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A statement by the airline's Spokesperson Efe Osifo-Whiskey, also said Chairman and CEO of Air Peace, Allen Onyema, was awarded aviation executive of the year.

The statement reads: "Since its founding in 2014, Air Peace has grown from a modest fleet of Dornier 328s and Boeing 737s to one of the most formidable carriers in Africa. Today, the airline boasts a mixed fleet that includes wide-body Boeing 777 aircraft, modern Embraer 195-E2 jets, and other narrow-

body and regional aircraft, a clear demonstration of its strategic investments in fleet modernization and capacity expansion.

"On the route front, Air Peace has significantly expanded its reach, both domestically and internationally. In 2024, the airline launched its Lagos-London (Gatwick) service, marking its entry into the European market. In late 2025, it further extended its international footprint by

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The Customs Area Controller for the Apapa Port Command, Emmanuel Oshoba, said customs intelligence revealed that after the ship departed from Brazil, its country of origin, it made calls at ports in Honduras, Guatemala, and other locations suspected to be hubs for illicit drug trafficking.

Oshoba reiterated the NCS's resolve in ensuring that only legitimate trade thrives at the Port of Apapa in Lagos, following a zero-compromise directive by

the Comptroller General of Customs, Bashir Adewale Adeniyi.

"This seizure and detention of the ship should send a strong message of warning that should resonate with perpetrators of unlawful trade within our port system. Customs is strengthening its synergy with all sister government agencies, and no criminal or group of lawless persons can beat us here.

"As we approach the Yuletide season, we will not sacrifice national security and the economy on the altar of trade facilitation. All consignments exiting this port into our markets or warehouses must be duly examined, with the contents ascertained to be what was declared," the CAC said.

He described the discovery as a result of the robust synergy between the NCS and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).

While handing over the seized drugs to the NDLEA for further action, he also announced the detention of the vessel that brought the cocaine into Nigeria.

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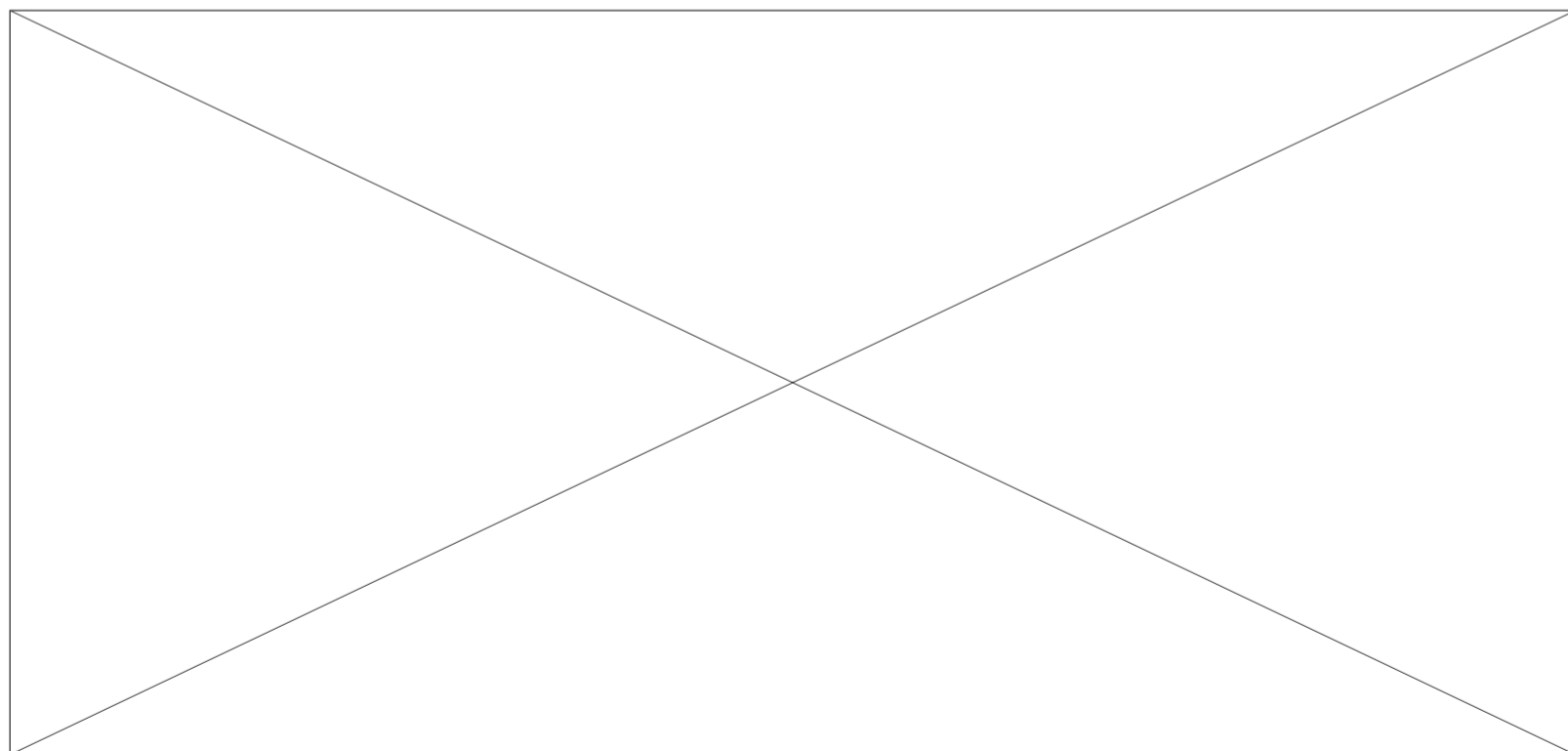
NIHTE Holds AGM, Advocates Sustainable Funding For Road Maintenance

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The Nigerian Institution of Highway and Transportation Engineers (NIHTE) on Friday, December 5, 2025, held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), Conference and Fellowship Conferment at the Ogunlana Hall, International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, with a strong call for sustainable and dedicated funding for road maintenance in Nigeria.

The high-level event, which attracted highway and transportation engineering professionals from across the country, was organised around the theme "Sustainable Funding for Road Maintenance." Participants used the forum to examine the deepening crisis in Nigeria's road infrastructure and to advocate policy and institutional reforms that would guarantee consistent funding for maintenance.

Speaking at the conference, the Deputy National Chairman of NIHTE, Engr. Dr. Bola Mudashiru, said the theme was deliberately chosen to draw the attention of policymakers to the urgent



Prof. Usman

need to operationalise existing legislative proposals, including the bill seeking to dedicate five per cent of fossil fuel taxes to road maintenance nationwide. He also disclosed that 47 members of the institution were conferred with fellowship awards in recognition of their professional contributions.

He commended the government and

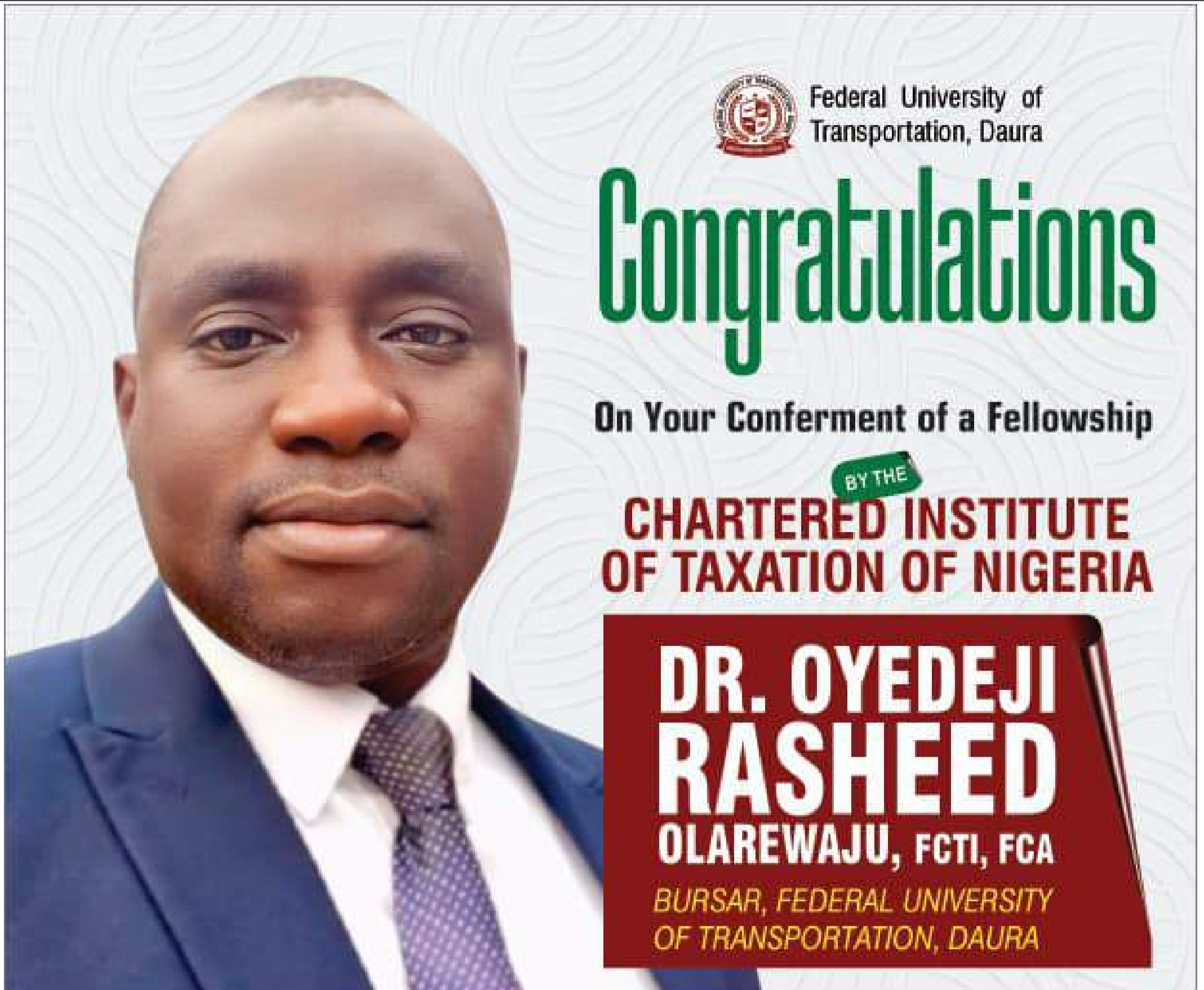
discussed necessary alternative funding for roads, as seen in other African and global countries.

"The Road Reform bills proposed by the Nigerian Institution of Highway and Transportation require government assent, and an executive order is needed for the government to significantly boost funding alternatives and support the nation's road and

infrastructure initiatives." He said.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee, Engr. Rafiu Lasisi, described the event as historic, noting that the Ibadan Chapter became the first in the history of the institution to host the National AGM and Fellowship Award Ceremony following approval by the national headquarters.

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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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Oyo govt partners pacesetter transport

Lagos Extends Rail Operations Time For 'The Experience 2025'

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The Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority has announced extended train operations on the Lagos Rail Mass Transit Blue Line ahead of The Experience 2025, a major Christian concert expected to draw thousands of worshippers to Lagos Island this weekend.

In a Wednesday statement signed by its Head of Corporate Communication, Kolawole Ojelabi, LAMATA said the extension was approved to manage the anticipated surge in commuter traffic before and after the event.

According to the agency, the LRMT Blue Line will operate beyond its usual closing time on Friday.

"The LRMT Blue Line will run longer hours on Friday, December 5, 2025, till 11.43 pm beyond its operational closing time of 9.30 pm," the statement said.

The statement added that operations would begin much earlier on Saturday to accommodate early-morning movement and post-event return trips

"On Saturday, December 6, 2025, operation will commence at 4:00 am, running through 9:30 pm," it noted.

LAMATA also confirmed that the LRMT Red Line will be available for commuters on Friday and will run its normal schedule.

"The LRMT Red Line will also operate on Friday, December 5, maintaining its exact schedule of (6:00 am – 10:00 am) and PM Peak (5:20 pm – 8:40 pm)," the statement read, adding that the Red Line does not operate on Saturdays.

The agency emphasised that operations across both lines would revert to the normal timetable from Sunday, December 7, 2025.

LAMATA further reminded residents that both Red and Blue Line services remain open to the public.

"Commuters must use their Cowry Cards for access and are encouraged to plan, follow station guidance, and cooperate with officials to ensure a smooth and safe travel experience throughout the event weekend," it said.

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According to the taskforce, some street traders, illegal ticketers and motorists were found displaying goods on the roads and walkways, thereby obstructing traffic flow and constituting public nuisance. The enforcement team



CSP Akerele

cleared the affected locations, restoring free movement for motorists and pedestrians.

During the raid, three suspects were arrested for allegedly obstructing and disturbing officers in the course of their lawful duties. Goods and wares displayed illegally on the roads were confiscated.

The agency said all arrested suspects have been charged to court, while the

seized items were forfeited to the state in line with the Lagos State Environmental Sanitation Laws of 2017 and the Transport Sector Reform Law of 2018.

Speaking on the exercise, the Chairman of the Lagos State Environmental Taskforce, CSP Adetayo Akerele, warned against trading on highways, noting that such activities impede the free flow of traffic and

increase travel time for road users, especially during the festive period.

Akerele also cautioned street traders, illegal ticketers and operators of unapproved bus stops to desist from such activities, stressing that violators would be arrested and prosecuted if found flouting the law.

He reaffirmed the taskforce's commitment to sustaining the clean-up operations across the state to ensure safer roads and a cleaner environment for residents.

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Nigeria Attracts \$2bn Investments In CNG, Eyes \$5bn In 2027

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The Executive Chairman/CEO of the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas (PiCNG) and Electric Vehicles (EVs), Mr Ismaeel Ahmed, says that the project has attracted over \$2 billion investments in the CNG subsector.

Ahmed, who was represented by Mr Zayyanu Tambari, Chief Compliance Officer, of PiCNG, at the unveiling and stakeholders' engagement at the Alfa Design Nigeria Limited CNG products in collaboration with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Friday in Abuja, said that the products unveiled included CNG conversion kits by Mijo AutoGas, CNG cylinder by EKC International, CNG Mother Station by CIMC ENRIC and Optical Gas Imaging Camera by Opgal Optronics.

He disclosed that the initiative rounded up to \$2 billion of private sector investment in the CNG subsector in just two years while targeting \$5 billion investment in 2027.

"As of 2023, when this programme started, the CNG sector was virtually non-

existent.

"It was not really attracting any serious investment from any quarters. Today, as I speak, we have attracted over 1.8 billion dollars investments.

"We have rounded up to two billion dollars of private sector investment in the CNG subsector in just two years," he said.

According to him, the event is a further reinforcement of the investment growing in the CNG space, adding that the target for 2027 is a modest target of five billion dollars.

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Mr Ismaeel

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President of the Dangote Group, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, on Friday, declared that the era of fuel queues in Nigeria "is gone forever," assuring that petrol supply will remain stable throughout the Christmas season and beyond.

Speaking with journalists after meeting President Bola Tinubu at the State House, Abuja, Dangote said the company has already notified the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) of its ability to supply 50 million litres of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) daily, well above the country's consumption needs.

"Historically, Nigeria has battled fuel queues since 1972. For the first time, we are eliminating those queues, not through imports but by producing locally," he said.

"Even when we were servicing the refinery, there were no queues. I can assure you that queues are now history."

Dangote added that neighbouring countries will also benefit, noting that by February, the refinery will be able to supply 15 to 20 million litres more than Nigeria consumes.

Dangote Assures Of Stable Fuel Supply Ahead Of Christmas

"So, we must export. Even our neighbours won't experience queues because they can buy from us," he said. He explained that domestic manufacturers, particularly in the plastics sector, which previously spent up to \$400 million annually on imports, will now receive full local supply of their feedstock. On the refinery's long-term plans, Dangote unveiled an ambitious expansion drive to raise capacity to 1.4 million barrels per day by 2028, overtaking India's Reliance refinery, currently the world's largest at 1.25 million barrels per day.

"We have already signed the necessary agreements. Construction piling begins before the end of January, and we will deliver on schedule," he assured.

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Benue Links Announces Yuletide Transport Fares Reduction



Governor Ehi

As the Christmas season approaches, residents of Benue State and travelers across Nigeria have been handed a significant dose of relief following the announcement by Benue Links, the state-owned transport company, that it will be reducing transport fares for the festive period. The fare reduction, described as a "Christmas Bonanza," is scheduled to begin on December 8, according to a statement released by the company's Information Officer, Johnson Ehi.

In the statement issued on Friday, Ehi explained that the initiative is not merely a one-off gesture but has evolved into a

consistent yearly tradition under the current administration of Governor Hyacinth Alia. Since assuming office, the governor's leadership, he said, has emphasized policies that directly ease the financial burdens of citizens, especially during peak travel seasons. The yuletide period in Nigeria is widely known for its dramatic spike in travel and commodity costs. Transport fares often double or triple, driven by increased demand, fuel costs, and heightened interstate movement as families return home for Christmas celebrations. This rise is usually felt most by students, low-income workers, traders, and families with large travel needs.

But in a season where many Nigerians brace themselves for unavoidable increases, Benue Links is charting a different course. Ehi noted that while countries in other parts of the world often announce discounts or holiday rebates to encourage mobility and ease spending, the Nigerian market typically moves in the opposite

direction. For this reason, the company believes that maintaining the annual fare reduction is both timely and socially responsible.

The fare slash is expected to offer major relief to thousands of travelers heading in and out of Benue State. For many families, Christmas is a time to reconnect with loved ones, attend community gatherings, participate in church activities, and celebrate cultural festivals. Lowered transport fares mean that more families can afford to travel without sacrificing other essential holiday expenses such as food, gifts, and festivities.

Students returning from major cities, traders moving goods, civil servants heading home, and tourists traveling to Benue for cultural experiences will all benefit from the reduced cost. For local markets, the fare reduction could also stimulate greater movement of goods, boosting trade activities within the season.

Ehi reaffirmed that Benue Links' decision aligns with the governor's broader development agenda, which

prioritizes the welfare of citizens and aims to reduce economic pressure during important seasons. According to him, the governor has repeatedly emphasized the need for state-owned agencies to adopt policies that directly serve the people and reflect sensitivity to their needs.

By keeping transport costs low during the holiday rush, the transport company hopes to not only support residents financially but also encourage safe, reliable, and more organized travel during a period that traditionally sees overcrowded buses, traffic congestion, and price inflation.

Ehi assured that, beyond lowering fares, Benue Links remains committed to maintaining high standards of service. Measures are being put in place to ensure that passengers enjoy safe travel, efficient service delivery, and well-maintained vehicles throughout the festive period. The company also plans to increase its fleet deployment on high-demand routes to prevent unnecessary delays and overcrowding.

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The programme operated about 10 long yellow buses conveying hundreds of passengers each day. Morning routes included RCCG Jesus's Palace (Festac) to CMS; Oworonshoki to CMS; Redemption City to 7UP; Redemption City to Sagamu; Redemption City to Trinity Towers, Victoria Island; Redemption City to Agege; and Ikorodu to Maryland. Free return trips were also provided in the evenings.



Passengers entering the RCCG free bus to work

Last year's edition ran from October to December and was launched at the peak of escalating living costs. This year's relaunch, according to organisers, was informed by a continued rise in transportation expenses. Pastor Oluwagbemileke year and witnessed the massive relief it provided, so we decided to do it again this year," he said. He added that the buses

were open to all commuters. "It's open to all, regardless of tribe and religion," he said, noting that passengers often used the rides to share prayers and reflections before or after work.

Adeboye was assisted by Pastor Martins Olusakin, Assistant Pastor-in-Charge of the Province (CSR), and Pastor Abiodun Famojuro, Assistant Pastor-in-Charge (Administration), as preparations continue for the RCCG Holy Ghost Congress scheduled for the second week of December. Beneficiaries have circulated reports of the service across social media, with many commuters noting that the free transportation has provided temporary relief during a period of rising daily costs.

In 2024, eight buses departed from Car Park C, near Redemption City, Mowe, Ibafo, and Berger to CMS and other major business districts. Two buses departed from Festac, Apple Junction, in front of RCCG Joseph's Palace, near Mega Chicken, for commuters travelling to Victoria Island, Lekki, and surrounding areas.

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Lagos To Acquire 100 New CNG Compactor Trucks In 2026



CNG Compactor Trucks

In a state where 13,000 tons of waste is generated every single day, managing such waste poses a huge challenge, and that is the lot of Lagos, Nigeria's commercial nerve centre.

But the state government assures residents that it is doing all within its power to ensure that they have a cleaner city, disclosing that several plans are being perfected for both immediate and future actions on waste.

Muyiwa Gbadegesin, the managing director of the Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), who gave this assurance at an interactive session with the media recently, revealed that 100 new CNG compactor trucks

will be procured in 2026.

This ambitious move, according to Gbadegesin, which is part of a 10-year development plan, will be complemented by the procurement of 500 compactor tricycles, as part of solution to the agency's logistics problems with waste disposal.

Subsequently, he said, the state would be introducing between 200 to 250 new trucks every year, adding, "to keep Lagos clean, we still need compactor trucks; we need about 2000 trucks. 1000 for the day-to-day fleet and 1000 for backup."

To come alongside this equipment procurement are innovations in the whole waste disposal process. "This is a long-term investment package that would be supported by a state-wide billing system. We will undertake enumeration of every household and billing by the state government.

Through automation, residents will now get a bill from the state government. When they pay and we

confirm that the PSP operators have done the job, we pay them," he said.

At the moment, LAWMA is working towards having transparency and accountability in the system, and this, according to Gbadegesin, is anchored on the belief that Lagos residents are ready to pay for waste collection if they will get good service, which is what the agency will ensure going forward.

He also stated that as part of measures to sanitise the waste collection and disposal system and ensure standards, the agency has terminated the contract of about 22 PSP waste operators for underperformance this year and has gone ahead to give the slot to new ones that are ready to do business.

The managing director described the compactor tricycles as Ibeju Lekki model, explaining that the use of that mini-compactor has become imperative because many areas are very difficult to reach due to the narrowness of the roads and the

inaccessibility of some.

"Currently, we are running this system in Ibeju Lekki. The chairman of Ibeju Lekki Local Government Area, Sesan Olowa, came to us about a year ago, complaining that the PSP operators in the area were not going into the communities and that he wanted to introduce tricycle compactors.

Around the same time, we got information about an entrepreneur who just brought in tricycle compactors. So, we advised that both parties could collaborate, and today they have been running that system so well that the people have embraced it," he said.

As a result of that, he said, "we have now decided we can replicate this in other parts of Lagos; we had a meeting with all Local Government Areas recently where they all pledged to support the new system."

Gbadegesin stressed that adopting the new mobile compactor tricycle can also allow some cart pushers to

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Turkish Airlines, Samsung Partner To End Baggage Complaints

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Türkiye's national flag carrier, Turkish Airlines, has announced the airline's move to end complaints about lost baggage through a technological innovation in partnership with Samsung. The Chief Information Technologies Officer, Kerem Kızıltunç, in a statement on Wednesday, said the partnership was a bold step in enhancing passenger comfort.

The airline announced that, effective December 1, travellers had begun to seamlessly track their baggage using the new Smart Tagged Baggage Service, powered by SmartThings Find. This system, the airline said, will enable quicker, more efficient tracking of misplaced or delayed bags equipped with Samsung's Galaxy SmartTag.

The statement partly reads, "Through this collaboration,



Turkish Airlines has become the launch airline to implement SmartThings technologies in passenger baggage tracking worldwide,

showing the national flag carrier's commitment to digital transformation with a passenger-first mindset to elevate the travel experience.

"Utilizing Samsung's

technology, passengers will also be able to upload a photo of their luggage within the SmartThings Find app, helping identify their baggage more easily.

The airline aims to extend the use of SmartThings Find beyond baggage services, integrating location-based capabilities into future

passenger-focused digital solutions."

Kızıltunç added that the airline plans to extend SmartThings Find capabilities beyond baggage services by incorporating location-based features into future digital solutions aimed at improving the overall travel experience.

He stated, "Turkish Airlines continues to lead the industry on its road to digitalization. We are delighted to partner with Samsung to leverage their cutting-edge technology for the benefit of our passengers. We will continue to strengthen our industry leadership with technological collaborations that prioritize guest satisfaction and set new standards for the aviation industry."

Samsung Electronics Executive Vice President and Head of SmartThings, Jaeyeon Jung, also [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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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. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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Nigeria Disburses N3.7b Tertiary Institutions Staff Support Fund

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The Nigerian government has disbursed N3.7 billion to about 2,000 staff of tertiary institutions nationwide in the rollout of the Tertiary Institutions Staff Support Fund (TISSF).

This is contained in a statement issued by the Director, Press Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs Folasade Boriowo.

Boriowo said the initiative signalled the administration's renewed drive to strengthen the welfare and morale of workers in the nation's higher education system.

She quoted the Minister of Education, Dr Tunji Alausa as saying that the disbursement is a fulfillment of government's promise to prioritise staff welfare.

According to the minister, the disbursement targetted staff across 43 universities, polytechnics, and colleges of education.

This, he said, represents the first significant milestone in translating the policy into measurable impact under President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

"The TISSF is more than just a financial intervention; it is a tangible expression of the federal government's appreciation for the



Dr. Alausa

backbone of our education system.

"By swiftly disbursing these funds, we are keeping our solemn promise to enhance the welfare, productivity, and dignity of our staff, thereby strengthening our institutions for the future," he said.

He emphasised that the initiative aligned with President Tinubu's vision of shifting Nigeria from a resource-dependent economy to a knowledge-

driven one, positioning the education workforce as a critical pillar of national development.

The TISSF, conceived as a strategic intervention to support both academic and non-academic personnel, has now moved from the planning phase to delivery, offering direct financial cushioning to those who keep Nigeria's tertiary institutions running.

Of the beneficiaries, 17 per cent are academic staff,

while 83 percent are non-academic. Gender distribution shows 83 per cent male and 17 per cent female recipients.

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Nigeria Allocates \$200m To Cushion Health Donor Cuts - FG

Culled:
The Federal Government says it has allocated \$200 million as an emergency intervention to cushion the impact of declining donor funds on Nigeria's health programmes, reaffirming its commitment to sustaining essential services and protecting decades of health gains.

Minister of State for Health and Social Welfare, Dr. Iziq Salako, announced the allocation while delivering a keynote address at the 9th Annual Health Conference of the Association of Nigeria Health Journalists (ANHeJ) on Friday in Abuja.

Salako said the move aligns with Nigeria's broader shift toward increased domestic resource mobilization as global funding support continues to contract. Represented by his Special Adviser on Health System Strengthening, Dr. Babatunde Akinyemi, he noted that the government's financial commitments across major international health initiatives have risen markedly in recent years.

According to him, Nigeria has expanded its co-financing for GAVI-supported immunisation programmes from \$8 million in 2017 to \$57 million in 2023, signalling stronger national ownership of routine immunisation. He added that the Federal Government now contributes about 20 percent of the total value of Global Fund grants, over \$100 million in the current funding cycle.

He further disclosed that Nigeria provides in-kind contributions worth about \$150 million annually to the United States' PEPFAR programme, including personnel, facilities and logistical support. The newly announced \$200 million emergency allocation, he said, is part of efforts to mitigate the impact of the U.S. Government's recent suspension of PEPFAR funding and other donor-supported health programmes.

"These actions demonstrate Nigeria's readiness to assume greater responsibility for sustaining essential

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Nigeria Champions Healthy Soil For Food Security



Senator Abdullahi

Culled:
The Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security, Senator Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi, has reaffirmed that healthy soil remains the bedrock of food sovereignty, climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods in Nigeria. He

stated this in Abuja during the commemoration of World Soil Day, a global event that underscores the central role of soil health in agricultural productivity and environmental stability.

Senator Abdullahi noted that soil supports 95 per cent of global food production and

supplies essential nutrients that sustain crops and ecosystems. He emphasised that healthy soil regulates water, stabilises the climate, stores carbon, supports biodiversity and forms the backbone of Nigeria's agricultural transformation agenda.

However, the minister expressed concern over the unprecedented levels of degradation, erosion and pollution affecting Nigerian soils, warning that these threats undermine food quality and long-term productivity. "More than half of our soils are already depleted, and natural regeneration may take hundreds of years. This underscores the urgency of adopting sustainable soil management practices," he said.

He observed that although Nigeria has approximately 73 million

hectares of arable land, soil degradation continues to hinder national food production. He therefore described the World Soil Day commemoration as a platform to intensify awareness on conservation agriculture, agroforestry, crop rotation, integrated soil fertility management and responsible fertiliser application.

Senator Abdullahi highlighted the launch of the Nigeria Farmers' Soil Health Scheme, designed to enhance food security and cut production costs. The scheme provides crop- and location-specific fertiliser recommendations, discouraging blanket application and encouraging the use of organic amendments and regenerative agriculture.

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Dunhai

Beijing's Opening-Up Push To Boost Nigeria Trade-Envoy

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The Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Yu Dunhai, has underscored that Beijing's renewed push for institutional opening-up will create new opportunities for stronger economic, trade and development cooperation between China and Nigeria.

He stressed that both countries stand to benefit from a more inclusive global governance system.

The Chinese Ambassador, disclosed this in a statement titled "Steadily Expanding Institutional Opening-Up to Forge New Prospects of China-Nigeria Win-Win Cooperation,"

Ambassador Dunhai noted that China

was entering a new phase of high-standard openness driven not just by the flow of goods, but by reforms in rules, regulations, management and standards.

"Institutional opening-up, as a hallmark of high-standard openness, is more comprehensive, systematic and stable, representing a more advanced form of opening-up," he said.

According to the Envoy, the recent global trends, including the weakening of trade in developed economies and the rising role of the Global South, make it necessary for China to recalibrate its approach to global economic governance.

"The global trading system is undergoing accelerated transformation. The WTO-centered multilateral trading system has faced increasing challenges, and mega-free trade agreements promoted by developed economies have gained an advantage in reshaping global rules," he explained.

The Envoy disclosed that China intends to play a stronger role in shaping these emerging global frameworks.

"By firmly supporting the WTO-centered multilateral trading system and steadily expanding institutional openness in rules, regulations,

management and standards, China will strengthen its leadership and agenda-setting influence in shaping international economic and trade rules. Beijing will "participate more comprehensively in WTO reform and the adjustment of global economic and trade rules, contributing more public goods to the world," he stated.

The Ambassador highlighted China's recent tariff-free measures for African countries, describing them as a concrete demonstration of China's commitment to mutual benefit and win-win cooperation that would have long-term developmental impact on the continent.

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Nigeria Pushes For Pan-African Cancer Case Movement

The Nigerian Government has called for a stronger Pan-African collaboration to tackle the continent's cancer burden, warning that cancer now kills more Africans annually than HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.

Minister of State for Health and Social Welfare, Dr Iziq Salako made the call on Saturday while addressing delegates at the Africa Oncology Collaboration and Innovation Forum

holding in Luxor, Egypt.

The event tagged; "The Organiser of the Africa Oncology Collaboration and Innovation Forum 2025", was organised to strengthen cross-border partnerships in oncology care by Africa Oncology Collaboration and Innovation Forum Planning Committee.

It was also organised in partnership with relevant Egyptian oncology institutions, and supported by African

oncology networks and development partners.

Salako said that Africa recorded 1.18 million new cancer cases and 763,843 deaths in 2022, according to GLOBOCAN.

He said Nigeria, Egypt, and South Africa jointly accounted for the highest number of cancer cases in the continent, with Nigeria alone responsible for more than 10.5 percent of Africa's total cancer burden.

The minister said the rising burden was driven by lifestyle factors, aging populations, late diagnosis, weak early detection systems, and gaps in treatment infrastructure across African countries.

He commended the organisers of the forum for advancing the African Union Agenda 2063 vision of an integrated Africa and applauded the Shefa Alorman Hospital in Luxor, which participants toured earlier in the day.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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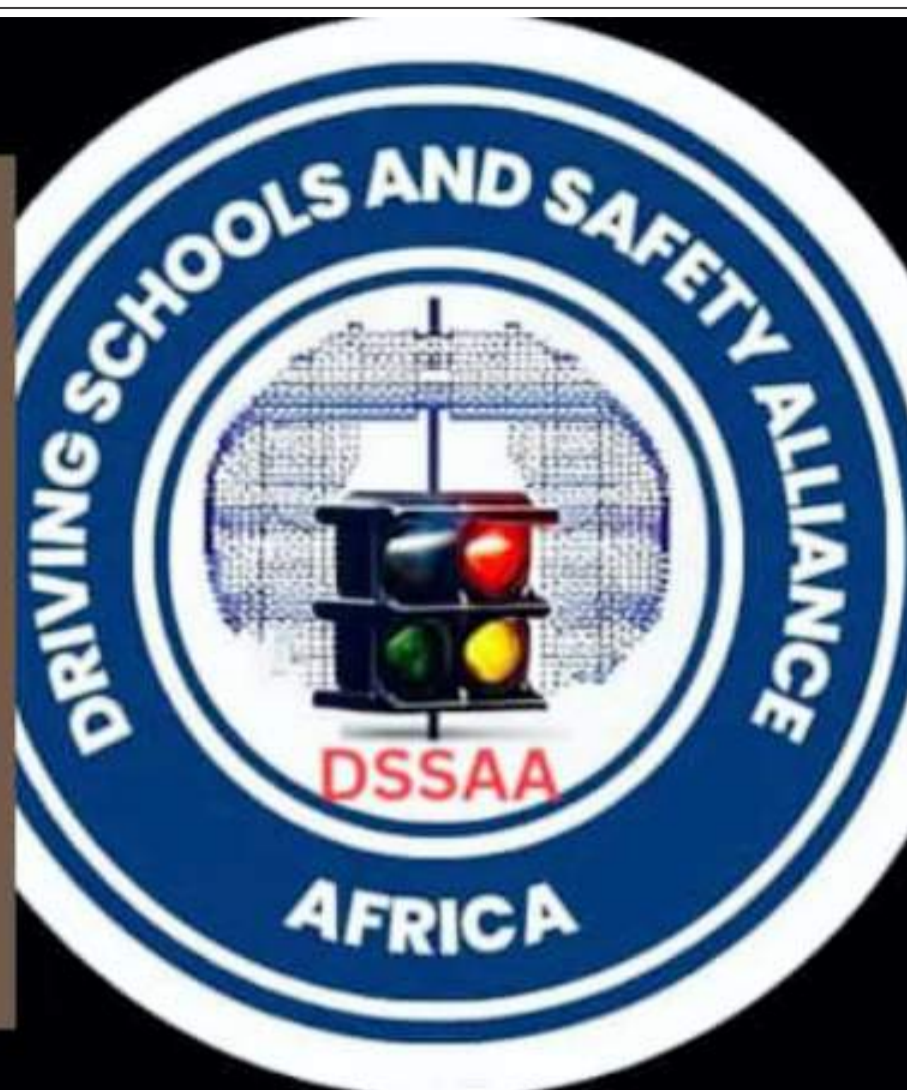


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