Wike said the FCT Administration has enjoyed strong cooperation from residents and area

council leaders.

"The communities are always supportive. They know that obstructing progress only affects them negatively. We are getting good cooperation from the inhabitants," he added.

Wike reaffirmed that his administration is focused on delivering projects that improve the lives of FCT residents, both in the city centre and rural communities.

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Kazakhstan Accelerates Air, Road Infrastructure Development

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Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov held a meeting on Nov. 24 to advance the development of Kazakhstan's air hubs and road sector. Bektenov was presented with a three-year civil aviation development plan aligned with global forecasts projecting the aviation market to double by 2040. The plan emphasizes compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards, where Kazakhstan currently ranks 95.7%, well above the global average of 72.01%, reported the Prime Minister's press service.

Key initiatives include modernization of airports and navigation infrastructure, expansion of domestic and international routes, growth of the aircraft fleet, and enhanced training for aviation specialists through international



partnerships. Plans for Astana and Almaty airports include new runways, terminals, cargo and technical clusters, and full infrastructure upgrades

to boost passenger and cargo capacity. Subsidies for domestic routes aim to strengthen regional connectivity, while cargo development is set to expand

Kazakhstan's logistics potential. The meeting also addressed road infrastructure projects, focusing on current conditions and strategies

to improve quality. According to officials, civil aviation acts as a key economic multiplier, with every 100 jobs in the sector generating up to 610 additional jobs across

related industries. Passenger traffic has already grown 6% in January-October, exceeding 13 million passengers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He said this regional approach has accelerated the rollout of major projects, improved coordination between institutions, and encouraged innovation in both planning and service delivery.

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

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

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

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

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



Bayo Onanuga

Security Adviser.

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

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

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

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

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

"The United States also expressed its willingness to

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

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

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MTN Nigeria Unveils Nationwide Festive Campaign

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Nigeria Ready For Tourism Investment - FG



Fagade

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

and viable alternative to oil.

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

weekend.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Nigeria Leads Continental Push For AfCFTA Implementation

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

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

Committee, with support from Afreximbank and other partners.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Nigeria Moves To Strengthen Online Safety Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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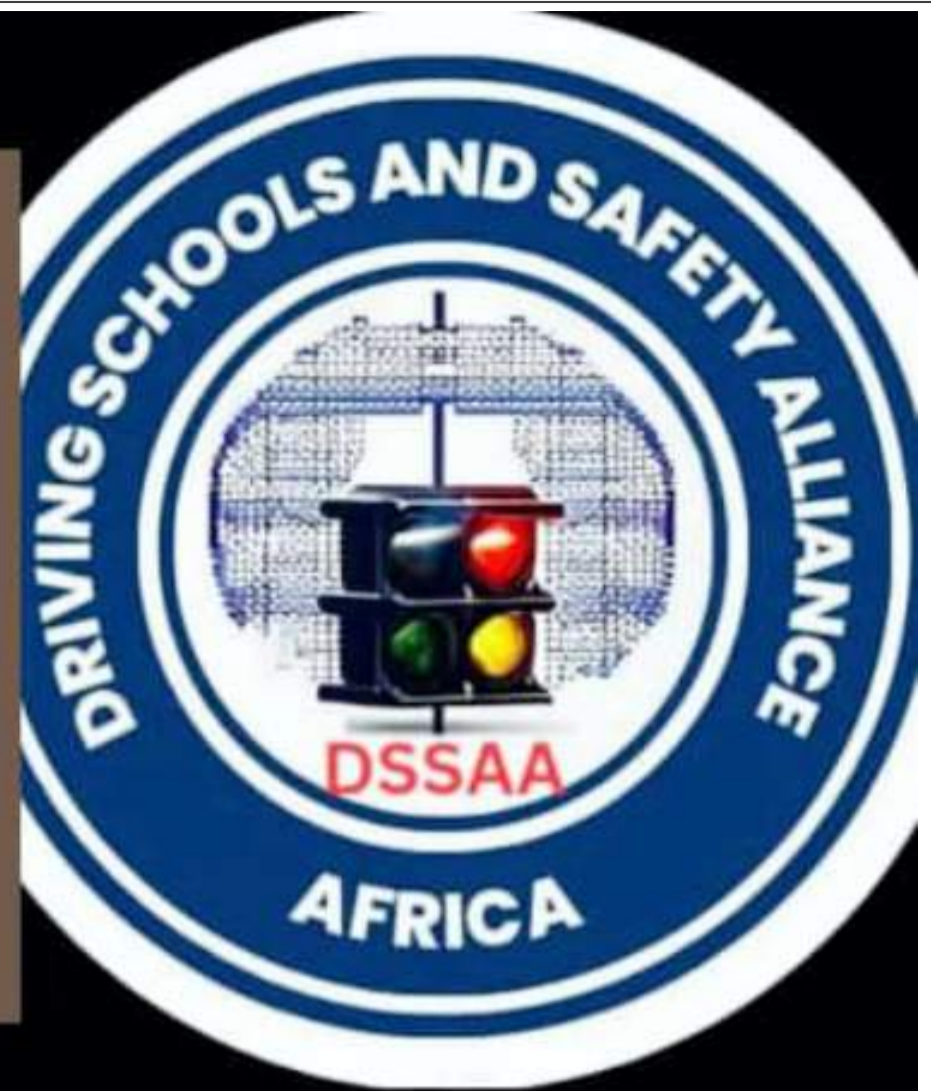


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