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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has announced plans to prosecute popular TikTok streamer, Mr. Habeeb Hamzat, widely known as Peller, over alleged reckless and distracted driving.

The decision follows a viral video in which the influencer was seen live streaming while driving—an act the FRSC said reportedly resulted in a road traffic crash.

This was disclosed in a statement issued on Monday by the Assistant Corps Marshal and Corps Public Education Officer, Mr. Olusegun Ogungbemide.

According to the statement, the Corps Marshal expressed deep concern over what he described as a growing trend of reckless road use by celebrities, social media influencers and content creators who, in the pursuit of online attention, flout traffic regulations and endanger lives.

He stressed that live streaming,

recording or engaging in any form of content creation while driving is a clear violation of traffic laws and poses serious risks to both drivers and other road users.

The Corps Marshal consequently directed the Lagos State Sector Commander to immediately commence prosecution of the individual involved for reckless driving, use of a phone while driving and distracted driving, in line with extant traffic laws.

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FRSC Inaugurates Operation Zero-Tolerance, Deploys 1,470 Personnel

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Kaduna State Sector Command, on Monday inaugurated operation zero-tolerance and deployed 1,470 personnel across the state to enhance road safety during the yuletide period.

The Sector Commander, Tijjani Iliyasu, while inaugurating the operation and briefing officers, said the 2025 Operation Zero-Tolerance is an intensive end-of-year safety campaign aimed at reducing road traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities during the festive season.

Iliyasu disclosed that the operation, which commenced on Monday, will run until January 15, 2026.

He said it will involve 1,470 regular FRSC personnel, 401 Special Marshals, 30 patrol vehicles, two motorbikes, two heavy-duty tow trucks, one carrier tow truck, 10 ambulances and the deployment of drones for traffic surveillance across major highways and critical corridors in the state.

He urged officers and men of the corps to conduct themselves professionally and avoid any acts capable of tarnishing the image of the FRSC.

According to the sector commander, the operation will focus on the enforcement of critical traffic offences, including non-use of passenger manifests, dangerous driving and overtaking, speeding, tyre violations, use of mobile phones while driving, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, seat belt violations, lane indiscipline, route violations, and overloading of goods and passengers.

He added that periodic mobile court sittings, strict enforcement measures and sustained public enlightenment campaigns would be carried out throughout the operation to ensure voluntary compliance by road users.

Iliyasu said traffic camps and help areas have been activated at Rigachikun, Kwanan Farakwai, Birnin Yero and Gonin Gora to manage traffic congestion and ensure swift response to road traffic crashes.

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Container operations were a significant contributor to the improved performance. Total container traffic climbed by 18.9 per cent to 546,931 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in Q3 2025, compared with 460,038 TEUs in Q3 2024.

Within this, import-laden containers rose by 33.1 per cent to 268,713 TEUs, from 201,839 TEUs a year earlier, while export-laden containers surged to 69,039 TEUs, from just 5,812 TEUs in the same period of 2024.



Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA)

The sharp rise in export containers also led to a 21.5 per cent reduction in empty container traffic, signalling improved balance between imports and exports and stronger non-oil export activity.

Ship traffic equally recorded notable growth during the quarter. The number of vessel calls increased by 8.4 per cent to 1,074 ships, from 991 vessels in Q3 2024.

At the same time, the total Gross Registered Tonnage (GRT) jumped by 18 per cent to 42.64 million, compared with 36.13 million recorded a year earlier, indicating that Nigerian ports are increasingly handling larger vessels.

A breakdown of the number of ship calls along the port locations revealed that Tin Can Port topped the chart at 22.7 per cent, followed by Apapa Port at 22.2 per

cent. Onne and Lekki Ports followed with 18.9 per cent and 18.4 per cent respectively, while Calabar Port contributed the least at 2.1 per cent.

However, the analysis of ship calls by size of ship revealed that Lekki Port received the largest size ships with an average Gross Registered Tonnage (GRT) of 57,244, followed by Onne Port with an average of 51,276 GRT.

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Oyo Govt Partners Pacesetter Transport To Host Transport Fest 1.0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ekiti Approves N15.2bn For Road Reconstruction

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

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

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

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

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

"It is aimed at easing vehicular movement,

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

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

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

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

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

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Enugu Votes N10bn For Phase 1 Of 135.4km Rail Project

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Enugu State Government has voted N10b in the 2026 budget as the state's equity contribution to the first phase of the 135.5km standard gauge rail it plans to build in the state.

This was made known yesterday by Commissioner for Budget and Planning Chris-Roberts Ozongwu during the budget breakdown.

Mbah on December 2, laid a N1.62tr spending proposal, christened "Budget of Renewed Momentum" before the House of Assembly.

The budget figure, which is a Southeast record and a 66.5 per cent increase on the N971b revised 2025 budget, comprises N1.3tr Capital Expenditure, representing 80 per cent of the total budget and N321.2bn Recurrent Expenditure, representing 20 per cent.

Breaking it down to journalists, Ozongwu said the rail project was in keeping with Governor Mbah's campaign promise to evolve a multimodal transport system incorporating rail, tram and inland



Governor Mbah

water services to complement existing road transportation in the state.

The rail project is also designed to terminate at doorsteps of the neighbouring states for easy continuation to enhance connectivity, especially among the South East states.

In the same vein, the government also plans to add additional 14 aircraft to increase the fleet of the state-owned airline, Enugu Air, to 20 planes by the

end of 2026.

He explained that Enugu Air, which launched in July with three aircraft, had been quite lucrative, noting that the government had concluded plans to add three planes to the airline's current fleet to bring it to six before the end of the year.

Other planned key expenditures in the transport sector in the coming year include a N10bn equity contribution to

the Akanu Ibiam International Airport concession in line with Governor Mbah's vision to make Enugu a West African regional aviation and logistics hub.

Ozongwu added that the government had also voted another N10b for vehicle manufacturing programme that would see the state assemble vehicles. Expected to be assembled are 2,100 taxis for the administration's youth empowerment scheme and the Distress Response Squad, DRS, the state's special police unit.

He said the government was confident that the 2026 budget would outperform the 2025 budget.

He added that Mbah runs the state with a private sector mentality.

He said that the allocation of 51.1 per cent and 40.1 per cent of the total budget to the economic sector and social sector, respectively, underscored the administration's commitment to private sector-driven economic growth and human development.

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Dangote Announces Reduction Of Fuel Price

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Founder and President of the Dangote Group, Aliko Dangote, has announced that petrol will sell at ₦739 per litre nationwide from Tuesday, with implementation set to begin at MRS filling stations in Lagos.

Dangote made the announcement on Sunday during a press briefing at the Lekki Refinery, revealing that the refinery had already reduced its gantry price from ₦828 to ₦699 per litre two days earlier in a bid to drive down pump prices across the country.

According to him, marketers and bulk buyers can lift petrol directly from the refinery at the ₦699 gantry price, which he said already includes regulatory charges. He noted that the refinery's net earnings are significantly lower and accused some marketers of deliberately keeping pump prices high despite cheaper supply.

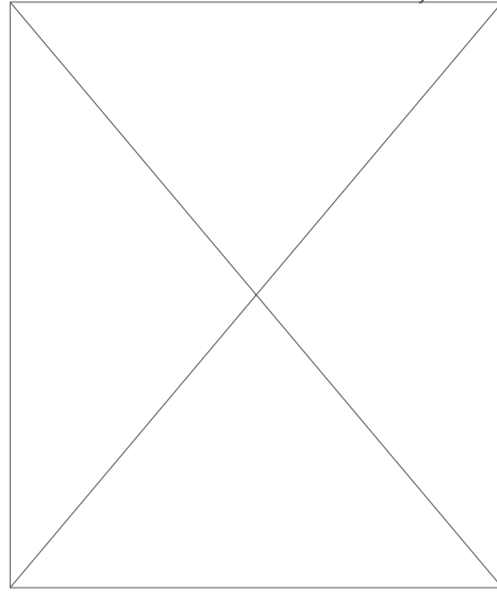
"Starting from Tuesday, MRS will sell petrol at ₦739 per litre, and we will ensure strict implementation. ₦970 is not

the real price. Anyone with the capacity to buy can lift petrol here at ₦699," Dangote said.

He warned that attempts to sabotage price reductions by maintaining inflated pump prices would be resisted, assuring Nigerians that such practices would not continue once the new pricing regime takes effect.

Dangote added that the rollout would begin in Lagos, with nationwide compliance expected shortly after. He also urged members of the Independent

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The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) has held a high-level bilateral meeting with the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Cooperation (TASAC) aimed at strengthening regional collaboration and supporting the growth of Africa's maritime sector. The meeting which was held on the side lines of the IMO General Assembly, also included the endorsement of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the Director General of NIMASA, Dr. Dayo Mobereola, and the Alternate Permanent Representative of Tanzania's Mission to International Maritime Organisation, Dr. Devotha Edward Mandanda.

The MoU reaffirms the commitment of both nations to advancing maritime surveillance, developing seafarer capacity, strengthening cabotage administration, and expanding the use of digital information systems. It also outlines continuous knowledge sharing initiatives aimed at boosting operational effectiveness.

Both sides emphasised that the MoU

NIMASA, TASAC Advance Regional Maritime Cooperation

marks the start of a new phase in regional maritime collaboration. They expressed confidence that the partnership will enhance maritime governance, improve operational capacity, and support the development of strong and resilient maritime institutions that contribute to sustainable growth across Africa.

Also, at the meeting was the NIMASA Governing Board Chairman, Hon. Yusuf Hamisu Abubakar, Executive Directors, and Nigeria's Alternate Permanent Representative to the IMO, William Bwala.

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Residents Praise C'River Gov For Free Christmas Bus Service



Governor Bassey

Residents of Calabar, capital of Cross River State, have praised Governor Bassey Otu's free Christmas bus service, describing it as a huge relief and a great help to curb the high cost of transportation.

It could be recalled that Otu recently launched a free bus service themed "Xmas Free Transport Service," aimed at cushioning the effects of economic hardship and assisting residents and visitors during the festive season to carry out movement across the state.

According to him, the free bus service is part of his administration's "People First" agenda and aligns with the Carnival Calabar theme, "Traces of Time".

During the flag-off ceremony held on December 1, 2025, Otu noted that this gesture is a welcome development that will bring joy and unity to Cross Riverians during the festive season.

Speaking with The PUNCH on Monday in Calabar, residents lauded the initiative, noting that the free bus service is making it easier for people to get around the Calabar metropolis during the Christmas season with no cost.

One of the residents, Ukomma Sampson, said, "I want to throw a big shout out to our Governor, Sen. Bassey Otu, our sweet Prince, for giving us free buses that take us around wherever we go. Particularly in Calabar, since this free bus came into existence, I have not paid for transportation. And this has really helped us to save our money."

A trader in Calabar South, Mary Obi, while commending the efforts of the governor, said, "This is the first time in years that I can travel back home after sales with ease.

"I will just carry my loads and take a free

bus and they will take me to my house for free. I thank our governor, and I want him to sustain this kind gesture beyond the Christmas season."

Another resident of Ekorinim in Calabar main town, who identified himself as Pascal Ijom, said the initiative is a boost to the local economy.

He called on the state government to also cushion the high cost of rent to create balance in the capital city.

On his part, Effiom Ekeng, a father of four at Marian, Calabar main town, said the initiative is commendable, adding that the state government should expand the free bus service to other parts of the state.

"Calabar is not the only city in Cross River, if they want to do something remarkable, Governor Otu should extend this free bus service to other places like Ikom, Obubra, Obudu, Obanliku, Bakassi, Akpabuyo and even Odukpani which is very close to us here", he said.

Traders at the popular Watt market, in separate views, eulogised the initiative of Governor Bassey Otu, describing the

initiative as "a deliberate effort to assist the poor masses."

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The commissioner for Works and Transport, Prof Titus Saul Ketkukah, stated this at the weekend after the end of the year State Executive Council (SEC) meeting in Bauchi where he revealed that more roads would be constructed, rehabilitated or upgraded in the 2026 financial year.

He explained that all the nine road projects were awarded to the contractors from the 2025 supplementary appropriation budget which was recently passed by the State Legislature and assented to by Governor Bala Mohammed.

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stations, BRC and BATV that have 31st December, 2025 as the deadline for completion.

On his part, the Commissioner for Housing and Environment, Danlami Ahmed Kawule, explained that the approved construction of culverts and drainage systems in Duguri community of Alkaleri Local Government Area, Ningi town, and Walai in Itas/Gadau Local Government Area is aimed at mitigating the devastating effects of flooding in the affected communities.

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Road Crashes: Lagos Records 91 Deaths In 11 Months - FRSC



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Lagos Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, has reported that at least 91 people lost their lives in road crashes across the state between January and November 2025.

FRSC Lagos Sector Commander, Kehinde Hamzat, disclosed the figures on Friday during a press briefing at the Sector Command headquarters in Ojodu-Berger. The briefing coincided with the annual Don't Drink and Drive Campaign, held in collaboration with the Beer Sectoral Group, BSG, of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria.

According to Hamzat, October recorded

the highest number of fatalities, with 14 deaths, followed by January with 13, while February had the lowest with five fatalities.

He noted that the figures reflected a slight increase compared to the same period in 2024.

The Sector Commander attributed road crashes to three main factors: human error, mechanical failure, and environmental conditions, adding that human factors are often the primary cause.

Speaking on high-risk areas along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Hamzat highlighted Otedola and Kara Bridges as particularly prone to accidents.

He noted that drivers' inability to navigate the engineering complexities of Otedola Bridge and indiscriminate roadside parking at Kara Bridge were responsible for a significant number of crashes.

"There are three factors that cause

road traffic crashes: human, mechanical, and environmental. While mechanical and environmental issues can be managed, human error remains the main contributor.

"Drivers should exercise caution in known high-risk areas. For instance, having a mechanic repair your brakes safely involves human oversight of mechanical factors. The challenges at Otedola Bridge are not due to road width but drivers failing to manage mechanical factors responsibly," Hamzat said.

He added that FRSC had advised relevant authorities on addressing engineering challenges at Otedola Bridge and urged collaboration between Lagos and Ogun State governments to regulate roadside parking at Kara Bridge.

On the ongoing Don't Drink and Drive Campaign, Hamzat emphasised the need for continued public sensitisation on

the dangers of drunk driving.

He also urged passengers to report unsafe driving behaviour, noting that statistics show more passengers die in crashes than drivers.

In her remarks, BSG Executive Director Abiola Laseinde stated that while the group produces alcoholic beverages, it is committed to promoting responsible drinking.

"Our products are meant to foster enjoyable moments, but consumers must remain aware of their limits. We aim to promote responsible drinking, and this campaign reinforces that message," she said.

Laseinde added that the campaign, now in its sixth year, would include rallies at motor parks and garages across Lagos, engaging drivers in local languages on the dangers of drunk driving and the importance of road safety.

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Turkish Airlines Launches Flights To Phnom Penh

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Turkish Airlines, the airline that flies to more countries than any other, has taken a step further to strengthen its global reach by launching flights to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, in line with its strategic goals.

With this new destination, Cambodia became the 7th country served by flag carrier in Southeast Asia and Phnom Penh joined the network as the 11th city in the region. Strengthening commercial ties between Türkiye and Cambodia and contributing to the economic growth of this emerging market, the Phnom Penh route expands the airline's Far East network to 20 cities and 21 airports.

This new route offers Turkish Airlines' guests easier access to one of the key destinations in the region and showcase once more the unparalleled connectivity the Turkish flag carrier offers as the only European carrier flying to this



destination.

Turkish Airlines operates flights to Phnom Penh three times a week, flights from Istanbul to Phnom Penh depart on Wednesdays, Fridays,

and Sundays, while return flights to Istanbul operate on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Commenting on the new route, Turkish Airlines CEO Bilal Ekşi, said: "As

Turkish Airlines, we continuously expand our network connecting continents and strengthen our connections with strategic destinations. Adding Cambodia as our

132nd country to our unparalleled network, and the launch of Phnom Penh flights marks a significant step forward in this goal. Our flights to Cambodia will present new

opportunities for both tourism and business. Additionally, as the only European carrier flying to this destination, we will further solidify our leadership in the region."

Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, stands as one of the region's most important tourism and trade centers with its historical fabric, cultural heritage and vibrant city life. Situated at the meeting point of Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers, the city offers visitors a rich cultural experience with its Royal Palace, National Museum, and traditional markets.

As part of its special launch promotion, guests can book tickets until February 10, 2026, for travel until October 31, 2026, with fares starting from 699 USD for flights from Istanbul to Phnom Penh, and 679 USD for flights from Phnom Penh to Istanbul.

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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

NUC Lifts Embargo On Establishment Of Foreign Universities In Nigeria

Culled:
The National Universities Commission (NUC) has lifted the embargo on the establishment or operation of foreign universities in Nigeria.

NUC Executive Secretary Professor Abdulahi Yusuf Ribadu, who disclosed this weekend at the 10th Convocation ceremony of Gregory University, Uturu, GUU, Abia State, said the decision was taken to allow foreign direct investment in the education sector. Prof. Ribadu also said it was to strengthen and make the Nigerian university system more globally competitive.

The NUC boss who was represented by Ofor Chukwuemeka said the Commission had initiated some sweeping reforms that would make products from Nigerian universities global hotcakes.

He further explained that the partnership “are under six competitive modes – franchise, branch campus, twinning/articulation, open and distance learning (ODL), acquisition and teaching institutions.”

Prof. Ribadu said NUC introduced a code of governance for private



National Universities Commission (NUC)

universities in Nigeria to ensure uniformity in their operations.

He said NUC embarked on curriculum re-engineering from Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) to Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), as part of efforts to reposition the system.

“NUC during the curriculum review adopted a 70:30 NUC:university ratio for curriculum content.

“NUC provided 70 per cent of the minimum core courses, which are mandatory for graduation in Nigerian universities, and 30 per cent for universities to customise and align with their unique areas of expertise.”

Emphasising the acquisition of 21st-century employability skills for graduating students, NUC commended the management of GUU for its strides towards educational

revolution in the country.

In a remark, Gov. Alex Otti also applauded the founder of GUU, Professor Gregory Ibe, for his foresight in the establishment of the university, which he noted had made tremendous impacts on many lives.

Otti, who was represented by the Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Professor Uche Eme Uche, restated his commitment towards educational

revolution.
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Guinness Nigeria Introduces New 440ml Can

Culled:

Responding to evolving consumer expectations, Guinness Nigeria has unveiled its latest packaging innovation, the new Guinness Foreign Extra Stout (FES) 440ml can, designed to deliver greater value to consumers while deepening the brand's leadership in the stout category.

The introduction of the 440ml can comes at a time when Nigerian consumers are increasingly value-driven and attentive to product offerings that give more without compromising quality.

The step underscores Guinness's commitment to staying ahead through meaningful innovation rooted in consumer insight.

With the 440ml can, consumers can now enjoy enhanced volume and convenience, while still experiencing the same taste, depth, and craftsmanship.

Speaking on the launch, Director, Marketing and Innovations, Guinness Nigeria, Yinka Bakare, said, “At Guinness, innovation is guided by a deep and ongoing conversation with our consumers, understanding what they value most and ensuring we deliver it with excellence.

It gives our consumers more of the boldness, richness, and character they have come to expect from Guinness.

As Nigeria's favourite stout, we want to give our consumers more to enjoy and share this season.

And this explains why we're delighted to introduce a format that not only elevates the drinking experience but also reinforces why Guinness continues to be the stout of choice for millions across Nigeria and beyond.”

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Nigerian Borders Now Better Protected - Interior Minister



Tunji-Ojo

Culled:
The Minister of Interior, Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, has said that Nigeria's borders are now better protected, attributing the progress to President Bola Tinubu's commitment to strengthening national security.

Tunji-Ojo spoke on Sunday in Lagos at the Theatre Arts and Motion Picture Practitioners Association of Nigeria Professional and Empowerment Summit 2025.

At the summit, themed “The Right Man in Governance: Advancing Mr President's

Renewed Hope Agenda,” the minister was honoured as TAMPAN Man of the Year in recognition of his performance in office.

The minister, who was represented by a former Ondo State Commissioner, Dayo Awude, said the Ministry of Interior had recorded significant improvements under the Tinubu administration in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda.

He listed prison reforms, strengthened border security architecture, the installation of e-gates at major airports, and innovations in passport administration as key milestones.

According to him, the ministry has also cleared about 200,000 passport application backlogs, a development he described as a

major boost to public confidence in service delivery.

“I just cited the issue of passports as an example. That is how we all can see, we all can feel. The Honourable Minister has done much more than that.

“Today, if you go to our airport in Lagos, the MM2, we have the e-gates. If you go to Abuja, we have the e-gates. You don't have to have any contact with any immigration officer harassing you and asking you questions unnecessarily.

“As long as you're a citizen and you have your passport, just scan it, then you go. I think that is the way to go. Of course, our borders are better protected today.

“The correctional facilities are better than before.

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Fintechs, Startups Take Centre Stage At Nigeria's Domain Awards

Culled: Nigeria's fintechs and startups are emerging as some of the biggest winners at the Nigeria Internet Registration Association NiRA's (.ng) Domain Awards, a trend that highlights how young, tech-driven companies are increasingly aligning with national digital identity and trust infrastructure to drive growth.

At NiRA's 20th Anniversary and 8th .ng Awards held in December 2025, several innovation-led companies took centre stage. Harvest was named Startup Company of the Year, while Nibox Financial Payment Solutions clinched the .ng Fintech

Company of the Year award. Afrigo Pay Financial went on to secure the night's highest honour, emerging as the .ng Company of the Year for 2025. Their recognition reflects a broader shift in Nigeria's digital ecosystem, where startups are no longer just building products, but also prioritising credibility, localisation, and long-term digital ownership.

Industry observers say fintechs and startups are winning big at the domain awards because their business models are deeply rooted in trust, scale, and digital visibility. In sectors such as payments, lending, agritech, and digital commerce, where

consumer confidence and regulatory alignment are critical, a locally governed domain like .ng provides an added layer of authenticity. For many startups, adopting the national domain has become part of a broader strategy to signal legitimacy to users, investors, and regulators.

In his remarks, Mr. Adesola Akinsanya, the president of NiRA, noted that "Twenty years ago, visionary men and women laid the foundation for what has grown to become Nigeria's digital anchor, the custodian of our online identity."

He reflected on the journey of .ng from its early beginnings to its significance

today as a symbol of national representation, digital trust, and economic empowerment. His message reinforced the need for Nigerians, businesses, institutions, creators, and citizens, to embrace the .ng domain as the authentic digital identity of the nation.

Startups are also benefiting from NiRA's expanded ecosystem, which now connects domain management with broader digital governance conversations around data protection, digital sovereignty, and local content protection. The recognition of organisations such as the Nigeria Data Protection Commission and

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Nigeria's Inflation Ease To 14.45% In November

Nigeria's headline inflation rate eased to 14.45 percent in November 2025, from 16.05 percent in October 2025, according to a report by the National Bureau of Statistics.

According to the report which was released by the Bureau on Monday, the November 2025 inflation rate showed a decrease of 1.6 percent compared to the October 2025 headline inflation rate.

On a year-on-year basis, the headline

inflation rate was 20.15 percent lower than the rate recorded in November 2024 (34.60 percent). While on a month-on-month basis, the headline inflation rate in November 2025 was 1.22 percent, which was 0.29 percent higher than the rate recorded in October 2025 (0.93 percent).

The report showed that food inflation rate in November 2025 was 11.08 percent on a year-on-year basis. This was 28.85 percent points lower

compared to the rate recorded in November 2024 (39.93 percent).

It noted that the significant decline in the annual food inflation figure is technically due to the change in the base year.

On a month-on-month basis, the food inflation rate in November 2025 was 1.13 percent, up by 1.5 percent compared to October 2025 (-0.37 percent).

The increase, according to the Bureau

is attributed to the rate of increase in the average prices of Tomatoes (Dried), Cassava Tuber, Periwinkle (Shelled), Grounded Pepper, Eggs, Crayfish, Melon (Egusi) Unshelled, Oxtail, Onions (Fresh), etc.

"The average annual rate of Food inflation for the twelve months ending November 2025 over the previous twelve-month average was 19.68 percent, which was 18.99 percent points lower compared with the

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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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It is registered in the Gambia and UK with National offices in all the Capital cities in Africa.

DSSAA aims to bring all the critical stakeholders together to build the capacity of Driving School operators and support Road Safety through advocacy, public education, lobbying, fund raising, training and certification.

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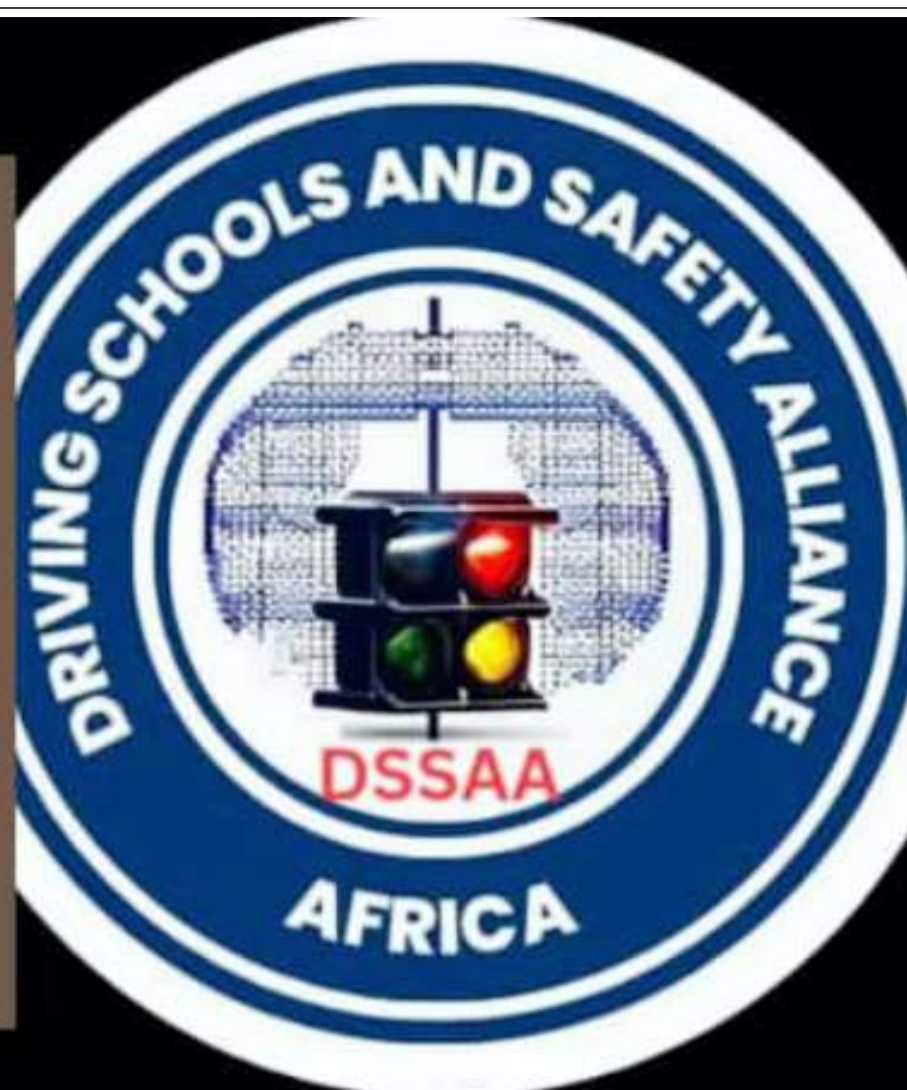


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