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LASTMA officers stationed in the Trade Fair axis were said to have responded swiftly, cordoning off the accident scene to manage traffic and protect other road users. The agency noted that officers, assisted by passersby, secured the area and alerted the Onireke Police Division. Police operatives arrived shortly after to

begin investigations and maintain order.

The motorcyclist responsible for the initial collision fled the scene with his motorcycle, while the truck driver also abandoned his vehicle and escaped after realising the severity of the incident.

Colleagues of the deceased firefighter later evacuated his remains using an official Federal Fire Service ambulance dispatched from the Trade Fair Complex.

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The accident scene

# NSC Boss Advocates ADR To Resolve Maritime Disputes

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The Executive Secretary/CEO of the Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC), Dr Pius Akutah, has emphasised the need to strengthen and prioritise alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms to address the prolonged litigation in maritime sector disputes.

Akutah stated this at the 10th Yearly Law Week of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Badagry Branch, held at the Lagos State University (LASU), Ojo, where he was conferred with the title of "Honorary Life Member of the Heritage Bar."

Akutah recalled his role as a prosecutor handling the case of the vessel 'Heroic Idiom', which was seized in Equatorial Guinea and later brought to Nigeria, noting that the matter was successfully resolved out of court.

He said many of these cases are commercial disputes, tying down investments for 10 years in court battles and only eroding value. Akutah disclosed that the NSC's dispute-resolution unit resolved cases in 2024 that would

otherwise have cost the sector more than N6 billion in legal fees, damages and delays. He said the Council is intensifying efforts to prioritise arbitration and mediation before resorting to litigation.

"Before any case goes to court, let's try arbitration and other alternative mechanisms. Courts are the last resort. Over the years, ADR has been advocated, but not much has been done. Court reforms, including the Admiralty jurisdiction of the Federal High Court, have helped, but delays still occur. Ensuring effective alternative dispute resolution is crucial," he said. He added that even in criminal matters with commercial elements, amicable settlements remain possible where parties mutually agree.

Akutah reaffirmed the NSC's commitment to deepening legal reforms, strengthening regulatory enforcement and promoting faster resolution of maritime disputes to boost investor confidence and support the nation's maritime sector growth.

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The announcement was conveyed in a statement issued by the Lagos State Government via its press office, on Tuesday.

According to the government, the temporary halt is aimed at easing traffic congestion, reducing travel time, and allowing residents and commuters to move freely during the yuletide period, saving valuable man-hours and reducing stress for motorists.

The disclosure followed a joint inspection of the ongoing works by the Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Infrastructure, Engr. Olufemi Daramola, representatives of the



Hon. Oluwaseun Osiyemi

Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), and the contractor, Messrs CRCC.

"The Lagos State Government on Tuesday, announced that the contractors handling the rehabilitation works of the Eti-Osa/Lekki/Epe Expressway covering Admiralty Way Junction to Jubilee Bridge section (Ajah) in Eti-Osa Local Government

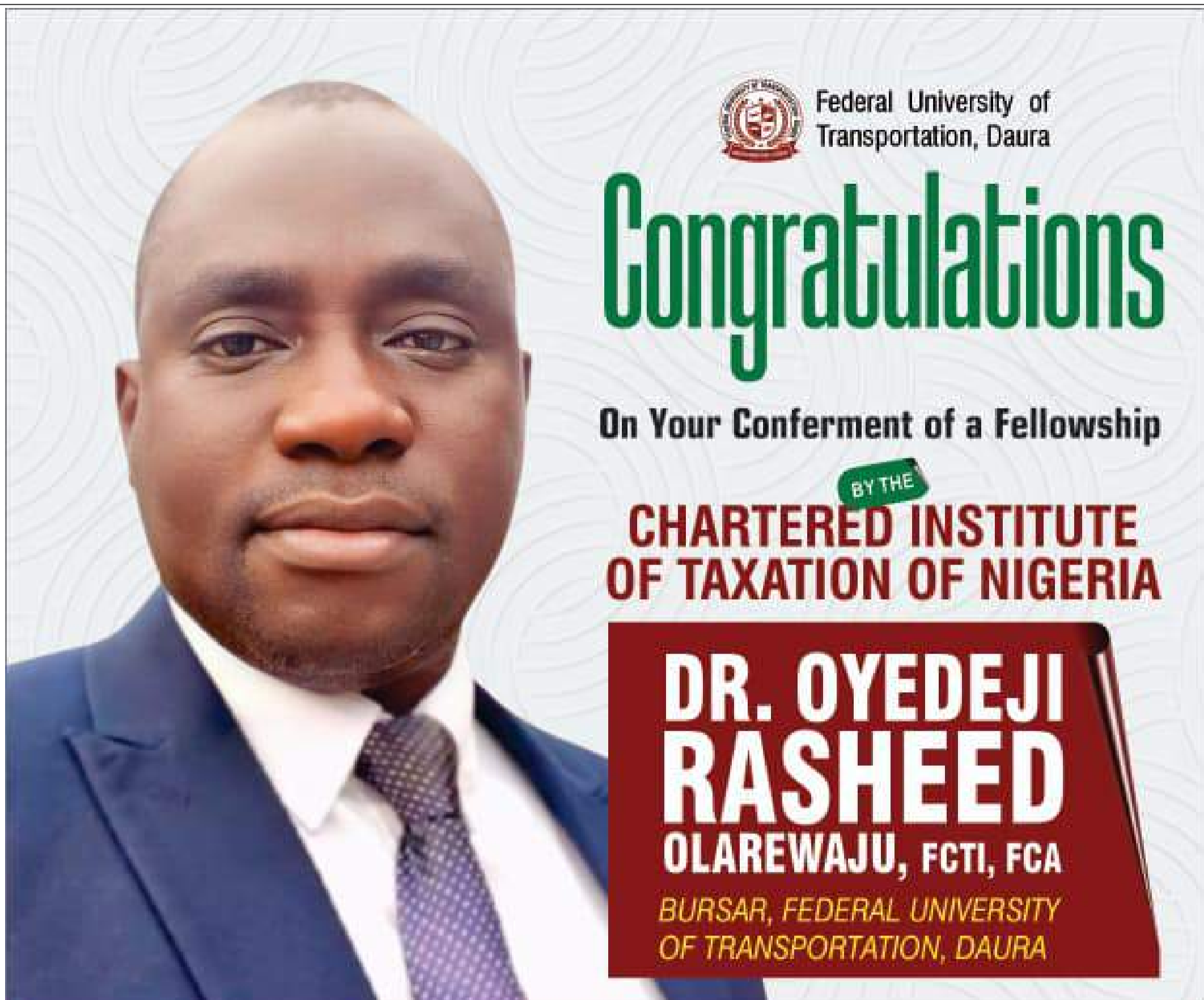
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"This, according to the Government, will ease the traffic gridlock necessitated by the rehabilitation works, reduce travel time, save important man-hours that would have been otherwise lost to traffic, make life

more meaningful to Commuters by reducing stress and allow residents to commute seamlessly during the yuletide period," the statement read in part.

The Commissioner apologized to commuters for the inconvenience caused by the works, emphasizing the need to balance road repairs with smooth traffic flow.

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# Arochukwu Celebrates Governor Over Road Construction

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The paramount ruler of Arochukwu Ancient kingdom, Eze Eberechukwu Oji, and other residents have lauded the state governor, Alex Otti over the reconstruction of the legendary Ohafia –Arochukwu Road.

The roads to the community had for centuries necessitated the expression, “there is no road to Arochukwu that is easy”.

Off the 43-kilometre road that was started by the Federal Government through the intervention of the senator representing Abia North, Otti on Thursday flagged off the reconstruction of the remaining 33 km stretch into Arochukwu.

The Eze Aro said, “We cannot thank our governor enough. This is a road that has been abandoned for many years and is the main road coming into Arochukwu in Abia. The governor has remembered us, we can only thank him and encourage him.

“It is not only in Arochukwu he is

working, he is working in the entire Abia State, converting the entire state into a big construction zone. So we praise his focus and delivery performance”.

Other residents, including Pa Kalu Thomas Okoro, Mrs. Chinonso Michael and Mr. Ihueze Ezue who spoke at Amanagwu community in Arochukwu during an unscheduled inspection by the state Commissioner for Works, Otumchere Oti described the reconstruction of the road as a 2027 ticket for Otti's second term.

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Governor Alex Otti

# Oyo Pilgrims To Take Off From Ibadan Airport For 2026 Hajj

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The Chairman of Oyo State Pilgrims Welfare Board Muslim Wing, Hashim Atere, said that the state's batch of pilgrims to the 2026 hajj will take off from the upgraded Ladoke Akintola International Airport, Ibadan.

He announced this in a statement released by the Special Adviser to Governor Seyi Makinde on Media, Sulaimon Olarenwaju, on Wednesday in Ibadan, the state capital.

Atere said, “That is why the wide-bodied aircraft that conveyed President Bola Tinubu to Ibadan for the coronation of the Olubadan of Ibadan, Oba Rasidi Ladoja, was able to land at the airport in September. The aircraft also took off from the airport seamlessly.

“The Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development had visited the airport twice before the President visited, and were satisfied with what they met on the ground. So, everything is set for our pilgrims to take off from the airport. There should not be any hindrance to our people taking off from

the airport for the 2026 hajj pilgrimage.”

The chairman expressed the appreciation of the board to the governor for his unwavering support, adding that his support enjoyed by the board had been responsible for all the accolades and awards received by the board.

He, therefore, assured all intending pilgrims that the board would not leave any stone unturned to ensure that the 2026 pilgrimage is much better than the previous ones.

Atere also called on all those who plan to go on pilgrimage with the board to meet up with the financial obligations, as the board would not extend the December 5 payment deadline.

The PUNCH reports that Makinde officially flagged off the N41bn upgrade of the Ibadan airport, renamed Samuel Ladoke Akintola Airport in 2024.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the project was held at the airport premises in Ibadan, the state capital, and the project is expected to be completed within 12 months.

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# TY Logistics Park Unveils Plan To Fix Nigeria's \$1.7bn Logistics Drain

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Nigeria's logistics sector, long burdened by high costs and inefficient systems, may be on the brink of a turnaround as TY Logistics Park, a new Grade-A facility within the Lekki Free Trade Zone, says it is introducing a model that could reverse the country's estimated \$1.7 billion annual logistics losses.

At a media briefing in Lagos, the company's Chief Executive Officer, Arno van der Merwe, said the park was designed to tackle the structural bottlenecks that have pushed logistics costs in Nigeria to some of the highest in the world.

Van der Merwe listed chronic underinvestment in infrastructure, weak intermodal connections, congested ports, fragmented customs processes, and unreliable warehousing systems as key factors driving the crisis.

He said importers now experience clearance delays of between 18 and 21 days, while many businesses spend as much transporting goods as they do acquiring them.

“These are not isolated challenges; they



TY Logistics Park

are structural issues that have accumulated over decades,” he said.

TY Logistics Park seeks to reduce friction by integrating five previously separate logistics segments into one controlled ecosystem: clearing and forwarding, contract logistics, route-to-market planning, free zone operations and digital supply chain visibility.

Van der Merwe said companies can keep inventory within the free zone without

paying duties upfront, only paying when consignments are released into the local market. This, he noted, eases the financial pressure on businesses that currently tie down capital on upfront payments.

The first phase of the park covers 100,000 square metres and features high-grade racked warehouses, jointless floors for heavy machinery, green-certified structures, system-

driven inventory management and facilities that consume 30 per cent less water and energy.

Additionally, businesses operating within the zone enjoy free zone incentives including zero corporate taxes and full repatriation rights.

“These are features missing in much of Nigeria's logistics architecture,” he added.

Van der Merwe said the park was built on an “every client matters” principle, ensuring equal attention to both large manufacturers and small exporters.

“A client with two pallets gets the same attention as a client with 10,000 pallets,” he said.

This, he explained, positions the park to support Nigeria's expanding SME export community, especially in food, beauty, crafts and light manufacturing, seeking entry into US, EU and Asian markets.

Located within the Lekki Free Trade Zone, the park is positioned 12 minutes from the airport, 40 minutes from Lagos, 50 minutes from Apapa and has direct access to the Lekki Deep Seaport.

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"We are proud to announce the successful delivery of 50 units of our fully CNG-powered buses to the Federal Government of Nigeria," Oluwatobi wrote on X.

The Indigenous automobile firm had earlier delivered 50 CNG-powered buses to the federal government.

Recall that in 2023 President Bola Ahmed Tinubu established PCNGI to cushion the impact of fuel subsidy removal on Nigerians.

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CNG Buses

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The National Association of Aircraft Pilots and Engineers (NAAPE) has promised to ensure safety in the aviation sector.

The President of the Association, Capt. Bunmi Gindeh disclosed this in Abuja during the inaugural meeting of the newly elected National Executive Council of the association.

Gindeh also pledged the commitment of the leadership of the association to transforming the professional landscape for pilots and engineers across Nigeria. He described NAAPE members as the backbone of flight safety, operational excellence, and technological advancement in Nigerian aviation.

Gindeh, in a statement by the Spokesperson of NAAPE, Engr. Blessing Ahmadu noted that members of the association are the engine room tasked with the responsibility of protecting members' interests, engaging constructively with stakeholders, fostering professional development, and ensuring institutional sustainability.

He urged the council to operate with

# NAPPE Vows To Ensure Safety In Aviation Sector

diligence, transparency, and a spirit of collaboration, prioritising the collective good over individual interests.

He said, "The decisions we make in this council will directly impact not only our members but also the safety and efficiency of air travel in our nation," Captain Gindeh declared, framing the national executive council's work as a matter of national importance that extends far beyond internal union affairs."

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Shippers association

Shippers under the aegis of the Shippers Association of Lagos State (SALS) on Wednesday decried the current operating trade environment inside and around the Lagos ports, highlighting multiple levies, illegal checkpoints, container stoppages, delays, bureaucratic processes and a system that punishes compliant importers and exporters.

Speaking during the 2025 Shippers Day celebration held in Lagos on Wednesday, President of SALS, Nicodemus Odolo, revealed that this situation discourages Nigerians from importing and exporting goods, with the number of shippers currently in the business declining daily over a harsh operating business

environment.

The Shippers Day celebration, which had as its theme 'Challenges Between Revenue Generation and Trade Facilitation', also saw presentations from the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Nigerian Shippers Council (NSC), and other operators domiciled at the Lagos Port.

"My own cargo can stay in the port for three months because I want to do it right. Whoever wants to do things right in Nigeria suffers. Those who want to do it wrong get the benefits," he said.

He described situations where police officers stop export containers on highways to query Customs duty, a role outside their mandate.

"Standardisation should be clear, one organisation issues the document after testing. Once you get to the port, within a day, your cargo should be on board. But too many people are doing the same thing. What concerns police with the duty you pay?" he asked.

Speaking on the theme 'Multiple Taxes and Levies', the Executive

Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC), Dr. Pius Akutah, emphasised that multiple, overlapping and often contradictory taxes and levies imposed on shippers and service providers across the logistics chain, distort pricing, create uncertainty and weaken Nigeria's attractiveness as a trade hub.

He acknowledged stakeholders' concerns on import costs and overall business sustainability over the Nigeria Customs Service's four per cent tax on the Free on Board (FOB) value of all imported goods.

Akutah said the Council has already initiated engagements with relevant authorities to ensure that such policies, where necessary, are clearly evaluated, harmonised and aligned with National Economic Priorities.

"Our position remains that any fiscal measures within the port system must support trade, not stifle it. We remain committed to driving reforms that ensure fairness, transparency and efficiency in the port environment," Akutah stated. Presenting a paper titled: "National

Single Window: Simplifying Trade Process For Nigerian Shippers," the Zonal Coordinator Zone 'A,' of the Nigeria Customs Service, Babandede Mohammed, disclosed that the Federal Government's unified platform is targeting an economic growth of \$1 trillion by the first quarter of 2026.

Babandede's who spoke on behalf of the Comptroller-General of Customs, Bashir Adewale Adeniyi, said that the centralised electronic trade platform will integrate various trade and regulatory bodies, leading to more efficient operations, reduced bottlenecks and enhanced revenue generation for the government.

Babandede listed agencies directly involved in clearance processes under the platform as administrators to include, Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON), National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service (NAQS), and National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NASREA).

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The Managing Director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Mrs Olunmi Kuku, disclosed this in Abuja on Thursday at a retreat organised for the FAAN Governing Board and Stakeholders with the theme: "Future-proofing FAAN: Leadership, modernisation and Strategic renewal".

She also revealed that efforts are ongoing to fix the faulty cooling systems, address power challenges, and maintain a clean environment during the festive period.

Highlighting preparations for the Yuletide, Kuku said: "Crucially, we must ensure that



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all our airports are safe, from airlines. We are delays exist. So we are secure, and welcoming asking the airlines, in working closely together spaces for our guests, conjunction with the to ensure that we can who are the reason for Nigeria Civil Aviation have a smooth operation our existence. Authority (NCAA), to this holiday period.

"We know that a review their schedules "We are speaking very challenge that we and at least make closely with all of our continue to have around information available in a stakeholders. We started the peak period is delays timely manner where facilitation meetings

every week, as opposed to quarterly, with all the ground handlers as well as the airlines.

"So, I can assure Nigerians during the peak period that we are making our environment comfortable from a passenger experience perspective. We are ensuring that the cooling systems are working at the airports and working overnight".

She added: "I think the sanitary environment is something that we have seen complaints about. So, we are pulling in facility managers into most of those major airports as well, not just the cleaners, because we have seen some culpability with those as well.

"We have had some challenges from a power perspective, especially in Lagos. So, we are working very closely with the DISCO and on the secondary power systems as well to have a comfortable environment".

Kuku also hinted that FAAN has increased its aeronautical and non-aeronautical revenue target.

"Under the leadership of this present administration, where we took over in December 2023, we have increased our

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In a statement issued on Tuesday, LAMATA's Head of Corporate Communication, Kolawole Ojelabi, said Special Adviser on Transportation, Sola Giwa, who presided over the meeting, explained that the state's long-term objective is to eliminate unsafe and unregulated vehicles from high-traffic routes and replace them with a more efficient, coordinated system.

He said the government aims to enhance passenger comfort, improve safety standards, and ensure better travel experiences for residents.

"We need to take a lot of bad buses off the road. The Lekki-Epe Expressway is not isolated. We are

working on other major transit corridors.

"The State Government also plans to remove the small buses, known as korope, from major highways and reassign them to feeder and community routes to strengthen the First and Last Mile bus scheme," Giwa said.

Under the new structure, the currently regulated operator on the corridor will continue stage-carriage services, while Oneness, a collaborative group of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, NURTW, has been approved to operate express services between Ajah, Oshodi and Berger.

All buses under the scheme will bear Lagos State's official blue-and-white regulated colours and carry quick-response, QR, codes for verification, unique identification numbers, and Touch and Pay, TAP, stickers. Drivers will also be required to wear official Ministry of Transportation badges.

A total of 229 medium- and high-

capacity buses will operate in the first phase, with fare payments strictly limited to the Cowry card electronic system.

Giwa cautioned that any transport operator or passenger involved in cash transactions on the corridor will be arrested and prosecuted.

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# Launch of the Distribution of 500 Free Bicycles To Schools By (GRA) Empowerment Foundation Recently



# Mauritius To Adopt New E-Travel Authorization System To Ease Airport Delays

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Mauritius is preparing to adopt a new electronic travel authorization system that could soon reshape how millions of visitors enter the island nation.

This is according to Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam, who announced the forthcoming rollout during an event marking the 50th anniversary of Constance Hotels & Resorts, a ceremony that highlighted the country's reliance on tourism as a central pillar of its economy, Travel Biz first reported.

The measure, officials say, is designed to modernize border procedures and streamline arrivals for travellers who currently enjoy visa-free access. For now, however, the existing entry rules remain in place.

Mauritius recorded roughly 1.4 million arrivals in 2025, a figure the government hopes to grow as it invests in digital



infrastructure and more efficient border security systems.

The proposed Electronic Travel Authorization, or ETA, would function as an online pre-clearance that

travellers complete before boarding a flight.

Though similar systems have been adopted by the United States, Canada and parts of Europe, Mauritius has not yet

used a centralized digital screening tool.

Officials say the new platform is intended to shorten queues, reduce manual paperwork and offer border authorities

improved oversight of incoming passengers.

Precise details of the system, including who will be required to apply, have not yet been released. Ramgoolam suggested

that the ETA could become mandatory even for citizens of countries that currently enjoy visa-free entry, effectively adding an extra step for many travellers.

Authorities are also developing a digital identity-recognition tool that would work alongside the ETA to support faster processing at airports.

For now, travellers should not expect any immediate changes. Current visa remain in effect, and the immigration process continues to rely on the existing All-in-One Digital Travel Form. Visitors are encouraged to complete the form before departure, generating a QR-coded document that must be presented upon arrival. Those who do not complete it electronically must fill out a paper immigration card at the airport, a process that often contributes to longer queues.

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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

# Nigerian Leader Launches 2026 Armed Forces Remembrance Emblem

**Culled:** Nigeria's President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has launched the 2026-Armed Forces Remembrance Day emblem appeal fund at the State House, Abuja.

President Tinubu commended the courage and dedication of troops confronting terrorism, insurgency, banditry, and other security threats across the country.

Speaking ahead of the Armed Forces Remembrance Day, commemorated annually on January 15, the President said a grateful nation must continue to "honour the fallen, support the wounded, and care for all who answer the call to serve."

He noted that Remembrance Day remained a solemn reminder of the cost of peace and the enduring importance of national unity, saying that the sacrifices of Nigeria's military heroes have significantly strengthened national stability.

"As a grateful nation, we must honour the fallen, support the wounded, and create and care for all who answer the call to serve the Armed Forces. Remember Remembrance Day, marked every 15 January, is a reminder of the cost of peace and the importance of unity



President Tinubu with the remembrance emblem

as we honour our heroes.

"Today, we also pay tribute to veterans and salute our serving troops who continue to confront terrorism, insurgency, and other security challenges. They are resilience, often in the face of great danger, remains a source of national pride.

President Tinubu further commended the Armed Forces for demonstrating exceptional courage across multiple theatres of

operation.

He noted that their relentless efforts have restored normalcy to several communities.

"Our armed forces have demonstrated exceptional courage across various theatres of operation. Their efforts have restored normalcy to many communities and strengthened national stability.

"And under my administration, we have

entrenched collaboration among security agencies and recorded significant gains; tens of thousands of insurgents have surrendered.

"Key terrorist leaders have been neutralised, and many captives have been freed in our maritime domain. Oil theft, piracy and illegal fishing have been contained; we have supported new platforms and advanced capabilities acquired for the Army, Navy and Air Force."

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# Summit Rallies Support For Nigeria's MSMES

**Culled:**

Nigeria's micro, small, and medium enterprises received fresh backing as policymakers, financiers, and industry leaders gathered to push a coordinated agenda for scaling local production.

At the Go Local Summit 2025, promoted by BusinessDay newspaper and Providus Bank, speakers warned that the country's ambition for a stronger naira and a more competitive economy would remain out of reach until MSMEs were given the tools, markets, and infrastructure needed to grow beyond survival mode.

The summit, themed Go Local: From Raw Potential to Market Power, brought together artisans, manufacturers, agro-processors, fashion houses, beauty entrepreneurs, textile producers, and food innovators.

It sought to shift the country from exporting raw potential to exporting finished excellence. With many MSMEs still battling low demand and poor access to finance, the gathering stressed that local consumption must deepen if domestic production is to mature into globally competitive industries.

In the keynote address titled 'The Naira Starts at Home: How Local Consumption Drives National Prosperity,' Dr Olubunmi Kole Dawodu, Lagos State Manager of the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), said the choices Nigerians make in the marketplace directly determine the strength of the currency.

He noted that consumer preference remained tilted toward foreign goods, leaving local producers with limited market access. He added that when Nigerians buy local, they "cast monetary votes" that fuel GDP growth, create jobs, and reduce pressure on the naira.

Dawodu argued that currency stability could not depend on central bank intervention alone.

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# US Mission Nigeria Unveils Social Media Skit Contest



US Mission Nigeria

**Culled:** The US Mission Nigeria has announced the launch of the "Made in America, Loved in Nigeria" Social Media Skit Contest, a nationwide digital competition aimed at showcasing how American products,

brands, and ideas positively shape everyday life across Nigeria.

The contest, which runs from December 1 to December 8, 2025, encourages young Nigerians to express their creativity through 90-second vertical skits demonstrating the impact of US innovations

in fields such as business, education, technology, creativity, and community development.

According to the Mission, the initiative is designed to "spotlight the positive impact of American products, brands, and ideas on communities across Nigeria," while also celebrating how these innovations enrich daily life, foster productivity, and drive progress.

Participants are required to post their original skits publicly on YouTube, Facebook, or Instagram, tagging @USinNigeria.

They are also encouraged to share the same content across Facebook, Instagram, X, or TikTok using the hashtags #MadeInAmericaLovedInNigeria and #TradeThatTransforms.

The contest is open to Nigerian

citizens aged 18 to 45 residing in the country. Entries must be entirely original, and participants are expected to complete an official entry form and upload a signed eligibility and release form.

All submissions will be pre-screened for compliance with contest rules and judged based on creativity, relevance to the theme, storytelling strength, technical quality, and audience engagement. The Mission said winners will be announced on December 12, 2025, via its social media platforms.

Top contestants will receive high-end creative tools, including a Sony A7 IV creative bundle, Sony A7 III, and an iPhone 16 with a handheld gimbal, as well as mentorship

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Economy grows

# Nigeria's Economic Growth Continues With PMI Rising To 56.4

**Culled:** Nigeria's economic growth continued its upward trajectory in November, with the Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising to 56.4 points, according to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The report, released on Monday, highlighted that this marks the twelfth consecutive month of expansion in economic activity.

The industry sector also showed resilience, recording a PMI of 54.2 points. Of the 17 industrial subsectors surveyed, 10 reported growth, reflecting strengthened output levels and renewed stability across the

industrial value chain. The services sector extended its expansion streak to ten months, posting a PMI of 56.8 points, while agriculture continued to outperform, recording a PMI of 58.2 points for the sixteenth consecutive month. All five agricultural subsectors reported growth, underscoring the sector's pivotal role in sustaining national output amid rising demand for food and raw materials.

In addition, all 14 subsectors in the services sector recorded growth in business activity, signaling a broad-based recovery and strengthening performance in consumer-facing and

professional services. However, the CBN report noted varying price pressures across sectors. Agriculture recorded the widest gap between input and output prices at 7.2 index points, indicating rising costs for farmers, while the services sector experienced the narrowest gap at 2.7 index points, suggesting more stable pricing.

The economic expansion is further supported by data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), which reported that Nigeria's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 3.98 per cent year-on-year in real terms in the third quarter of 2025. The growth rate

exceeds the 3.86 per cent recorded in Q3 2024.

"Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 3.98% (year-on-year) in real terms in the third quarter of 2025. This growth rate is higher than the 3.86% recorded in the third quarter of 2024. During the quarter under review, agriculture grew by 3.79%, an improvement from the 2.55% recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024," the NBS stated.

The bureau added that the industry sector grew by 3.77 per cent, up from 2.78 per cent in Q3 2024, while the services sector recorded growth of 4.15 per cent compared with 4.97 per cent in the same period last year.

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## Gombe, EU Launch Solar-Powered Health Project

Gombe State has launched the European Union-funded Nigeria Solar for Health Project, NISHP, a major initiative expected to drastically improve healthcare delivery by providing stable, clean and cost-effective electricity to primary healthcare facilities across the state.

The launch brought together senior government officials, EU representatives, development partners and traditional rulers.

Representing Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, Deputy Governor, Dr. Manassah Daniel Jatau hailed the project as a timely intervention that will eliminate power outages in health facilities, reduce operating costs and strengthen service deliver, especially in rural and underserved communities.

Dr. Jatau highlighted the project's alignment with ongoing health sector reforms in Gombe State, noting key achievements since 2019. These

include increasing health spending from 3.5% to 15%, meeting the Abuja Declaration benchmark, and establishing the Gombe State Contributory Health Agency, which now covers more than 300,000 residents.

He said: "We have strengthened the Drug Management Agency to ensure an uninterrupted supply of essential medicines and revitalized 103 primary healthcare centres (PHCs) and 66

clinics under the World Bank IMPACT project, providing solar power, clean water, upgraded equipment, and staff accommodation. We have also ensured 228 PHCs, with at least two facilities in each of the state's 114 political wards."

He also noted the growing national and global recognition of Gombe State, including its recent presentation on family planning successes at an international forum in Colombia. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

# 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.
2. Africa Road Transport Safety Summit and Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO) - The largest gathering of Researchers and Industry Leaders in Road Transport Safety featuring exhibitions of technology devices and Innovations.
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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