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Nigeria To Celebrate 100 Years Of Aviation On December 1

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The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, SAN, will on Monday, December 1, 2025, host a national event marking 100 years of aviation in Nigeria.

This was revealed in a statement issued by Tunde Moshood, Special Adviser on Media and Communications to the Minister, on Friday, 28, in Abuja.

The centenary celebration, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the African Hall of the Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Center, Abuja, will spotlight the country's aviation journey since the first aircraft landed in Kano in 1925.

A key highlight is the recognition of 40 Legends of Aviation, pioneers, engineers, pilots, air traffic controllers, administrators, and industry leaders whose work helped shape Nigeria's aviation landscape over the decades.

According to the statement, the event will draw international and domestic airlines, aviation agencies, airport authorities, ground handling

companies, private sector operators, development partners, and industry experts.

"Activities include goodwill messages, keynote addresses, documentary showcases, and the unveiling of commemorative projects."

Speaking ahead of the celebration, Keyamo said the centenary is both a moment of honour and a call to action.

"The centenary is not only an opportunity to honour the past but also

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NNPC Posts N5tn Revenue As Crude Output Slips

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The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited recorded a strong financial outing in October 2025 with N5.07tn in revenue and N447bn profit after tax.

This is as crude oil and condensate production slid to the lowest level in 10 months, according to the national oil company in its latest monthly performance report.

The report, released on Saturday, said the country pumped 1.58 million barrels per day of crude oil and condensates in October, slipping down from 1.61mbpd in September and marking the lowest monthly output so far in 2025.

The year began strongly at 1.67mbpd in January before fluctuating across the months due to production disruptions, asset downtime, and crude theft in key corridors.

NNPC, however, said production recovery efforts were ongoing across its joint venture and production sharing contract assets, with industry-wide collaboration

intensifying to stabilise output.

Gas production offered a glimmer of hope for the national oil firm, rising to 6,997 million standard cubic feet per day, a significant rebound from 6,284mmscf/d in September, which was one of the lowest points in the year.

Despite the recovery, October's gas output still trailed the peaks recorded earlier in the year when production hovered between 7,300 and 7,700mmscf/d.

A breakdown showed that gas output opened the year at 7,120 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscf/d) in January before dropping to 6,615mmscf/d in February.

Production recovered slightly to 6,928mmscf/d in March and climbed further in April and May to 7,354mmscf/d and 7,352mmscf/d, respectively.

June and July marked the strongest months of the year at 7,581mmscf/d and 7,722mmscf/d, driven by increased activity across key gas-rich corridors.

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He explained that the Administration plans to partner with private individuals who will provide buses and taxis painted in Abuja colours.

However, he noted that the government will commence operations with its own fleet to ensure orderliness and enhance commuter safety, particularly by eliminating the "one chance" menace through easy vehicle identification.

"Eventually, the government will have to partner with private individuals, but for now, government has to put in their own contribution so we can start off the operation of the bus terminals with



Wike

vehicles that will be painted in the Abuja colour. That again will help as we try to eliminate the one chance syndrome. You know you are entering a vehicle and you can identify it. So private people are also going to be part of it, but this is our own contribution before that starts," he said.

Giving an update on the Central Business District (CBD) Bus Terminal,

the Minister expressed satisfaction with the quality and uniqueness of the project compared to the recently commissioned Kugbo and Mabushi terminals.

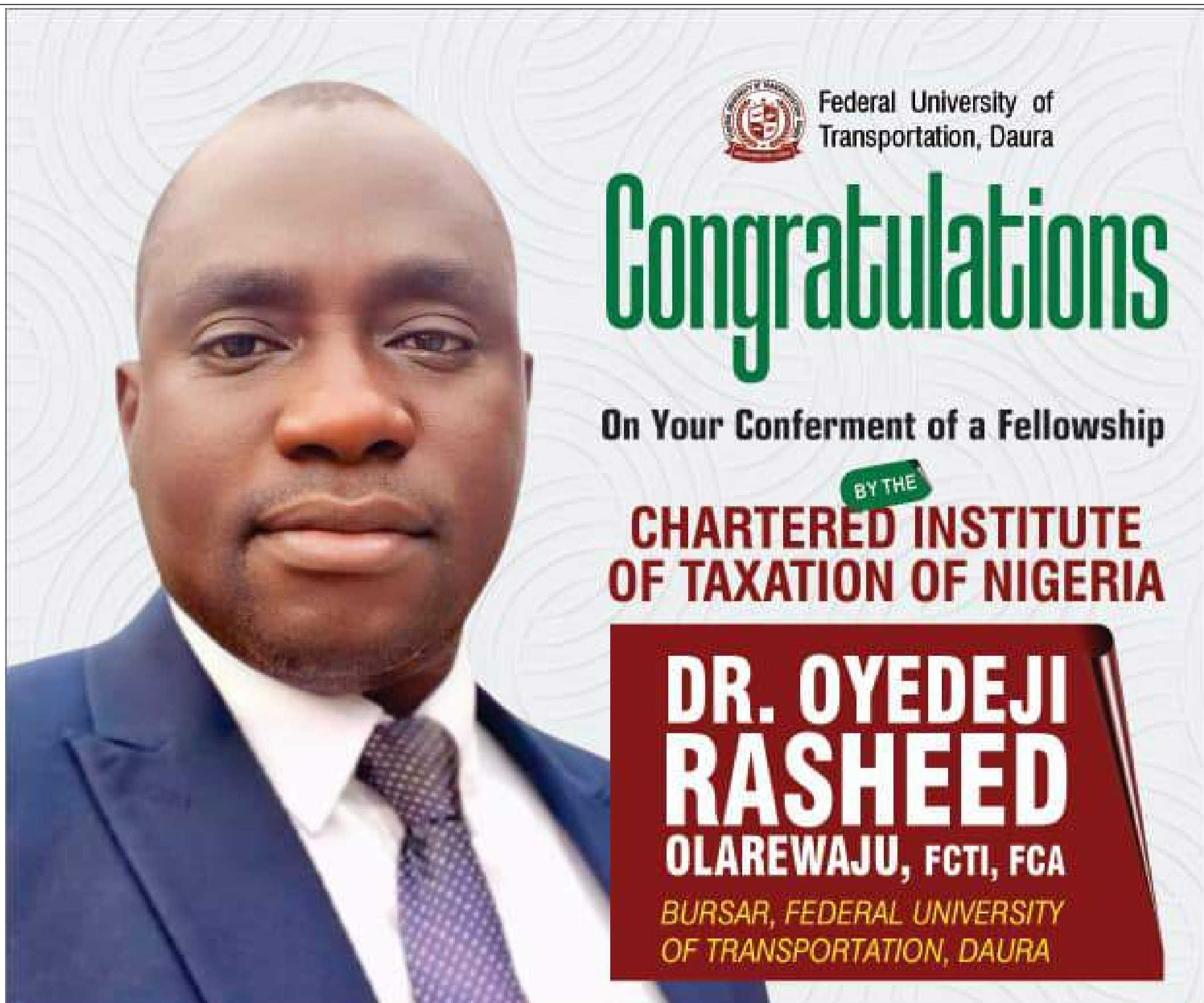
He commended the contractor and said he was confident the project would be completed by year-end, by which time the vehicles procured for the terminal operations would have arrived.

On the Pai/Gomani road project, Wike

voiced strong dissatisfaction over the slow pace of work on the 15-kilometre road linking remote communities in Kwali Area Council to the Abuja/Lokoja Expressway.

He criticised the contractor for poor performance despite the project being awarded before the A2-Pai section, which has already been completed and commissioned.

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He stressed that the introduction of AI-driven traffic lights and the construction of modern bus terminals in Umuahia are aimed at restoring order in the state's towns and delivering more efficient services to residents.

Ukaegbu said the state has taken delivery of 20 electric buses and is expecting an additional 20 within a few days, with the bus terminals already in place.

He further noted that the ministry would prioritise expanding access for persons with disabilities, as some of the electric

buses were specifically designed for their convenience.

He added that bus terminals across the state would be equipped with integrated ticketing systems, retail outlets and upgraded security networks to ensure the convenience and safety of passengers.

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OPEC Maintains Nigeria's 1.5m bpd Oil Output Level For 2026

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The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has maintained Nigeria's oil production quota of 1.5 million barrels of crude per day (bpd) to December 2026.

In a statement, the intergovernmental organisation said the decision to extend Nigeria's quota was made at its 40th OPEC and non-OPEC ministerial meeting, held on Sunday.

On December 5, 2024, the oil cartel extended Nigeria's oil production quota of 1.5 million barrels of crude per day (bpd) to December 2026.

The international firm upheld its decision, reaffirming the "level of overall crude oil production for OPEC and non-OPEC Participating Countries in the DoC as agreed in the 38th OPEC and non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting until 31 December 2026".

OPEC also reaffirmed that the joint ministerial monitoring committee (JMMC) is mandated to closely review global oil market conditions, oil production levels,

and the level of conformity with the declaration of cooperation (DoC).

The statement noted that the OPEC secretariat will assist the committee in this role.

"In reference to the decision of the 39th ONOMM; mandating the OPEC Secretariat to develop a mechanism to assess participating countries' maximum sustainable production capacity (MSC) to be used as reference for the 2027 production baselines for all DoC countries, the Participating Countries approved the mechanism developed by the Secretariat," the oil cartel said.

In a separate statement on Sunday, the oil cartel said some member countries of OPEC and its allies, also known as OPEC+, held a virtual meeting to review global market conditions and outlook.

In April 2023 and November 2023, eight countries announced additional voluntary adjustments.

The countries are Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, UAE, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman.

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The minister warned that any contractor who fails to meet expectations or bypasses due process would face sanctions.

Wike, however, expressed satisfaction with the pace and quality of work at the new bus terminal in the Central Business District.

During a tour of the Secretariat Bus Terminal, he lauded the contractor for delivering work that, in his assessment, surpassed the Mabushi and Kugbo bus terminals.

"We are very happy with the construction of the bus terminals," he said, adding that the facility represents a new standard for transport infrastructure within the capital city.

New bus terminal in the Central



Pai-Gumani road

Business District

However, when the Minister inspected the Pai-Gumani-Yangoji road project, he expressed dissatisfaction. He explained that the road contract was awarded even before the A2-Pai road, now completed and commissioned, yet progress on the current section has remained sluggish.

Wike attributed the delay to what he described as "a lack of communication

between the developer and contractors," as well as unresolved issues of contract variation.

"People believe they can go ahead without certain approvals. I'm not too comfortable with that, and we will go back and look into it," he said.

The minister further explained that the Gumani-Gamji stretch, covering about 13 kilometres, has now been assigned to Setraco, the contractor responsible

for the A2-Pai project.

He expressed confidence that the company would deliver quality work within schedule, noting their capacity and track record.

Wike stressed that the impact of these projects goes beyond engineering and construction, arguing that many rural communities are experiencing development for the first time under the current administration.

He urged journalists on the inspection tour to tell these stories accurately, emphasising that the projects are evidence of President Bola Tinubu's commitment to satellite town development.

Wike said, "This is the first time in this administration that satellite towns have been given priority. Those who criticize should come and see the work we are doing. I am proud of the development taking place not only in the city but also in the satellite towns."

The minister also gave updates on other major road interventions across the territory.

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Minister Seeks Stronger Synergy To Boost Nigeria's Logistics Sector

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The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Mr. Adegboyega Oyetola, has sought for a deeper collaboration between the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Nigeria and the Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria (CRFFN). Oyetola said the collaboration would strengthen professionalism and enhance operational efficiency in the country's logistics industry.

He made the call at the investiture ceremony of the 21st President of CILT Nigeria, Dr. Boboye Oyeyemi, held at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), Lagos, Southwest Nigeria.

The Minister described the new president as 'a visionary administrator whose leadership would bring renewed vigour to the logistics and transport sector.'

He noted that a longstanding disconnect exists between the Institute and key practitioners in the freight logistics value chain.

Oyetola stressed that bridging this gap was critical to harmonising standards, improving capacity development, and aligning training and certification with industry realities.

He reaffirmed the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy's recognition of CILT as a strategic partner in building a globally competitive logistics ecosystem. He expressed confidence that stronger collaboration with CRFFN would help reposition the sector for global best practices.

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Nigeria has been elected into category C of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) council.

The election was held during the IMO general assembly in London, United Kingdom, on Friday.

IMO's category A comprises 10 states with the largest interest in providing international shipping services.

Category B consists of 10 states with the largest interest in international seaborne trade.

Category C consists of 20 states which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation, and whose election to the council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world.

In a post on X on Friday, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) said the country's return to the council seat is a testament to Nigeria's growing influence in the global maritime community.

Confirming the development in a post on X, the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), said the achievement

Nigeria Elected Into International Maritime Council

underscores the visionary leadership, commitment to global best practices, and tireless efforts of Gboyega Oyetola, minister of marine and blue economy, alongside the dedicated heads of agencies under the ministry.

"Joining the IMO Council in Category C places Nigeria among the world's leading maritime nations, amplifying our voice in shaping global maritime policies, safety standards, security, and environmental sustainability," NPA said.

"It is a well-deserved recognition of Nigeria's strategic importance as the maritime hub of West and Central Africa and the giant strides made in port efficiency, trade facilitation, and blue economy development."

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TTP Records 900,000 Truck Movements Into Lagos Ports In 2025



The Truck Transit Parks Limited (TTP)

The Truck Transit Parks Limited (TTP), operators of the electronic call-up system otherwise referred to as the Eto platform, said at the weekend that 900,000 trucks entered and exited the Apapa and Tin-Can Ports in Lagos between January and November 2025 using the platform.

The Managing Director of TTP, Mr. Jama Onwubuariri, disclosed this during a roundtable meeting with the Shipping Correspondents Association of Nigeria (SCAN) in Lagos. He added that the company has unveiled new technologies to enhance cargo evacuation from the Lagos Port.

According to Onwubuariri, the company has deployed technologies to help shippers, transporters, port operators, terminal operators, and FMCG companies improve the quality of their operations, manage their facilities, and ensure that goods, vehicles, and people move quickly and efficiently.

"We are stepping up the system to ensure that new technologies are deployed to reduce human interference. Currently, we are investing in an Electronic Tagging System. We have also designed what is called an e-Column Interchange Transaction Log and the YAD traffic management solution, among others, to eliminate delays."

Giving further insight into how the Electronic Tagging System works, the TTP MD explained: "The truck has a tag which is read by cameras and e-tag readers at the port gate. The driver arrives, waits, the barrier

opens once his tag is authenticated, and he goes in. That identity is maintained for the truck throughout its lifespan in the maritime business. The Electronic Tagging System can also be used to access multiple facilities."

On expansion plans, Onwubuariri revealed that arrangements are underway to extend the Eto system to other states across the federation. "On the infrastructure side, we are currently expanding to other states in Nigeria such as Cross River, Abia, Kaduna, Bauchi, and Yobe. These are states we are in discussions with. We will deploy the electronic call-up system both as a traffic management and infrastructure management solution. By next year, more developments will unfold," he said.

Speaking on the expiration of its licence, the TTP MD expressed optimism that it would be renewed, citing the significant impact the Eto system has made over the years. He assured that more technologies will

be introduced in the next phase of operations.

"Everything that needs to be done on our part for the licence renewal has been done because there are performance indicators. We have submitted our request for a new licence. The feedback we have received is that it is under review, so it's no longer in our hands. Our job is to ensure that everything in our contract is fulfilled, and we have done that. The next step is with the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA)," Onwubuariri stated.

Welcoming the TTP delegation to the SCAN Press Centre in Lagos, the President of SCAN, Mr. Moses Eboese, said the facility remains open and accessible to all stakeholders.

Eboese urged the delegation, and the wider maritime and transport community to take full advantage of the SCAN Press Centre, noting that "our doors remain open to all stakeholders within and outside Lagos."

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On merit-based practices, the authority reiterated its dedication to fairness.



Mrs Olubunmi Kuku

“The Authority maintains a strong culture of due process and will not deviate from frameworks that ensure fairness and meritocracy across all cadres,” it added. Regarding staff

qualifications during recruitment, FAAN point in our recruitment process,” the statement noted. The authority also protect staff dignity and address workplace misconduct.

“FAAN's internal mechanisms for reporting, investigation, and redress are active, confidential, and strictly enforced to protect the dignity and well-being of every staff member,” the statement said.

Finally, FAAN confirmed that the Managing Director had authorised an internal review of certain employment-related concerns to strengthen clarity and ensure uniform policy application.

“This review is aimed at strengthening clarity, ensuring uniform application of policies, and reinforcing confidence in the systems that govern staff progression,” the statement added.

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Nigerians Shun Road Transport As Air Travel Surges



United Nigerian airline

Air travel in the country has recorded a notable rise as more travellers are increasingly avoiding long road journeys due to growing safety concerns.

The Public Relations Officer of United Nigeria Airlines, Chibuike Uloka, confirmed the increase to Sunday PUNCH, noting that demand for air travel had grown compared to previous years.

“Look at the statistics. It is not what was demanded at this time last year that is being demanded now,” he said.

Uloka explained that improved operations, growth in airline capacity, and increased public preference for flying were fueling the surge.

“The Nigerian aviation sector is improving daily,”

he added, stressing that more Nigerians were choosing air travel for safety, convenience, or business.

He stated that although insecurity might be contributing to the increased patronage, airlines were not exploiting the situation.

“A lot of people might have other sentiments that they would rather go by air rather than go by road. But for us, we don't try to encourage that sentiment because we are not trying to profit from the misfortune of anybody in the country while we are doing our business.”

According to him, airlines have achieved full bookings and higher load factors than in the same period last year.

Uloka described the rise in travel as a natural outcome of festive movement, business needs, and family reunions.

“So, there has been a whole lot of development and growth in the aviation sector. There has been a whole lot of demand. People want to come home. This year, people saw

reasons that they have been far away too long from home and they want to go home. They want to unite with their family members. While we know that behind it, insecurity might be playing some role.”

With an estimated 230 million citizens, he noted that movement remained unavoidable for many Nigerians.

Similarly, Air Peace spokesperson, Osifo-Whiskey Efe, told our correspondent that bookings had reached capacity for the festive season.

He said, “Basically, our flights are full especially for the 'Ember' period already. The most important thing right now we can possibly do is maybe increase the frequency of our aircraft that are coming back for maintenance. We'll try and see if we can increase frequency to meet the demand.”

Across social media, many Nigerians express reluctance to travel by road due to frequent reports of kidnappings.

On 23 November 2025, an X user, @abalu_uthman, wrote, “I used to travel by road from Lagos to Kano back in 2017-19, even from Sokoto to Saki as recently as 2020. It's sad that one can't even think of travelling through the road in Nigeria again because of the fear of being kidnapped or worse being killed. Something urgent needs to be done about this security issue.”

An Instagram user, @darlington_oni, posted on 19 November 2025 saying, “Whatever you do, do not travel by road in Nigeria right now. It's not safe at all. If you don't have money for a flight, please stay in your house. Protect the one life you have — it's better than ending up in the hands of k!dn@ppers because your family can't afford ransom.”

Another user, @SportPaparazzi1, who posted on 21 October 2025, wrote, “To think that in 2025, kidnapping is still on a high ... You can't travel again in Nigeria by road with your two eyes closed.”

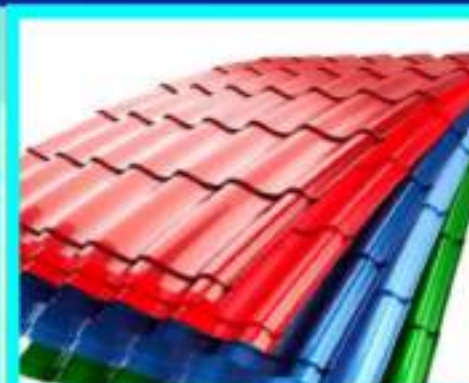
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to expand further in November and December. He emphasized that air travel's resilience remains a "bright spot" amid uncertainties surrounding the global economic outlook for 2026.

The IATA report further highlighted the performance of airlines across other regions in October 2025, providing a global perspective on international air travel trends.

Asia-Pacific airlines saw international passenger demand grow 10.9%, with capacity rising 9.1% year-on-year. Their load factor increased to 84.4%, a 1.4-point improvement compared to the same period in 2024, reflecting strong travel recovery in the region.

Middle Eastern carriers recorded a 10.7% rise in international demand, supported by an 8.1% increase in capacity.

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factor was 74.1% (+1.4 ppt compared to October 2024)," the IATA report read in part.

Globally, air travel strengthened in October 2025, with total

passenger demand increasing 6.6%, supported by a 5.8% rise in capacity.

Airlines achieved an 84.6% load factor, highlighting broad

recovery across most markets. International demand rose 8.5%, outpacing domestic traffic, which grew 3.4%, driven by strong holiday bookings and increased

year-end business travel. IATA's Director General, Willie Walsh, described October as a "strong month for air travel," adding that scheduled seat capacity is expected

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African airlines recorded a 7.3% increase in international passenger demand in October 2025, according to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) data for October 2025 global passenger demand.

Capacity for the region rose by 5.3% year-on-year, while the load factor improved to 74.1%, a 1.4 percentage-point increase compared to October 2024.

Although Africa still posted the lowest load factor globally, the figures show continued upward movement for the region's carriers in 2025.

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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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NYSC Boss Urges Universities To Lead AI Transformation

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The Director-General (DG) of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Brigadier General Olakunle Nafiu has called on Nigerian Universities to take decisive steps toward embracing Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a key driver of the nation's future.

Speaking in a lecture delivered at the 23rd Convocation Ceremony of Igbinedion University, Okada, in Edo State, General Nafiu stressed that AI was already reshaping global education and that Nigeria must decide whether to guide this transformation or be overtaken by it.

He noted that Nigeria's youthful population—60 percent of whom are under 25—places the country at a strategic crossroads.

General Nafiu said this “demographic advantage could become a national asset with the right investment in AI literacy and academic reforms.”

According to him, “estimates suggest that Nigeria's AI market could grow by 27% annually and contribute as much as \$15 billion to the country's GDP by 2030.”

General Nafiu also highlighted groundbreaking learning experiments and AI-powered



NYSC

teaching tools that have produced outstanding student outcomes in various parts of the world and even within Edo State.

He said “the evidence shows that AI has the capacity to improve teaching quality, expand academic access, and elevate Nigeria's competitiveness in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.”

The DG outlined key potentials of AI in higher education, including

personalised learning systems, accelerated research output, improved access to quality instruction, and streamlined administration across campuses.

General Nafiu stressed that universities must not remain passive consumers of foreign technology but should become active contributors to Africa-focused innovations.

“We must focus on AI solutions that address our

unique challenges, such as predictive models for agriculture, diagnostic systems for local diseases, and educational platforms tailored to our multilingual, infrastructure-limited context,” he said.

General Nafiu asserted that the NYSC has the capacity to support this transformation, stating that its annual deployment of nearly 400,000 Corps Members presents an opportunity to promote digital literacy.

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Tunde Bakare Blasts N'Assembly Over Rising Insecurity

Culled:
Pastor Tunde Bakare has criticised Nigerian lawmakers for failing to confront the country's worsening insecurity, accusing them of focusing on “politicking” instead of protecting citizens.

Speaking during his State of the Nation Address in Lagos on Sunday, Bakare said it was “a shame” that the U.S. Congress not Nigeria's National Assembly held a hearing on the country's spiraling violence.

“While those in Abuja were busy securing their 2027 ambitions, Nigerians were dying,” he said.

Bakare condemned the government's “late response” to U.S. President Donald Trump's remark describing Nigeria as a “now-disgraced country,” saying leaders only acted “after international embarrassment.”

He warned that terrorists and kidnappers now operate “with impunity,” citing recent mass abductions in Niger, Kebbi and Kwara States.

He also questioned the Kebbi school attack: “Who ordered the withdrawal of the military 45 minutes before the attack?”

Bakare said Nigeria's global image was at its “lowest since the Abacha era” and called for urgent security and governance reforms, warning that continued inaction “could further destabilise the country.”

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NOA Drives Public Support For New Tax Laws



NOA (National Orientation Agency)

Culled:
The National Orientation Agency (NOA) has reiterated its commitment to pushing for public support for the effective implementation of the Federal Government's tax reforms, which are scheduled to take effect in

January 2026 when the new Tax Act comes into force.

In a statement signed by the Agency's Director of Communications and Media, Bala Musa, the Director General of NOA, Lanre Issa-Onilu, made this commitment when he received members of the

Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms, led by its Chairman, Mr Taiwo Oyedele, on a courtesy visit to the NOA in Abuja, Nigeria's capital.

According to Issa-Onilu, technology has made it easy for mischievous individuals to spread fake news and incorrect narratives about the new tax laws with ease.

He therefore emphasised the importance of sensitising Nigerians on the benefits of the tax laws to counter the wrong narratives spread by those who are either genuinely ignorant of its provisions or acting out of mischief and with ulterior motives aimed at undermining the government's efforts to improve the tax system.

The Director General of NOA

explained that the new Tax Law will be beneficial to Nigerians, as it specifically addresses the issue of double taxation that companies, business owners, workers, individuals, and investors currently face, among other improvements.

He underscored the NOA's ability to reach wide audiences across the country with its advocacy and national enlightenment campaigns, noting that the Agency has a wide spread of offices nationwide with competent staff who regularly embark on community mobilisation and sensitisation to promote government policies and national values.

Issa-Onilu also highlighted the Agency's ability to work

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AFAN Pledges To Boost Food Production, Security In Nigeria

Culled: The President of the All Farmers Association of Nigeria, Muhammad Magaji, has reaffirmed the association's commitment to creating platforms for collaboration and networking, aimed at driving innovation and achieving tangible outcomes for Nigeria's agricultural advancement.

Magaji, who commended the focus and determination of the President Bola Tinubu administration in repositioning agriculture and strengthening food production and security, urged farmers across the country to support the effort.

According to a statement released by the association and made available in Ado Ekiti on Sunday, the new AFAN President spoke during his inauguration at the 2025 National Agricultural Showground along the Abuja–Keffi Road in Nasarawa State. Magaji's emergence followed the election of the 27-member AFAN National Executive Council at the association's congress, in line with a resolution passed by the General Assembly of Farmers.

"We are calling on all members of AFAN nationwide to give us maximum support. The Tinubu-led Federal Government is fully committed to

agriculture and the welfare of farmers. All they need is a unified umbrella body of Nigerian farmers," Magaji said.

He added that AFAN, under his leadership, would work closely with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to boost national food production and enhance food security.

The immediate past president, Kabiru Ibrahim, expressed confidence in the ability of the Magaji-led NEC to reposition the association. "I know there is a lot of work ahead, and I know you are capable. I wish you the best of luck and wish the AFAN family successful production and enhanced

productivity," Ibrahim said.

The new AFAN National Youth Leader, Chief Tunde Adeyemi, emphasised the central role of young people in agriculture, saying, "Nigeria's agriculture is powered by youth — the young farmer who wakes up each morning to cultivate the soil, raise livestock, add value, and sustain the heartbeat of our great nation. Today, we begin a new journey to strengthen that power."

Adeyemi said agriculture must evolve beyond survival and become a sector of prosperity, innovation and national pride. He pledged that the NEC would expand training opportunities, access

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Nigeria Police Celebrates 70 Years Of Women Policing

The Nigeria Police Force is commemorating 70 years of women in policing, marking a historic journey of courage, resilience, and transformation from 1955 to 2025.

In an exclusive interview with the Voice of Nigeria, the Force Gender Advisor to the Inspector General of Police, AIG Aishatu Abubakar Bajju, reflected on the evolution of women's roles in the force.

"The first set of women enlisted into

the Nigerian Police Force was in 1955. It started with 20 amazing, courageous women.

"At that time, they had very limited roles. They were enlisted to serve as tea girls, telephone operators, traffic control for children going to school. Women were not allowed to carry arms."

According to her, seven decades have brought remarkable progress. "To this day, 21st century,

2025, women are full-fledged operational officers. We have women deputy inspectors, general police, AIGs, and so on. It's a long journey full of history, courage, resilience, and so much more. At least now we have fully operational women police officers," she noted.

AIG Bajju explained that "From 20 women that started, the number is not really encouraging. Still, we make up

about 12% of the population of police in Nigeria. Many IGs came with programmes supporting women, getting them more roles, approving ranks beyond Chief Superintendent of Police, to being in operational positions, and carrying arms," she said.

She praised the current Inspector General of Police, IGP Kayode Egbetokun, for championing gender-sensitive reforms.
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