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FRSC Apprehends 16 Drivers For Overspeeding In Ogun

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, in Ogun State has apprehended 16 drivers for overspeeding along the Sagamu–Abeokuta expressway.

The drivers were apprehended on Tuesday during a special intervention patrol led by the Sector Commander, Corps Commander Akinwunmi Fasakin, accompanied by the Head of Operations.

According to a statement by the command's spokesperson, Afolabi Odunsi-Oyewole, the patrol was part of efforts to achieve the 2025 Corporate Strategic Goal, which targets a 10 per cent reduction in road traffic fatalities and injuries.

Odunsi-Oyewole attributed the main causes of road crashes in the state to overspeeding, adding that a laser radar gun was used to apprehend the offenders and ensure that speed-limiting devices were fitted in their vehicles.

He said: "The Sector Commander,

Corps Commander Akinwunmi Fasakin, led the special intervention patrol along Sagamu–Abeokuta road and was accompanied by the Head of Operations.

"The laser radar gun was used to apprehend drivers for overspeeding offences and also ensured that speed-limiting devices were fixed in the offenders' vehicles. Sixteen offenders were booked for overspeeding violations."

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Tanker Explosion In Epe Leaves Six Vehicles Damaged, No Casualties - FRSC

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Lagos Sector Command, has confirmed a tanker explosion that occurred in the early hours of Wednesday, December 17, 2025, along the Temu–Sabo route near the Bypass Pobona area of Epe, Lagos State.

The incident, which happened at about 2:05 a.m., was reported to the FRSC at approximately 2:10 a.m., prompting an immediate response by operatives of the Epe Unit Command, who arrived at the scene within minutes.

Speaking on the development, the Sector Public Education Officer, Superintendent Route Commander (SRC) Oluwadamilola Jayeola, said preliminary investigations revealed that a commercial MACK tanker was involved in the explosion, alongside five other vehicles, bringing the total number of affected vehicles to six.

Jayeola explained that the crash was attributed to brake failure, which led to loss of control and a lone crash that resulted in the subsequent explosion. She

added that although two adults were involved in the incident, no injuries or fatalities were recorded.

Following the explosion, FRSC operatives swiftly established traffic control to prevent secondary crashes. The Corps also worked in collaboration with the Nigerian Army, the Nigeria Police Force, the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), and the Lagos State Fire Service, which successfully contained and extinguished the fire.

To ensure quick clearance of the affected area, a private tow truck was placed on standby to facilitate the recovery of the damaged vehicles and remove obstructions from the roadway.

Meanwhile, the Sector Commander, FRSC Lagos Sector Command, Corps Commander Kehinde Ganiyu Hamzat, reiterated his call on motorists, especially operators of heavy-duty vehicles, to prioritise regular and comprehensive vehicle maintenance, with particular attention to braking systems, before embarking on any journey.

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The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) has urged maritime operators and stakeholders to prioritise safety measures and regulatory compliance, ensuring that waterways remain secure for transport and commerce.

NSIB, in its latest report, investigated over 10 maritime incidents in 2025, covering major mishaps across the nation's waterways, as the agency continues to push for stricter stakeholder compliance with safety regulations.

The Bureau, formerly known as the Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB), was restructured under the 2022 Establishment Act into a multimodal accident investigation agency covering air, marine, rail, pipeline, and land transport sectors.

Unlike regulatory bodies such as the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), the NSIB is expected to conduct independent, non-punitive safety



NSIB Headquarters

investigations to determine the causes of accidents and make recommendations to prevent future occurrences.

A Marine Safety Investigator in charge of Maritime Investigations of the NSIB, Captain Stan Igwe (rtd) stated that the Bureau has investigated between eight and 10 maritime incidents this year.

According to him, some of the notable

cases include incidents at Minna in Niger state, Ocholonya in Benue State, Kogi, Bida, Sokoto and other states. He noted that NSIB investigated the Benue State's Agatu LGA boat mishap, where an overloaded canoe carrying traders returning from Ocholonya market capsized on the River Benue, leading to the deaths of over 20 people and rescuing about 50.

Igwe said that while some were missing, this highlighted serious issues with overloading and poor safety on local waterways. Igwe also stated that a significant boat mishap occurred in Kogi State in late September/early October 2025 in the Ibaji Local Government Area on the River Niger, where an overloaded boat carrying around 80 passengers capsized.

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Ibom Air To Begin International Flights April 2026 - Keyamo

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Ibom Air is set to commence international flight operations in April 2026, as preparations at the Victor Attah International Airport, Uyo, near completion, the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, has said.

Keyamo spoke on Wednesday after inspecting facilities at the airport alongside Akwa Ibom State Governor, Umo Eno, during a meeting with agencies involved in international airport operations.

The minister said the state had gone ahead of schedule in preparing the airport for international flights, expressing satisfaction with the standard of facilities and the level of readiness recorded so far.

He said, "Having heard from all the agencies involved in an International Airport ecosystem, they were all here with us, and we held a closed-door meeting.

"From the Customs to Quarantine, the

Nigeria Immigration Service, NDLEA, Police, DSS, to NEMA and all aviation agencies.

"From all we have heard, Akwa Ibom State is ahead of the plan scheduled.

"We thought the gaps to be closed would be much, but they are virtually very small gaps. Akwa Ibom state has gone ahead of schedule to a full-blown International Airport."

He listed facilities inspected to include a newly constructed international terminal and a Maintenance, Repair and

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In Phase 2, covering the lifting and installation of bridge slabs, the ministry explained, "Traffic from Tincan, Apapa to Mile 2 will continue to move, but vehicles will be diverted to one lane about 50 metres before the bridge work area.

"Full access will be restored 50 metres

after the work area. Traffic from Mile 2 to Tincan, Apapa will move freely throughout this phase."

The ministry advised motorists to "be patient and cooperate with traffic officials, as the temporary full and partial closures are necessary for the safe repair of the pedestrian bridge by the Federal Ministry of Works (Office of the Federal Controller, Lagos)."

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She said clearing the area would help ease traffic flow and prevent future disasters.

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The Abia State Government has assured members of the Abia State Tricycle Operators Union that the electric buses being introduced in the state will complement, not replace, their operations. The Commissioner for Transport, Dr Chimezie Ukaegbu, gave the assurance on Tuesday at the Aba Town Hall during the 2025 ASTOPU reward and empowerment ceremony.

Ukaegbu said, "The electric buses we are introducing in the state will not stop your operations or drive you away from the state; rather, they will complement your transport services in the state."

"Tricycle operators in Abia state, especially Aba, have shown great support to the state government and advised them to prioritise their security and avoid alcohol."

"Our ministry, in partnership with the office of the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Transportation, would continue to protect them and urged ASTOPU executive to maintain its

visionary leadership."

Also speaking, the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Transportation, Dr Obioma Nwaogbe, said tricycle operators had demonstrated strong commitment to the current administration through their cooperation, especially in revenue contributions.

"The union is doing well; as such, they have more things to benefit from the government apart from infrastructure and thanked them for working hard to move ASTOPU forward," he said.

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Governor Alex Otti

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Over N42 billion has been approved by the Delta state government for road infrastructure, erosion and flood control, and the expansion of electricity supply across the state.

Briefing journalists at the end of the State Executive Council meeting presided over by Governor Sheriff Oborevwori on Wednesday, the Commissioner for Works (Rural Roads) and Public Information, Mr. Charles Aniagwu, said the approvals were in line with the administration's resolve to accelerate development and improve the quality of life of Deltans.

Aniagwu, who was flanked by the Commissioner for Economic Planning, Mr. Sunny Ekedayen, the Executive Assistant to the Governor on Public Enlightenment, Projects and Policies, Olisa Ifeajika and the Executive Assistant on New Media, Mr. Felix Ofou, explained that the approvals covered critical road infrastructure, erosion control measures and the extension of energy supply, particularly in the Udu area, to boost industrial and domestic power needs.

According to him, the EXCO approved

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major works on the Old Lagos–Asaba Road, including the reconstruction of Phase Two covering the Obior to Ubulu-Uku axis in Aniocha North and Aniocha South Local Government Areas, as well as the Ute-Ogbeje to Ebuonor and Ani-Nwachokor routes in Ika North East.

He disclosed that some of the projects had their costs reviewed upward due to changes in market prices and earlier delays caused by weather and funding challenges.

"The Council also approved the upward review of the Ute-Ogbeje to Otolokpo road, and approved the construction of the Etua-Etiti and Etua-Oliogo internal roads in Ndokwa West, to enable contractors mobilise fully and complete the projects," Aniagwu said.

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Lekki Port Is Fully Automated To Boost International Trade



Lekki Port

The Lekki Deep Sea Port is now fully automated to boost international trade, satisfy customers, stakeholders, and other port users, The Nation has learnt.

Addressing reporters in Lagos on Wednesday, the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Lekki Port LFTZ Enterprise Limited, Wang Qiang, urged importers, clearing agents, and stakeholders, including government agencies operating at the port, to key into end-to-end digital processes available at their terminal to boost quick cargo clearance and facilitate international trade. He noted that Customs procedures,

particularly physical cargo examinations, and other port services must be fully digitalised to significantly reduce cargo dwell time and facilitate cargo clearance.

He said, "For automation to work efficiently, all players must be ready – customers, government, and every stakeholder. Only then can we have a fantastic system."

He also stressed that improved connectivity would allow the port to effectively double capacity through performance optimisation without expanding its physical footprint.

Commenting on the new tax regime expected to take effect in 2026, he urged the government to adopt a simplified tax framework that supports ease of doing business. He cited Germany and other countries where goods are cleared from ports with a 30-day window allowing for value-added tax (VAT) remittance.

Findings have shown that between Q1 and Q3 2025, Lekki Port handled an estimated N13.46 trillion in total

trade value, combining imports and exports, making it Nigeria's second-largest port by trade value. This figure places it well ahead of Tin Can Island Port N9.31 trillion and almost double the N6.76 trillion recorded at Port Harcourt (Onne).

"We already reached 50 per cent of our capacity now – almost 50 per cent of the port capacity," he said, noting consistent improvement in the number of twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) handled monthly.

Qiang, however, emphasised that efficient multimodal connectivity remains critical to sustaining and accelerating growth at the port, revealing that barge operations have become an important evacuation channel and currently account for about 10 per cent of cargo movement from the port.

Qiang added that the ongoing Lagos–Calabar Coastal Road project would help ease congestion and improve access to the port, but stressed that rail connectivity

remains essential, particularly given the scale of industrial activities emerging within the Lekki corridor.

"I believe the train option is something the government is concerned about, and with the level of industrial activities in this region, we expect that it will be provided," Qiang said.

Also, the Chief Executive Officer of Lekki Freeport Terminal (LFT), Captain Jędrzej Mierzewski, added that after only two years of operations, LFT has already become the number two terminal in the Nigerian market.

"We are the fastest-growing terminal in the country, combining modern infrastructure, operational excellence, and a clear ambition to become a leading transshipment hub for West Africa."

"Our growth supports the Nigerian economy by strengthening trade connectivity and helping to reduce the cost of foreign trade through efficient, reliable, and competitive port services." Mierzewski said.

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has hailed Julius Berger Nigeria Plc for the extent and quality of work done on the 35.7km Bodo-Bonny Road project, saying that at the end of the job, Nigerians will be proud and feel safer to ply the legacy road.

The President, who was represented by the Minister of Works, David Umahi, at the temporary opening of the road to ease transportation for residents in the communities along the route during the Yuletide festivities, said the road had been a long journey with delays and challenges along the way, but through the patience and the cooperation of the community, we have finally reached this important milestone and the contractor has continued to do a beautiful job here.

According to Umahi, on the reason for the temporary opening of the road, the President said to me, I want to see a different festive mood there. You know, the mood within the Bodo and the Kingdom of Bonny, and he directed me to



Bodo-Bonny Road

come here with the Nigerians. That is why we people are expecting the National Assembly are here today. President next year, and members, and of The minister, while he is going to come to course, with the state stressing that the opening commission this road for government and the is a temporary measure, the convenience of the good people of Bodo said the permanent people, the safety of the a n d B o n n y t o opening would be done people, the economic temporarily open this by the President himself. I values of the people and route for the good use of know that the Niger Delta Nigeria in general.

He, however, gave conditions for the temporary opening of the road pending full completion to include operation on daily basis from 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. and no night journey on the road. Next is, there will be no heavy traffic on the road. The reason is that until we remove all the concrete obstacles, there will be no opportunity for big vehicles.

Umahi said that the measure is to prevent breakdown of big vehicles on the road while still under construction, even as he tasked Julius Berger to mount roadblocks on the road so that no big vehicles will pass.

He said: "No okada or keke will be allowed on this route for now. And I have a big commendation to Julius Berger, especially the current team. If we had them since, we wouldn't have had all the fights we have had in so many places to the extent that this job here was threatened.

"Julius Berger, you have done very, very beautiful work. Many thanks to Engineer Tim Nippert and the Managing Director, Peer. They are very amenable to instructions, to discussions, to dialogue, and to details.

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Aircraft Crashes In Owerri With Four Person Onboard



The aircraft that crashed in owerri

A Cessna 172 aircraft with registration number 5N-ASR, operated by Skypower Express, has crashed at the Sam Mbakwe International Cargo Airport, Owerri, Imo State.

The aircraft had departed Kaduna International Airport en route to Port Harcourt International Airport before diverting to Owerri after the crew declared an emergency.

The crash occurred at about 8:00 pm on the airport premises, with four passengers and crew members onboard.

Confirming the incident, the Director, Public Affairs and Family Assistance of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB), Mrs. Bimbo Oladeji, said the agency had been

notified of the crash.

According to the NSIB, the aircraft crashed on the approach area of Runway 17, but no fatalities have been recorded so far.

The statement said: "Following the occurrence, airport emergency services were successfully activated and arrived on site promptly. Reports indicate that there was no post-crash fire, and the runway remains active for flight operations, with other aircraft taking off safely after the incident.

"Efforts are currently underway to coordinate the recovery and evacuation of the distressed aircraft from the crash site to allow for a detailed wreckage examination."

The NSIB said it has officially activated its investigation protocols in line with its statutory mandate.

The Director-General of NSIB, Capt. Alex Badeh Jr., sympathised with the management of Skypower Express over the incident and expressed relief that no lives were lost.

Badeh Jr. added that the Bureau's investigation team is already coordinating with relevant authorities to secure the crash site and commence a detailed investigation into the cause of the accident.

Two days ago, 11 persons narrowly escaped death as a private jet crash-landed at Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano, on Sunday morning.

The occupants, including passengers and cabin crew, were safely evacuated amid an intense atmosphere, eyewitnesses told The Guardian.

The private jet, owned by Flybird Aviation, crash-landed at about 9:30 a.m. while approaching Kano Airport en route to Abuja.

The incident attracted urgent attention, with emergency staff and other stakeholders converging at the runway to render rescue operations.

The management of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) is yet to release an official statement

on the incident. Unofficial sources disclosed that the passengers have been taken to an unknown destination.

Several aircraft incidents have occurred at Kano Airport, with several lives lost.

The last incident occurred in May 2002, when an EAS Airline aircraft departed the runway at Aminu Kano International Airport at 1:29 p.m. local time en route to Lagos.

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Turkish Airlines Open Its First European Lounge In Edinburgh

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Turkish Airlines has opened its first-ever European lounge at Edinburgh Airport, aside from the world-famous one at its Istanbul hub, bringing another dimension of its world-renowned hospitality to travellers in Scotland.

The new lounge further elevates Edinburgh's premium travel offering while reinforcing airport's growing role as an international gateway.

Türkiye's flag carrier, which flies to more countries than any other, according to a statement, hosted a celebratory event at Edinburgh International Airport on 10 December to mark the opening of its eighth lounge outside of Türkiye. "Turkish Airlines continues to bring scaled down slices of its five-star Lounge in İstanbul to its international gateways to maintain a seamless and



luxurious experience" "Spanning 673m² and accommodating 149 guests, the lounge, the statement offers a premium experience with facilities including

an open buffet featuring a Turkish pied service at lunch and dinner; a luxury relaxation area with TVs and Wi-Fi; and two prayer rooms. The lounge also includes an

accessible restroom for the guests with reduced mobility, a baby care room and flight information screens". Turkish Airlines Chief Operations Officer, M.

Akif Konar said in the statement: "The opening of our new Turkish Airlines Lounge at Edinburgh Airport marks an important milestone for our airline. As our first

abroad lounge in Europe and our eighth outside of Türkiye, this investment demonstrates our deep commitment to our European operations where we already possess a strong presence as the best airline of the continent. Looking ahead, we will continue to build on our presence in the region and bringing our award-winning hospitality closer to travellers here."

Edinburgh International Airport Chief Commercial Officer Stephanie Wear, in the statement said: "The opening of the new Turkish Airlines Lounge marks an exciting chapter for both us and the airline as they launch their first lounge in the Europe abroad at Edinburgh Airport. It demonstrates Turkish Airlines' commitment to the airport and to enhancing the travel experience for 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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General News

NLC Threatens Strike Over Worsening Insecurity In Nigeria

Culled:

The Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) on Wednesday commenced a nationwide protest against worsening insecurity across the country, kicking off the action from its national secretariat in Abuja.

The labour movement said it initiated the protest to press for urgent, decisive, and sustained action by the government to halt what it described as an escalating wave of violence, kidnappings, and killings affecting workers and citizens nationwide.

Labour leaders said the protest also serves as a national day of mourning for victims of insecurity.

The NLC President, Joe Ajaero, led the protest at the Abuja secretariat, accompanied by leaders of affiliated labour unions and representatives of civil society organisations.

The gathering drew activists and concerned citizens who expressed frustration over what they described as the government's failure to guarantee public safety.

Also present were Omoyele Sowore and members of the Revolution Now Movement, who accused the federal government of neglecting its constitutional responsibility to protect lives and property.

Sowore described Nigeria's security



NLC Chairman, Joe Ajaero

situation as deteriorating and warned that continued inaction could deepen public despair.

"For the civil society, the country is bleeding, and the bleeding must stop immediately. Nigeria's leadership has failed to protect Nigerians at this time.

"People are getting kidnapped from places of worship, whether you're a Muslim or a Christian. We've over 250 kids still in captivity in Niger State, and everybody

is behaving as if it's normal, and everybody is moving on.

"We even have our soldiers, members of the air force, captured by Burkina Faso, and it looks like everything has broken down irretrievably, and we've a duty to keep mobilising Nigerians to say, 'Enough is enough.'"

Ahead of the protest, the NLC said it had received credible intelligence from its community networks indicating that unnamed agencies and political actors

plan to infiltrate and violently disrupt the peaceful demonstration scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

The Congress described the protest as a legitimate response to what it called an unchecked reign of terror across the country, stressing that rising cases of mass abductions, killings, and attacks on communities had continued amid what it viewed as official indifference or institutional weakness.

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Anambra Vows To Recover Stolen Lands

Culled:

The Anambra State Government intends to form a committee for the recovery of Government lands in the hands of individuals.

The decision was taken at the 25 Anambra State Executive Meeting, which heard reports of people "blatantly intruding on government lands and building on them without permission".

"The council resolved to form a committee to reclaim these government lands in and around Anambra State, according to a statement signed by Dr. Law Mefor, the Commissioner of Information.

The Executive Council also decided to set up a task force on erosion, warning that erosion is an existential issue in Anambra State, and blamed it on the careless actions of communities and regulatory bodies that disregarded environmental regulations.

It said some residents direct stormwater from their homes onto the roads, where it accumulates in different ways and contributes to the erosion crisis currently affecting Anambra State.

An "enforcement to force people to build and manage storm waters from their houses and for communities to follow specific guidelines, like building erosion barriers and excavating sand only in locations that have been allowed" will be inaugurated, it said.

Among other issues, the Exco for the provision of water supply to the Ekwulobia Flyover Bridge Fountain and the ornamental garden; for landscaping the car park for the Trauma Centre at Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Teaching Hospital (COOUTH), Amaku, Awka; installation of a 3-way traffic light, including pedestrian lights, at the Ifite-Amenyi intersection within Awka metropolis; installation of two 10 kVA inverters with 15 kW lithium batteries at the Anambra State Civil Service Commission Building in Awka, and for the supply and installation of transformer substations at two locations (Nnewi & Umueze-Anam communities).

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Our Youth Empowerment Is For All Nigerians, Not Political



From the Ministry of Information and National Orientation

Culled:

The Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, has stated that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's youth empowerment initiatives are driven by a sincere commitment to expanding

opportunities for young Nigerians, rather than partisan political considerations.

Idris made the clarification on Tuesday night in Abuja during an interactive session with youths from the APC Youth Wing and tertiary institutions across the

Federal Capital Territory, at The Nest Resource Centre, Abuja. The session, which featured open and candid conversations, was moderated by the APC National Youth Leader, Dr. Dayo Israel.

According to the Minister, youth-focused programmes of the Tinubu administration are deliberately designed to be inclusive, accessible, and impactful, regardless of political affiliation.

"NELFUND is for Nigerians; it is not for APC. The 3MTT is for Nigerians; it is not for APC," Idris said. "Everything the President is doing is about restoring prosperity, dignity, and renewing hope, so that young people can fulfil their potential and believe again in their country."

He disclosed that, based on the

latest data, over 788,000 students are currently benefiting from the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), with more than ₦250 billion committed to tuition support and student upkeep across tertiary institutions nationwide.

The Minister also highlighted the Three Million Technical Talent (3MTT) Programme, a flagship digital skills initiative launched by the Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy on behalf of President Tinubu. The programme is targeted at training three million Nigerians in high-demand technical and digital skills to improve employability and competitiveness in the global digital economy.

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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

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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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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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