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# Police Deploy Personnel Along Lokoja-Abuja Highway

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The Commissioner of Police, Kogi State Police Command, Naziru Kankarofi, has deployed reinforced police personnel along the Lokoja-Abuja Highway to ensure public safety, effective traffic control and the prevention of congestion and road accidents.

The deployment, according to the command, follows ongoing construction work and road diversions along the highway, which have led to increased vehicular movement and traffic build-up.

In a statement issued on Monday, the Kogi command's spokesman, William Aya, said the police, in collaboration with the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, were working closely to ease the movement of commuters.

"The proactive measure is to ensure smooth traffic flow and safeguard motorists and commuters. Personnel deployed include the Police Mobile

Force, Motor Traffic Section, Safer Highway Patrol Teams, Rapid Response Squad and other conventional police units.

"These personnel have been strategically positioned at critical points, diversion routes and designated checkpoints to regulate vehicular movement, prevent gridlock and ensure prompt response to any traffic or security-related challenges," Aya said.

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# Police Begin 24-hour Security Across Lagos Maritime Trade Routes

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The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Police, Western Command, has activated comprehensive security measures across major port corridors in Lagos State to ensure safety and uninterrupted maritime operations during the Yuletide season.

The Commissioner of Police, Ports Authority Police Western Command, Oluwatoyin Agbaminoja, in a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Isaac Hundeyin, said that the round-the-clock patrols on land and water had been intensified to deter criminal activities and ensure the safety of vessels, cargo and port infrastructure. Agbaminoja said the security directives were to safeguard port users, maritime stakeholders and critical national assets across all port corridors in the state during the festive period.

She said that security measures had been activated across Apapa Port, Tin Can and Island Port, Lekki Deep-Sea Port, Kirikiri Lighter Terminal, Ikorodu

Lighter Terminal, and the marine patrol axis covering up to 12 nautical miles.

The commissioner stated that the strategy aims to guarantee seamless port operations amid increased human and vehicular traffic typically associated with the festive season.

To ensure a safe festive season, Agbaminoja said that the Command had strengthened collaboration with sister-security agencies, terminal operators, shipping companies and Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs) to enable real-time response to security concerns.

She added that additional personnel had also been deployed to critical locations prone to human congestion and vehicular traffic during the Yuletide period, while intelligence gathering and surveillance operations have been enhanced to identify and prevent potential threats to ports' safety and national economic assets.

The commissioner, therefore, urged all port users to remain vigilant, comply with security guidelines, and promptly report

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# Abia Launches Nigeria's First Electric Buses As Okonjo-Iweala Preaches Clean Energy

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The Director General of World Trade Organisation, WTO, Mrs Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, has called for collective efforts around the world in tackling pollution and climate change-generated problems.

Okonjo-Iweala who was speaking in Umuahia on Monday while commissioning electric buses procured by the Abia State government, said that any initiative that promotes safe climate must be supported, for public health.

The former Nigerian Minister of Finance commended Governor Alex Otti and his administration for being the first state in the country to officially launch electric buses, and expressed optimism that other states in the country will follow suit.

"One of the biggest things we suffer from in the world is the problem of pollution and climate change.

"And even though Africa contributes only three percent of global carbon emissions, which is very limited, yet all of us have to contribute to a better



Okonjo-Iweala

climate for the world," she said.

In his address during the commissioning, Abia State Governor, Alex Otti said the introduction of the electric buses represented a new future, as according to him, the world is heading towards zero emission.

Otti who said the vehicles were specially designed to accommodate the interests of Persons Living with

Disabilities, said when fully charged, the vehicles can cover between 400 and 450 kilometers.

The governor announced that the vehicles will provide free transportation for Abia commuters between December and early part of January 2026 on scheduled routes.

He disclosed that special cameras were installed in the buses for the safety of

passengers.

According to him, the cameras would trace and record all unlawful acts.

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# Ogun Traffic Corps Warns Motorists Against Reckless Driving

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The Ogun Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps on Monday warned motorists against reckless and uncoordinated driving during the festive season to prevent road accidents.

The South-West Zonal Commander of TRACE, Mr Adekunle Ajibade, gave the warning while speaking with the News Agency of Nigeria in Ota.

He said the advice was necessary, stressing that "life has no duplicate."

Ajibade emphasised the need for motorists to take adequate rest, noting that driving while sleepy could be dangerous.

"We urge motorists who are travelling to look for a safer place to rest whenever they are tired.

"They should also ensure that all vehicle components, especially the brake system, are functioning well, and reduce their speed because speed kills," he said.

He further implored motorists to obey traffic rules and regulations to maintain safety during the festive season and to

avoid drunk driving to prevent unnecessary loss of lives.

Ajibade also called for cooperation with TRACE personnel and other traffic agencies to ensure a free flow of traffic during the yuletide period.

The admonition comes amid the traditionally high rate of road accidents during Nigeria's festive yuletide season, when increased vehicular movement, fatigue, speeding, and reckless driving often lead to spikes in crashes and fatalities.

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CDR Ajibade

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According to a statement by the Corps Public Education Officer, Assistant Corps Marshal Olusegun Ogungbemde, the Corps Marshal, while in Kaduna, personally oversaw traffic operations, ensuring strict compliance with traffic regulations, as "enforcement teams intensified surveillance across major routes, leading to the apprehension of

several overloaded vehicles and other traffic violators."

The statement noted that the Corps Marshal's personal monitoring of traffic along the Abuja-Lokoja and Abuja-Kaduna highways underscored his hands-on leadership and zero-tolerance stance against traffic infractions, especially during the festive travel season.

"The Corps Marshal strongly advised motorists to obey traffic rules, avoid overloading, and cooperate with officers on duty, as sustained compliance remains critical to reducing crashes, saving lives, and guaranteeing safer highways nationwide," the statement said.

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Agbebire said FAAN is finalising a comprehensive seasonal strategy developed by its technical teams in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to address the expected surge in travel.

To ease congestion and improve passenger experience, FAAN has adopted a multi-pronged operational approach.

This includes the deployment of dedicated augmentation teams, easily identifiable by branded shirts and jackets, to provide real-time information, manage queues, and offer on-the-spot



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assistance at critical contact points.

The initiative, he noted, complements the authority's core customer service units, enhances first-contact resolution, and helps reduce passenger anxiety.

In addition, FAAN has engaged in high-level advocacy with key security and border control agencies, particularly the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) and the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), to streamline procedures and minimise

vehicles within airport premises.

He said, "Under the directive of the Managing Director/Chief Executive of FAAN, Mrs. Olubunmi Kuku, the authority has augmented the security detail by over 80 personnel to manage crowd control and ensure efficient traffic flow during peak bank arrivals.

"We also have Infrastructure Contingency. We acknowledge that ongoing construction on the new terminal, intended to replace Terminal 1, has impacted operational space. While the temporary terminal facility is now projected to be completed in the second week of January, we are optimising the existing infrastructure to maintain operational continuity.

"The operational template for peak season management is being applied across all FAAN-managed domestic terminals. This includes reinforcing ground staff, maintaining 24/7 operational shifts, and continuously monitoring facility management systems, such as HVAC, to ensure a conducive environment.

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processing delays. Agbebire explained that the collaboration aligns with directives aimed at optimising the passenger experience during peak travel periods.

To further address congestion at arrival concourses and vehicular pick-up zones, he said FAAN has also introduced a dynamic security and traffic management plan designed to ensure the smooth flow of passengers and

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# NCAA Insists On Refreshments For Delayed Passengers

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Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, NCAA, has warned that, given the volume and impact of disruptions expected during the Yuletide, airlines must provide refreshments to passengers.

NCAA said this on Monday while disclosing that some domestic airlines had been reported to be failing to offer passengers refreshments during lengthy flight delays.

Spokesperson for the NCAA, Mr Michael Achimugu, stated on X, formerly Twitter: "It has been reported that some domestic airlines are not offering passengers the simple care of light refreshment during lengthy flight delays.

"This morning, we have informed all operators that refreshments MUST be given to passengers who are caught in such unpleasant disruptions, no matter the cause of delay.

"It is true that there is a global surge in flight delays and cancellations, but, by our regulations, care must be provided

to passengers, especially given the volume and impact of December disruptions. This will be monitored for strict compliance."

Last week, Airline Operators of Nigeria, AON, insisted that flight disruptions in the country were mostly infrastructure-driven, not the fault of airlines.

AON had identified faulty conveyor belts, leading to boarding congestion and other operational constraints at the airports, as a reason for flight delays and cancellations.

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, RS1.15 Sabon Tasha Unit Command, on Monday conducted the 2025 Ember months safety campaign and medical outreach at Refinery Junction Motor Park, Kaduna.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that the exercise was in collaboration with Guinness Nigeria and a Non-Governmental Organisation, Brighter Youth and Women Initiative.

The theme of this year's campaign is: 'Take Responsibility for Your Safety, Avoid Distracted Driving'.

ACC Saingnom Ambisa, the Unit Commander, said the exercise targeted commercial drivers and passengers amid increased festive-season travels on major Kaduna corridors.

She said the initiative sought to eradicate road crashes through discipline, alertness, and collective responsibility among drivers, passengers, unions, and transport stakeholders.

Ambisa warned drivers against overloading and mix-loading, urging

# FRSC Command Holds Safety Campaign In Kaduna

them to divide excess luggage for subsequent trips to prevent vehicle imbalance, brake failures, tyre bursts, and other avoidable fatalities.

She advised the drivers to avoid overeating before journeys to prevent drowsiness, saying, "whenever sleep sets in, motorists should park safely, rest adequately, and continue only when fully alert."

Ambisa emphasised passenger responsibility, urging commuters to speak up against dangerous driving, while drivers must firmly reject excess luggage and unsafe demands that compromise road safety.

She cautioned against drinking and driving, while encouraging drivers to drive to arrive alive.

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# Fubara Urges Peace, Commissions Emohua-Ogbakiri-Egbelu Road

everything that is around us.

That is the only way I can come here happily and dance joyfully." Fubara recalled the circumstances that led to the award of the contract, saying that it all happened last year, adding: "I can't forget the circumstance we were facing at that time. We commissioned the East-West Road, Emohua-Tema Junction, and that corridor. The Ogbakiri is part of an annex to it, to Tema, Abalama, to Abonemma, and the other stretch of it that leads to Buguma. And we said it won't be nice that we commission this other stretch, and leave these other ones.

"And at that time, and situation that we were in, we made a promise, not just to the people of the Kalabari, but also to my dear people of Emohua and Ogbakiri in particular, that we will visit those two aspects of the road. I am happy today that we are here to commission the one that connects the Ogbakiri people. I use the word very significant because when we made the first payment for this project, it was

when we had the first court judgment barring us from accessing our accounts or from the Federal Government transmitting our funds."

The governor, while commenting on a request by the community for a bridge to connect them to mainland Port Harcourt, said: "I also have taken note of the most beautiful part of your request, connecting a bridge from the other side to this side to ease transportation inconvenience, to better the commercial life of the people and to also bring security faster to our people.

"I will go back, study the situation, look at the cost implication, and I assure you, we will get back to you as soon as possible." On his part, Director of Administration, Julius Berger Nigeria Plc., Dr Abdulaziz Isa Kaita, identified peace in operational communities as essential for the easy completion of construction projects.

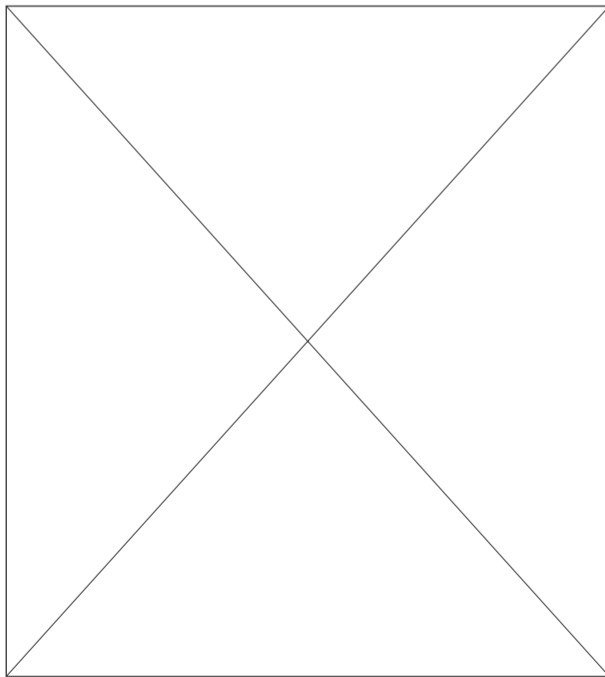
According to Kaita, the road project was completed three months before the deadline stated in the contract papers.

"This project was awarded to Julius Berger on September 6, 2024 with a completion period of 18 months, which was achieved three months earlier, and with good quality," he said, adding that it will be worthy of note that our speedy completion of this project was also attributable to the maximum cooperation we enjoyed from this peaceful community, irrespective of inconveniences suffered during this construction period.

He recalled that the Fubara-led administration was very supportive while the project lasted, saying that even when it was difficult for us to continue with our works owing to global inflation, the state government intervened, which was a huge support that enabled us to complete the project, and we thank you for this.

Kaita further said: Your Excellency, we sincerely thank you for this opportunity given to us to showcase our expertise, while we assure you of our timely completion of all on-going projects in the state.

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Governor Fubara

Rivers State Governor, Siminalayi Fubara, has called for peaceful coexistence among Rivers residents to guarantee the development of the state.

The governor, who spoke during the commissioning of the Emohua-Ogbakiri-Egbelu Road project, urged residents to always live in peace among themselves and with their neighbours. He said: "We need peace, not just in Ogbakiri and Emohua. We need peace in the state so that development can be extended to all parts of Rivers State. People should learn to protect what is around them. You have a university here. We need to protect



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# Primero Set To Convert BRT From Diesel To CNG In Q1 2026

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Primero Transport Services Limited (TSL), operators of the popular Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system in Lagos, has revealed plans to convert some of its buses from diesel to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) by the first quarter of 2026.

This was disclosed during the company's 10th anniversary celebration, themed 'A Decade of Driving Progress Through Resilience.' Fola Tinubu, managing director/CEO, while reflecting on the organisation's decade-long journey of innovation and resilience, said the initiative is geared towards advancing a cleaner and more efficient public transportation system in the state.

Tinubu described the evolution of the transport sector in Lagos as both demanding and transformative, noting that the company has remained at the forefront of innovation, from being the



Primero BRT Buses, Lagos

first to start using thank God that we're plan to bring some cowry cards to still here 10 years later. electric buses," he introducing Wi-Fi in "In fact, by the first stated. buses. quarter of next year, He also used the "So we've done so you'll see about 100 of occasion to express many new innovative our buses will have gratitude to the things in the transport gone from diesel c o m p a n y ' s to the growth of sustainable public sector. It's been a lot of engines to CNG, and p a s s e n g e r s , transportation in Lagos State and Nigeria," hard work. But we then eventually, we acknowledging their Tinubu said.

role in PTS's growth and survival over the years.

Launched exactly a decade ago by then-Governor Akinwunmi Ambode, the company has since revolutionised intra-city transportation in Lagos, moving millions of commuters with a commitment to safety, affordability, and reliability.

The event drew dignitaries, staff, passengers, traditional rulers, and industry stakeholders to celebrate the transport system achievements and also reflective tributes.

The company stated that as it steps into its next decade, Primero aims to deepen its investment in technology and eco-friendly transportation, contributing to Lagos' vision of a modern and sustainable transit system.

"We are committed to investing in modern technology, improving the customer experience, and contributing meaningfully to the growth of sustainable public transportation in Lagos State and Nigeria," Tinubu said.

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## Customs Seize 20 Diverted Transit Containers



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The Nigeria Customs Service has stated that it intercepted 20 diverted transit containers with a total duty-paid value of N769.5m across the Kano/Jigawa Area Command Axis.

In a statement on Sunday, the National Public Relations Officer of the service, Abdullahi Maiwada, explained that the interception followed an intelligence-driven enforcement operation aimed at curbing cargo diversion and safeguarding government revenue.

According to the statement, the Comptroller-General of Customs, Adewale Adeniyi, disclosed the development during a press

briefing held in Kano on Friday.

Adeniyi stated that the seizures, which occurred between the second and fourth quarters of 2025, were part of the service's sustained efforts to detect and dismantle organised cargo diversion networks.

According to the CGC, cargo diversion poses a serious threat to national revenue, security, and Nigeria's credibility within the global trading system.

"The NCS has intercepted 20 diverted transit containers with a total duty-paid value of N769.5m across the Kano/Jigawa Area Command axis. Cargo diversion is a grave offence that undermines government revenue, compromises national security, and damages Nigeria's standing in international commerce. The NCS will not hesitate to deploy all lawful measures to detect, deter, and punish offenders," he stated.

He also confirmed the arrest,

prosecution, and conviction of Abdulrahman Sani Adam for the offence of container diversion. The offender was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with an option of a N3m fine, a development Adeniyi described as a strong deterrent against future violations. He emphasised that the seized containers were found to contain various items, "including vitrified tiles unlawfully diverted from the Kano Free Trade Zone with a DPV of N228.6m, diesel engine oil, polyester materials, used clothing, printed and lace fabrics, medical consumables, and Zamzam bottled water. Some of the items are classified as prohibited imports under the Common External Tariff Regulations."

The NCS boss further disclosed that while one container remains under detention pending the conclusion of legal processes, two containers of medical consumables were forfeited to the Federal

Government following a judgment delivered by the Federal High Court, Kano Division, on 10 December 2025.

To further strengthen transit cargo monitoring, the Comptroller-General announced the near-nationwide deployment of electronic container tracking devices.

Adeniyi noted that the system enables real-time monitoring, route compliance, and tamper alerts from ports to inland destinations.

The CGC reaffirmed the service's commitment to trade facilitation, revenue protection, and border security, warning that smugglers and their collaborators will face prosecution, forfeiture, and loss of trading privileges.

He urged importers, agents, and logistics operators to adhere strictly to approved transit procedures and to report any suspicious activities to the nearest customs office.

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# PM Orders Investment Model For North-South High-Speed Rail

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Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has ordered the Ministry of Construction to finalise the investment model for the North-South high-speed railway by the end of January, signalling a push to move the project from planning to implementation.

Speaking at a national conference reviewing the ministry's 2025 performance and setting priorities for 2026 on December 20, the PM said, "The railway is strategically critical to the country's long-term development, not only for improving transport efficiency but also for unlocking new development corridors, strengthening national competitiveness, and supporting sustainable growth. Vietnam must move decisively from planning to implementation, starting with the urgent selection of an investment approach for this flagship project."

"An immediate review of



technical standards, regulations, and readiness conditions is needed by the end of December, paving the way for investor mobilisation and

technology selection based on clearly defined national standards. Choosing the right investment model is essential to effectively implement resolutions

adopted by the politburo, the National Assembly and the government," he said.

PM Chinh noted that 2025 was the first year the Ministry of Construction

operated under a newly restructured organisational model, following a merger between the Ministry of Construction and the Ministry of Transport that

significantly expanded its responsibilities. Despite the heavier workload, the sector delivered major results in national infrastructure development.

Previously, in late October, the Ministry of Finance proposed that the government establish an advisory council to select investors for the \$64.9 billion North-South high-speed rail scheme

Approved by the National Assembly in November 2024, the mega project will stretch 1,541 km from Ngoc Hoi Station (Hanoi) to Thu Thiem Station (Ho Chi Minh City), passing through 15 cities and provinces after recent administrative reorganisations.

Designed for speeds of up to 350 km/h, the dual-track railway will use standard gauge (1,435 mm) and accommodate 23 passenger stations and five freight stations.

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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

# FG Declares Holidays For Christmas, New Year Celebrations

*Culled:*

The Federal Government has declared Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26, 2025, as public holidays to mark Christmas and Boxing Day.

The government also declared Thursday, January 1, 2026, for the New Year celebration.

The declaration was contained in a statement issued on Monday by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Dr Magdalene Ajani, on behalf of the Minister of Interior, Olunmi Tunji-Ojo.

According to the statement, the minister urged Nigerians to reflect on the values of love, peace, humility and sacrifice associated with the birth of Jesus Christ.

Tunji-Ojo also called on citizens, irrespective of faith or ethnicity, to use the festive season to pray for peace, improved security, and national progress.

He further advised Nigerians to remain law-abiding and security-conscious during the celebrations, while wishing them a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The statement added, "The Federal Government has declared Thursday, 25th December 2025; Friday, 26th



Dr. Tunji-Ojo

December 2025; and Thursday, 1st January 2026 as public holidays to mark the Christmas, Boxing Day, and New Year celebrations respectively.

"The Minister of Interior, Dr. Olunmi Tunji-Ojo, who made the declaration on behalf of the Federal Government, extended warm Christmas and New Year felicitations to Christians in Nigeria and across the world, as well as to all Nigerians as they

celebrate the end of the year and the beginning of a new one.

"The Christmas season and the New Year present an opportunity for Nigerians to strengthen the bonds of unity, show compassion to one another, and renew our collective commitment to nation-building.

"The Minister wishes all Nigerians a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year." The government also declared Thursday, January

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# Anambra Vows To Recover Stolen Lands

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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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# Nigerians In US Pledge Stronger Collaboration With FG



President Bola Tinubu

*Culled:*

The Federal Government has commended Nigerians in the United States for their resilience and patriotism, urging them to strengthen collaboration with the government in addressing national challenges and

promoting Nigeria's development.

In a press statement signed by the Director of Media, Public Relations and Protocols of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, Mr Abdur Rahman Balogun, on Sunday, the commendation was made at a joint virtual

meeting organised by NiDCOM and the Nigerian Centre, Washington.

Speaking at the forum, the Chief of Staff to the President, Mr Femi Gbajabiamila, said that although Nigeria is facing serious security challenges in some areas, cooperation and unity, rather than blame, are required to stem the tide.

He urged Nigerians to remain united across ethnic and religious lines.

Also speaking, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Yusuf Tuggar, dismissed claims of genocide as misleading, noting that Nigeria's challenges are rooted in regional conflicts and that misdiagnosing the issues would lead to ineffective solutions.

He reaffirmed the commitment of the Tinubu administration to the 4D agenda of democracy, development, demography and diaspora.

Chairman and Chief Executive of NiDCOM, Mrs Abike Dabiri Erewa, said sustained engagement with Nigerians abroad was essential, adding that outcomes of the discussions would be compiled and forwarded to the President through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Representatives of various diaspora groups pledged their readiness to support Nigeria when called upon, while stakeholders called for the continuation of the forum and more strategic Nigeria-focused engagement mechanisms.

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Mohammed Idris

# Nigeria Exits FATF Grey List, Posts N6.69trn Trade Surplus In Q3

## *Culled:*

The Federal Government on Monday said Nigeria has exited the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Grey List and recorded a N6.69 trillion trade surplus in the third quarter of 2025, describing the twin developments as major milestones in restoring economic credibility and strengthening investor confidence. Speaking at the end-of-year press conference in Abuja, the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, said Nigeria's removal from the Grey List followed sustained reforms aimed at curbing money laundering, terrorist financing

and other financial crimes.

"This achievement reflects years of coordinated institutional reforms and a firm commitment to global best practices," Idris said.

He said exiting the Grey List would reduce transaction bottlenecks for Nigerian businesses, improve access to international finance and enhance the country's standing in the global financial system.

On trade performance, the minister said Nigeria posted a N6.69 trillion surplus in the third quarter of the year, representing a 27.29 per cent increase year-on-year.

He said the outcome underscored the

impact of export growth and improved trade balance management.

"The numbers show that our trade position is strengthening and that Nigeria is gradually repositioning itself in global commerce," he said.

Idris said other macroeconomic indicators also pointed to steady progress. The economy grew by 3.98 per cent in the third quarter of 2025, driven largely by non-oil activities, while headline inflation declined for eight consecutive months to 14.45 per cent in November.

He added that external reserves rose to about \$44.56 billion, providing a

stronger buffer against external shocks, as business confidence remained positive with Purchasing Managers Index data showing 12 consecutive months of expansion.

On capital inflows, the minister said Nigeria's recent Eurobond issuance attracted subscriptions of about 400 per cent of the \$2.3 billion target, which he described as a clear signal of renewed investor trust.

He said the Federal Government would sustain ongoing reforms through fiscal discipline, revenue mobilisation and targeted investments in infrastructure, security and human capital.

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## Leaders Urge Nigerians In Diaspora To Invest At Home

Nigerians living abroad, particularly young professionals, have been urged to take advantage of the vast and untapped investment opportunities available in the country, as leaders and business executives called for renewed confidence in Nigeria's economic potential.

The call was made at the Connected Diaspora Innovation Challenge and Flagship Event, held at the JK

Randle Museum, Onikan, Lagos, Southwest Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, the Lagos State Deputy Governor, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat encouraged Nigerians abroad to look beyond prevailing narratives and explore opportunities in the country.

Dr Hamzat described his decision to return to Nigeria after several years in the United States as one of the best decisions of his life, noting that

financial success abroad does not always translate to fulfillment.

"I was earning more than the Mayor of New York at the time I returned to Nigeria, but I realised that despite the money, there was still a glass ceiling," Hamzat said. "Nobody can treat you like a second-class citizen in your own country."

He revealed that President Bola Tinubu had strongly encouraged him to return home, a move he said

ultimately reinforced his belief in contributing to national development.

Hamzat also challenged criticisms of Nigeria's education system, pointing out the irony in countries that aggressively recruiting Nigerian professionals.

"They tell us our education is bad, yet they recruit our doctors, our nurses, and now our teachers," he said, *Find Full Story In The Link*

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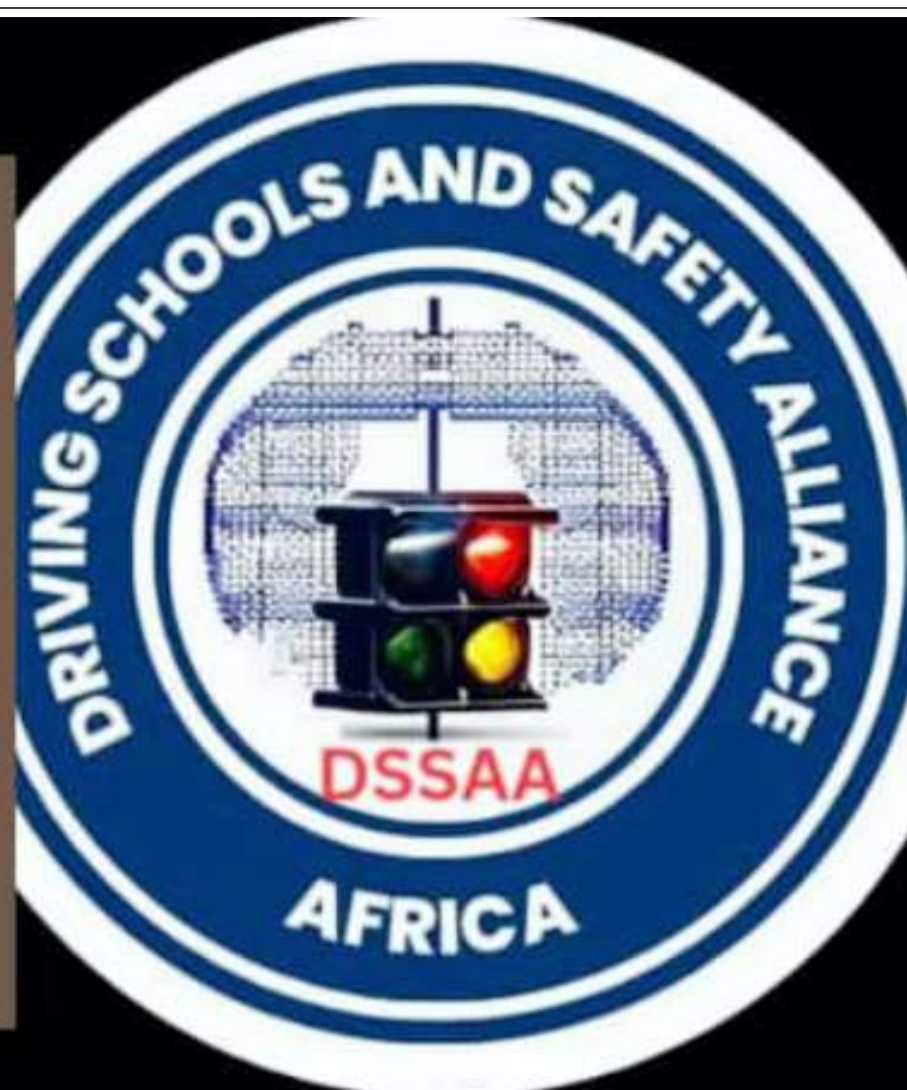


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