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# Two Killed, 10 Injured In Fatal Ikorodu Road Crash

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A fatal road accident on Ikorodu Road, Lagos, on Tuesday claimed the lives of an adult female and an eight-month-old baby, while 10 other passengers sustained varying degrees of injuries.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) confirmed that the crash occurred opposite Olabode House, between Anthony and Obanikoro, involving two commercial buses.

According to preliminary reports, a red Tata commercial bus travelling from Palmgroove towards Anthony was allegedly driven at excessive speed when it lost mechanical and directional control. The vehicle reportedly veered off its lane, broke through the median barrier and crashed into an oncoming Volkswagen commercial bus heading from Anthony towards Palmgroove.

The impact of the collision led to the instant death of an adult female passenger in the Volkswagen bus, while an eight-month-old female infant

later died from injuries sustained in the accident.

LASTMA said its operatives, with the support of members of the public, promptly carried out rescue and recovery operations at the scene. Ten victims, including the drivers of both vehicles, were rescued from the wreckage. Six injured passengers were extricated from the Volkswagen bus, while four others were rescued from the Tata bus.

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The accident scene

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According to the organisation, the presentation of the plaques to nominated honourees in government and the corporate sector will begin on Monday, December 15, 2025. Each recipient will also receive an official letter of acknowledgement as formal endorsement and recognition of the honour.

GTe-Newspaper disclosed that the initiative forms part of activities marking its first anniversary in publication. The project is designed to recognise individuals in the transportation industry, as well as organisations and professionals with significant logistics and commuting

operations, for their contributions to improved service delivery and transport efficiency across Nigeria.

The anniversary celebration will also coincide with the launch of a national transport safety advocacy initiative tagged the Safer Transport Operations Project (STOP). The programme is aimed at engaging selected industry leaders as National Ambassadors for Transport Safety to promote awareness and improved safety practices within their respective spheres of influence.

Speaking on the initiative, Managing Editor of the publication, Mrs. Funmilola Olowookere, said the honourees were selected based on the collective assessment and resolution of the organisation's editorial board.

She explained that recipients would be presented with specially branded front-page portraits for display in their offices and homes, in addition to official letters of honour.

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TY Logistics Park FZE has officially launched its flagship grade-A logistics facility at the Lekki Free Zone, marking a major milestone for Nigeria's logistics and industrial sector. Built to international standards and designed as a fully integrated contract logistics platform, the park introduces a new operational benchmark for warehousing, inventory management, and regional distribution in West Africa.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, Mr. Theo Danjuma Jr., Chairman of TY Logistics Park, describes the facility as "a purpose-built platform that solves long-standing supply chain inefficiencies and positions Nigeria as a competitive hub for regional trade."

Located beside the Lekki Deep Sea Port and within minutes of the upcoming international airport, the 29,000 sqm facility offers over 45,000 pallet positions, advanced storage systems, and a fully automated



Dignitaries at the official launch of TY Logistics FZE

warehouse management system providing real-time visibility and audit-ready operations.

Its facility provides warehouse infrastructure built to global specifications, WMS-driven inventory management with 99.99% accuracy, Sector-specific SOPs for FMCG, pharmaceuticals, retail, electronics, agriculture and more. It also provided

cross-docking, pick-and-pack, and regional distribution services, Import/export processing and Free Zone compliance support, Solar-ready, EDGE-certified design and electric material handling equipment.

In his goodwill message, Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, reaffirmed the State's commitment to enabling private-sector-led industrial

growth, noting that the Lekki axis is becoming Africa's new manufacturing and logistics powerhouse.

In addition, Mr. Stephen Jennings, Founder & Group CEO of Rendeavour, highlighted the strategic role of industrial and residential ecosystems like Alaro City in attracting investment and strengthening Nigeria's global trade competitiveness.

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## Local Transport News

# Oyo Govt Partners Pacesetter Transport To Host Transport Fest 1.0

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The Oyo State Government, in partnership with Pacesetter Transport Service, is set to host Transport Fest 1.0 on December 19, 2025, at the Seyi Makinde Terminal, Eleyele Transport Park, Ibadan.

The festival, billed as a celebration of the transport sector and a platform for youth engagement, promises an exciting mix of music, comedy, cultural displays, and interactive activities designed to bring the community together.

Popular artistes, comedians, and social media influencers are expected to perform, creating a lively atmosphere for residents, transport workers, and visitors.

Speaking ahead of the event, Hon. Dr. Dikko Salami, chairman and sole administrator of pacesetter transport service said, "TRANSPORT Fest 1.0 is more than just entertainment; it is a celebration of progress in Oyo State's transport sector. We want our people,

especially the youth, to see the potential in the transport industry, to understand its impact on daily life, and to engage with it creatively. This festival is our way of combining fun, culture, and community dialogue under one roof."

He further emphasized that the festival would serve as a platform for discussions on transport innovation, safety, and efficiency, reflecting the state government's commitment to modernizing public transport while creating opportunities for the youth.

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Oyo govt partners pacesetter transport

# Ekiti Approves N15.2bn For Road Reconstruction

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The Ekiti State Government has approved ₦15.181bn for the reconstruction of the Ifaki-Esure-Illomu-Eyio-Awo-Igede Ekiti Road.

The Commissioner for Information, Taiwo Olatunbosun, said the State Executive Council approved the contract for the reconstruction of the road, which links several communities, to be awarded to CCECC Nigeria Limited.

Olatunbosun disclosed this in a statement made available on Sunday on the approvals at the SEC meeting held last week.

He said, "At the SEC meeting, there was approval of ₦15.182bn for the reconstruction of the Ifaki-Esure-Illomu-Eyio-Awo-Igede Ekiti Road.

"The decision reflects the Governor Biodun Oyebanji administration's sustained commitment to improving transportation infrastructure across the state.

"It is aimed at easing vehicular movement,

opening up adjoining communities and boosting socio-economic activities within the corridor.

"The contract for the full reconstruction of the road was approved to be awarded to Messrs CCECC Nig. Limited, with payment of 60 per cent of the contract sum as mobilisation fee upon the submission of an Advance Payment Guarantee or Insurance Bond. The project is scheduled to be completed within 24 months."

Olatunbosun said the SEC also approved a ₦500m Cooperative Intervention Fund to strengthen grassroots economic development.

He said, "The approval is aimed at boosting the capacity, productivity and long-term sustainability of cooperative societies and unions across the state."

He recalled that Oyebanji had pledged during the 2023 Cooperative Day celebration to provide strategic support to strengthen the cooperative movement as a driver of inclusive economic growth in the state.

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This was disclosed on Sunday in a statement by the spokesperson of NCS, Abdullahi Maiwada.

The renewed collaboration was reinforced during a recent meeting between the Comptroller General of Customs (CGC), Adewale Adeniyi, and the Executive Director of Distribution Systems, Storage, and Retailing Infrastructure at NMDPRA, Ogbuoko Ukoha.

Adeniyi reaffirmed the commitment of the Customs Service to deepening interagency cooperation, particularly in preventing petroleum products intended for the domestic market from being diverted to neighboring countries. He said the partnership with NMDPRA had already yielded tangible results,



Customs partners NMDPRA

pointing to Operation Whirlwind as a successful model of intelligence sharing, joint enforcement, and coordinated field operations.

The CGC stressed that Customs remains aligned with reforms in the petroleum sector and would continue to offer technical input, operational feedback, and border management expertise to support the implementation of new export point guidelines being

developed by the NMDPRA.

Commending the Authority for aligning legacy procedures with the Petroleum Industry Act, Adeniyi noted that clear and efficient export point processes are critical as Nigeria transitions from a net importer to an emerging exporter of petroleum products.

"We welcome every initiative that strengthens energy security and ensures that the gains recorded in

reducing cross-border diversion are sustained. Our shared duty is to protect national interest, support legitimate trade, and maintain a transparent system stakeholders can trust," he said. In his response, Ukoha described the relationship between NMDPRA and the Customs Service as long-standing and productive, identifying Operation Whirlwind as the peak of that collaboration.

He explained that the joint deployment of personnel, intelligence sharing, and coordinated monitoring of border corridors had led to a significant decline in cross-border diversion of petroleum products.

Ukoha said the visit was to brief the Customs leadership on newly developed guidelines for the designation of export points, in line with Nigeria's expanding refining capacity. According to him, the NMDPRA is consulting key institutions, including the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, and the Nigerian Navy, to

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# Nigeria Attracts \$2bn Investments In CNG, Eyes \$5bn In 2027

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The Executive Chairman/CEO of the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas (PiCNG) and Electric Vehicles (EVs), Mr Ismaeel Ahmed, says that the project has attracted over \$2 billion investments in the CNG subsector.

Ahmed, who was represented by Mr Zayyanu Tambari, Chief Compliance Officer, of PiCNG, at the unveiling and stakeholders' engagement at the Alfa Design Nigeria Limited CNG products in collaboration with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Friday in Abuja, said that the products unveiled included CNG conversion kits by Mijo AutoGas, CNG cylinder by EKC International, CNG Mother Station by CIMC ENRIC and Optical Gas Imaging Camera by Opgal Optronics.

He disclosed that the initiative rounded up to \$2 billion of private sector investment in the CNG subsector in just two years while targeting \$5 billion investment in 2027.

"As of 2023, when this programme started, the CNG sector was virtually non-

existent.

"It was not really attracting any serious investment from any quarters. Today, as I speak, we have attracted over 1.8 billion dollars investments.

"We have rounded up to two billion dollars of private sector investment in the CNG subsector in just two years," he said.

According to him, the event is a further reinforcement of the investment growing in the CNG space, adding that the target for 2027 is a modest target of five billion dollars.

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Mr Ismaeel

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President of the Dangote Group, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, on Friday, declared that the era of fuel queues in Nigeria "is gone forever," assuring that petrol supply will remain stable throughout the Christmas season and beyond.

Speaking with journalists after meeting President Bola Tinubu at the State House, Abuja, Dangote said the company has already notified the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) of its ability to supply 50 million litres of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) daily, well above the country's consumption needs.

"Historically, Nigeria has battled fuel queues since 1972. For the first time, we are eliminating those queues, not through imports but by producing locally," he said.

"Even when we were servicing the refinery, there were no queues. I can assure you that queues are now history."

Dangote added that neighbouring countries will also benefit, noting that by February, the refinery will be able to supply 15 to 20 million litres more than Nigeria consumes.

# Dangote Assures Of Stable Fuel Supply Ahead Of Christmas

"So, we must export. Even our neighbours won't experience queues because they can buy from us," he said. He explained that domestic manufacturers, particularly in the plastics sector, which previously spent up to \$400 million annually on imports, will now receive full local supply of their feedstock. On the refinery's long-term plans, Dangote unveiled an ambitious expansion drive to raise capacity to 1.4 million barrels per day by 2028, overtaking India's Reliance refinery, currently the world's largest at 1.25 million barrels per day.

"We have already signed the necessary agreements. Construction piling begins before the end of January, and we will deliver on schedule," he assured.

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# Aviation Growth Crashes 2.88% As Airfares Soar

N105.77bn in 2025, while Q2 moved from N28.59bn to N37.35bn over the same period.

A quarter-on-quarter review for 2025 shows how volatile the industry has been. The size of the sector dropped by about 64.7 per cent between Q1 and Q2, from N105.77bn to N37.35bn. It then more than doubled between Q2 and Q3, with output jumping by about 116.8 per cent to N80.98bn.

However, because the comparison for growth is made against the same quarters of 2024, the year-on-year nominal growth rate still fell from 57.21 per cent in Q1 to 30.60 per cent in Q2 and 2.88 per cent in Q3.

The data also show that air transport's share of the total economy remains very small and slightly lower than a year earlier. The sector accounted for 0.07 per cent of total GDP in Q3 2025, compared with 0.08 per cent in Q3 2024. Its share had stood at 0.11 per cent in Q1 2025 and 0.04 per cent in Q2. By contrast, the wider economy continued to expand in nominal terms.

GDP at current basic prices rose from N96.16tn in Q3 2024 to N113.59tn in Q3 2025. The quarterly figures for the whole economy also climbed from N79.51tn to N94.05tn between Q1 2024 and Q1 2025, and from N84.48tn to N100.73tn between Q2 2024 and Q2 2025.

Real growth numbers for aviation confirm that the sector has moved from deep contraction to modest expansion, even though momentum has eased.

Air transport real GDP growth was negative throughout 2024, at -9.51 per cent in Q1, -11.18 per cent in Q2, and -9.90 per cent in Q3. In 2025, the sector returned to positive territory, posting -0.81 per cent in Q1, 6.34 per cent in Q2, and 1.60 per cent in Q3.

Taken together, the NBS figures show an aviation industry that recorded very strong year-on-year nominal growth at the start of 2025 but saw that growth rate collapse to 2.88 per cent by Q3, even though output and its contribution to GDP remained above 2024 levels.

The slowdown comes at a time when travellers are contending with high ticket

prices, raising questions about how long the sector can sustain growth amid elevated costs and pressured demand.

In a bid to tackle this, the Senate recently summoned the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, and major players in the aviation sector for an emergency interface following nationwide outrage over the drastic surge in domestic airfare ahead of the festive season.

The resolution was prompted by a motion sponsored by Senator Buhari Abdulfatai, who raised the alarm that the soaring ticket prices threaten national mobility and could severely disrupt end-of-year travel plans for millions of Nigerians.

The upper chamber's intervention comes amid reports that one-way tickets on several domestic routes—especially flights heading to the South-South and South-East—have skyrocketed by as much as 200 per cent, with fares now crossing the N300,000 mark. Before the Yuletide rush, tickets on the same routes averaged around N120,000.

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National Bureau of Statistics NBS

Aviation sector growth crashed to 2.88 per cent in the third quarter of 2025, even as passengers grapple with high airfares, latest figures from the National Bureau of Statistics have shown.

The NBS Gross Domestic Product report for Q3 2025 indicated that the nominal year-on-year growth rate of air transport fell sharply to 2.88 per cent, down from 30.60 per cent in the second quarter and 57.21 per cent in the first quarter of the year.

Despite the weaker growth rate, the value of output in the sector rose. Air transport GDP at current basic prices increased from N78.71bn in Q3 2024 to N80.98bn in Q3 2025. In Q1, the sector expanded from N67.28bn in 2024 to



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# Soludo announces Dualisation Of 3-3, Nkisi, Nkwelle Roads

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The Anambra State governor, Chukwuma Soludo, has announced plans to dualise the 3-3, Nkisi and Nkwelle roads in Onitsha to ease persistent traffic congestion in the affected areas.

In a video circulating online, the governor disclosed that residents and commuters around the 3-3 and Nkwelle axis are often trapped in traffic for as long as four to five hours daily.

While inspecting the area on Saturday, the governor described the traffic situation as “unacceptable” and pledged to bring it to an end.

According to him, the proposed road projects form part of a broader infrastructure development agenda which targets “unlocking” the 3-3 axis through an expanded and interconnected road network that will give rise to a “new Onitsha.”

He said, “We are going to unlock 3-3 and the Nkwelle axis as part of our massive



Governor Chukwuma Soludo

agenda to create a 'new development plan aimed on the roads will Onitsha'. People are at expanding and commence early next held in traffic for over interconnecting road year. The project would five hours every day, networks within the give residents a renewed and that is going to stop. metropolis, thereby sense of inclusion, “The dualisation of the easing congestion and improved mobility and 3-3, Nkisi and Nkwelle opening up new much-needed economic roads is part of our economic opportunities. relief. broader infrastructure “The construction work “I personally inspected

the affected roads and surrounding areas to properly assess the level of neglect and ensure adequate planning ahead of the dualisation project. I went to those areas myself in preparation for the dualisation.”

The governor added that when completed, the dualised roads are expected to drastically reduce travel time, improve traffic flow, boost commercial activities and significantly enhance the urban outlook of Onitsha and neighbouring communities.

The 3-3, Nkisi and Nkwelle roads in Onitsha serve as major components linking several parts of Onitsha and its environs.

For decades, the roads have remained in a deplorable condition, resulting in several hours of traffic gridlock on a daily basis.

In October, Soludo reaffirmed his commitment to the dualisation of several major road projects across the state to boost transportation and economic development.

The governor said this is part of a larger plan to dualise all major “Trunk A” routes, including both state and federal roads, to connect different parts of the state seamlessly.

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## FG Approves N6.4trn PPP Projects To Boost Ports



Federal Executive Council (FEC)

The Federal Executive Council has approved three major Public-Private Partnership projects valued at over N6.43tn, signaling another significant wave of private-sector investment into Nigeria's infrastructure landscape.

The projects — two deep seaports and a 460-megawatt hydropower plant — form the second batch of PPP initiatives cleared by the Council within one month, underscoring President Bola Tinubu's push for private capital as a driver of growth under the Renewed Hope Agenda.

The approvals were announced in a statement released by the Director-General of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory

Commission, Jobson Ewalefoh, on Friday.

He said the deals represent one of the strongest signals yet that the government's reform agenda is yielding measurable impact.

The statement read, “The Federal Executive Council has approved three transformative Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects, confirming an injection of over N6.43tn (approximately \$4.29bn) in private capital into the Nigerian economy. These approvals underscore the practical impact of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, which prioritises private-sector-led infrastructure delivery as a catalyst for national growth, economic competitiveness, and job creation.”

He explained that improved policy clarity, economic liberalisation, and strengthened regulatory institutions have boosted investor confidence, enabling the Federal Government to unlock billions of dollars in long-term

investments.

The newly approved projects constitute the second batch of seven PPP initiatives endorsed by the Council in the last month, all under the regulatory guidance of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission.

The new projects include the \$2.27bn Bakassi Deep Seaport, the \$1.14bn Port of Ondo Deep Seaport, and the \$878.1m Katsina-Ala Hydropower Plant, all to be fully financed, developed, and operated by private investors.

Ewalefoh said the projects reaffirm the Tinubu administration's resolve to deploy PPPs to accelerate economic competitiveness, enhance trade, and expand Nigeria's renewable-energy footprint.

He explained that the Bakassi Deep Seaport, a greenfield development, would create a new maritime gateway for the North-Central and North-East and serve as a major hub for West and Central Africa.

“These are decisive, multi-sectoral investment portfolios that directly address national needs. The approval of the two deep-seaport projects alone, totalling over \$3.4bn in private capital, will fundamentally optimise our maritime trade routes and decongest existing port facilities.

“The Bakassi Deep Seaport is a greenfield development designed to accommodate larger vessels and integrate an industrial cluster and Free Trade Zone, creating thousands of jobs and positioning Nigeria as a first-choice maritime destination.

“The approval of the two deep-seaport projects alone, totalling over \$3.4bn, will fundamentally optimise our maritime trade routes and decongest existing port facilities,” he said.

He added that the Port of Ondo Deep Seaport is expected to open up the South-West's solid minerals and agro-allied value chains while positioning Ondo State as a new logistics and export corridor.

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# Turkish Airlines, Samsung Partner To End Baggage Complaints

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Türkiye's national flag carrier, Turkish Airlines, has announced the airline's move to end complaints about lost baggage through a technological innovation in partnership with Samsung. The Chief Information Technologies Officer, Kerem Kızıltunç, in a statement on Wednesday, said the partnership was a bold step in enhancing passenger comfort.

The airline announced that, effective December 1, travellers had begun to seamlessly track their baggage using the new Smart Tagged Baggage Service, powered by SmartThings Find. This system, the airline said, will enable quicker, more efficient tracking of misplaced or delayed bags equipped with Samsung's Galaxy SmartTag.

The statement partly reads, "Through this collaboration,



Turkish Airlines has become the launch airline to implement SmartThings technologies in passenger baggage tracking worldwide,

showing the national flag carrier's commitment to digital transformation with a passenger-first mindset to elevate the travel experience.

"Utilizing Samsung's

technology, passengers will also be able to upload a photo of their luggage within the SmartThings Find app, helping identify their baggage more easily.

The airline aims to extend the use of SmartThings Find beyond baggage services, integrating location-based capabilities into future

passenger-focused digital solutions."

Kızıltunç added that the airline plans to extend SmartThings Find capabilities beyond baggage services by incorporating location-based features into future digital solutions aimed at improving the overall travel experience.

He stated, "Turkish Airlines continues to lead the industry on its road to digitalization. We are delighted to partner with Samsung to leverage their cutting-edge technology for the benefit of our passengers. We will continue to strengthen our industry leadership with technological collaborations that prioritize guest satisfaction and set new standards for the aviation industry."

Samsung Electronics Executive Vice President and Head of SmartThings, Jaeyeon Jung, also [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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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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# Nigeria Disburses N3.7b Tertiary Institutions Staff Support Fund

**Culled:**  
The Nigerian government has disbursed N3.7 billion to about 2,000 staff of tertiary institutions nationwide in the rollout of the Tertiary Institutions Staff Support Fund (TISSF).

This is contained in a statement issued by the Director, Press Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs Folasade Boriowo.

Boriowo said the initiative signalled the administration's renewed drive to strengthen the welfare and morale of workers in the nation's higher education system.

She quoted the Minister of Education, Dr Tunji Alausa as saying that the disbursement is a fulfillment of government's promise to prioritise staff welfare.

According to the minister, the disbursement targetted staff across 43 universities, polytechnics, and colleges of education.

This, he said, represents the first significant milestone in translating the policy into measurable impact under President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

"The TISSF is more than just a financial intervention; it is a tangible expression of the federal government's appreciation for the



Dr. Alausa

backbone of our education system.

"By swiftly disbursing these funds, we are keeping our solemn promise to enhance the welfare, productivity, and dignity of our staff, thereby strengthening our institutions for the future," he said.

He emphasised that the initiative aligned with President Tinubu's vision of shifting Nigeria from a resource-dependent economy to a knowledge-

driven one, positioning the education workforce as a critical pillar of national development.

The TISSF, conceived as a strategic intervention to support both academic and non-academic personnel, has now moved from the planning phase to delivery, offering direct financial cushioning to those who keep Nigeria's tertiary institutions running.

Of the beneficiaries, 17 per cent are academic staff,

while 83 percent are non-academic. Gender distribution shows 83 per cent male and 17 per cent female recipients.

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# Nigeria Allocates \$200m To Cushion Health Donor Cuts - FG

**Culled:**  
The Federal Government says it has allocated \$200 million as an emergency intervention to cushion the impact of declining donor funds on Nigeria's health programmes, reaffirming its commitment to sustaining essential services and protecting decades of health gains.

Minister of State for Health and Social Welfare, Dr. Iziq Salako, announced the allocation while delivering a keynote address at the 9th Annual Health Conference of the Association of Nigeria Health Journalists (ANHeJ) on Friday in Abuja.

Salako said the move aligns with Nigeria's broader shift toward increased domestic resource mobilization as global funding support continues to contract. Represented by his Special Adviser on Health System Strengthening, Dr. Babatunde Akinyemi, he noted that the government's financial commitments across major international health initiatives have risen markedly in recent years.

According to him, Nigeria has expanded its co-financing for GAVI-supported immunisation programmes from \$8 million in 2017 to \$57 million in 2023, signalling stronger national ownership of routine immunisation. He added that the Federal Government now contributes about 20 percent of the total value of Global Fund grants, over \$100 million in the current funding cycle.

He further disclosed that Nigeria provides in-kind contributions worth about \$150 million annually to the United States' PEPFAR programme, including personnel, facilities and logistical support. The newly announced \$200 million emergency allocation, he said, is part of efforts to mitigate the impact of the U.S. Government's recent suspension of PEPFAR funding and other donor-supported health programmes.

"These actions demonstrate Nigeria's readiness to assume greater responsibility for sustaining essential

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# Nigeria Champions Healthy Soil For Food Security



Senator Abdullahi

**Culled:**  
The Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security, Senator Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi, has reaffirmed that healthy soil remains the bedrock of food sovereignty, climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods in Nigeria. He

stated this in Abuja during the commemoration of World Soil Day, a global event that underscores the central role of soil health in agricultural productivity and environmental stability.

Senator Abdullahi noted that soil supports 95 per cent of global food production and

supplies essential nutrients that sustain crops and ecosystems. He emphasised that healthy soil regulates water, stabilises the climate, stores carbon, supports biodiversity and forms the backbone of Nigeria's agricultural transformation agenda.

However, the minister expressed concern over the unprecedented levels of degradation, erosion and pollution affecting Nigerian soils, warning that these threats undermine food quality and long-term productivity. "More than half of our soils are already depleted, and natural regeneration may take hundreds of years. This underscores the urgency of adopting sustainable soil management practices," he said.

He observed that although Nigeria has approximately 73 million

hectares of arable land, soil degradation continues to hinder national food production. He therefore described the World Soil Day commemoration as a platform to intensify awareness on conservation agriculture, agroforestry, crop rotation, integrated soil fertility management and responsible fertiliser application.

Senator Abdullahi highlighted the launch of the Nigeria Farmers' Soil Health Scheme, designed to enhance food security and cut production costs. The scheme provides crop- and location-specific fertiliser recommendations, discouraging blanket application and encouraging the use of organic amendments and regenerative agriculture.

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# Beijing's Opening-Up Push To Boost Nigeria Trade-Envoy

**Culled:** The Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Yu Dunhai, has underscored that Beijing's renewed push for institutional opening-up will create new opportunities for stronger economic, trade and development cooperation between China and Nigeria.

He stressed that both countries stand to benefit from a more inclusive global governance system.

The Chinese Ambassador, disclosed this in a statement titled "Steadily Expanding Institutional Opening-Up to Forge New Prospects of China-Nigeria Win-Win Cooperation,"

Ambassador Dunhai noted that China

was entering a new phase of high-standard openness driven not just by the flow of goods, but by reforms in rules, regulations, management and standards.

"Institutional opening-up, as a hallmark of high-standard openness, is more comprehensive, systematic and stable, representing a more advanced form of opening-up," he said.

According to the Envoy, the recent global trends, including the weakening of trade in developed economies and the rising role of the Global South, make it necessary for China to recalibrate its approach to global economic governance.

"The global trading system is undergoing accelerated transformation. The WTO-centered multilateral trading system has faced increasing challenges, and mega-free trade agreements promoted by developed economies have gained an advantage in reshaping global rules," he explained.

The Envoy disclosed that China intends to play a stronger role in shaping these emerging global frameworks.

"By firmly supporting the WTO-centered multilateral trading system and steadily expanding institutional openness in rules, regulations,

management and standards, China will strengthen its leadership and agenda-setting influence in shaping international economic and trade rules. Beijing will "participate more comprehensively in WTO reform and the adjustment of global economic and trade rules, contributing more public goods to the world," he stated.

The Ambassador highlighted China's recent tariff-free measures for African countries, describing them as a concrete demonstration of China's commitment to mutual benefit and win-win cooperation that would have long-term developmental impact on the continent.

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# Nigeria Pushes For Pan-African Cancer Case Movement

The Nigerian Government has called for a stronger Pan-African collaboration to tackle the continent's cancer burden, warning that cancer now kills more Africans annually than HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.

Minister of State for Health and Social Welfare, Dr Iziq Salako made the call on Saturday while addressing delegates at the Africa Oncology Collaboration and Innovation Forum

holding in Luxor, Egypt.

The event tagged; "The Organiser of the Africa Oncology Collaboration and Innovation Forum 2025", was organised to strengthen cross-border partnerships in oncology care by Africa Oncology Collaboration and Innovation Forum Planning Committee.

It was also organised in partnership with relevant Egyptian oncology institutions, and supported by African

oncology networks and development partners.

Salako said that Africa recorded 1.18 million new cancer cases and 763,843 deaths in 2022, according to GLOBOCAN.

He said Nigeria, Egypt, and South Africa jointly accounted for the highest number of cancer cases in the continent, with Nigeria alone responsible for more than 10.5 percent of Africa's total cancer burden.

The minister said the rising burden was driven by lifestyle factors, aging populations, late diagnosis, weak early detection systems, and gaps in treatment infrastructure across African countries.

He commended the organisers of the forum for advancing the African Union Agenda 2063 vision of an integrated Africa and applauded the Shefa Alorman Hospital in Luxor, which participants toured earlier in the day.

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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

## DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
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3. Africa Safe School Volunteer Project (ASSVP) - A social responsibility project that members of DSSAA will get directly involved in their various countries which includes volunteering to control traffic and help Children cross the Road during school hours in schools, funding installation of STOP Road signs and marking of zebra crossings at school Intersections, as well as carrying out the training of children on Road Safety practices in schools.
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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