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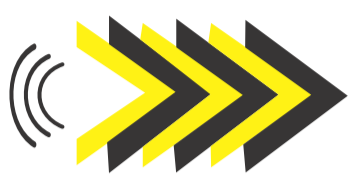
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Carloha Nigeria, the assembler and franchise holder of Chery vehicles in Nigeria, has partnered with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to drive awareness during the 2025 Ember-Months Safety Campaign.

The FRSC has consistently championed road safety advocacy across Nigeria, especially during the Ember Months when accident rates tend to rise, mostly due to human factors.

This year's campaign theme, "Take Responsibility for Your Driving: Stop Distracted Driving," emphasises the importance of driver behaviour as the first line of defence against crashes.

As part of the collaboration, Carloha Nigeria is supporting the FRSC RS2 Headquarters, Lagos, with the donation of reflective jackets for improved officer visibility and information-packed flyers for public sensitisation throughout the campaign period.

Speaking on the initiative, Carloha

General Manager, Marketing, Felix Mahan, said, "Our partnership with the FRSC underscores Carloha and Chery's commitment to promoting safer roads and encouraging responsible driving habits, especially during the high-traffic end-of-year period."

He added that although many Chery vehicles feature advanced safety technologies – including driver-assist systems, anti-collision and emergency brake assist, lane departure and

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Carloha partners FRSC

Eno Commissions 1.4km Police HQ Road In Akwa Ibom

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Akwa Ibom State Governor, Umo Eno, has commissioned the rehabilitated 1.4-kilometre internal road network at the Police Headquarters, Ikot Akpan Abia, Uyo, pledging the immediate and complete electrification of the entire premises.

Unveiling the project, Governor Eno said the intervention was part of his administration's commitment to strengthening security infrastructure and improving the welfare and working conditions of security personnel in the state.

The Governor disclosed a personal emotional connection to the Nigerian Police Force, recalling that his formative years were spent in a police barracks where his father served as an officer.

He said the commissioning fulfilled his earlier promise to rehabilitate all internal roads within the Police Headquarters.

The project comprises 1.4 kilometres of newly constructed roads, complete with drainage systems and six culverts

designed to enhance accessibility and prevent flooding within the premises.

In the spirit of the yuletide season, Governor Eno also announced a substantial cash donation to the Akwa Ibom State Police Command, reaffirming his administration's resolve to work closely with security agencies to sustain peace and effectively combat crime across the state.

Speaking at the event, the Commissioner of Police, CP Baba Mohammed Azare, described the project as a strategic intervention that would significantly improve the working environment and morale of officers.

He commended Governor Eno for his consistent support of the Nigeria Police Force since assuming office and pledged the command's continued cooperation with the state government.

Earlier, the Commissioner for Works and Fire Service, Prof. Eno Ibanga, presented an overview of the project, noting that the roads were constructed with gutters and six outfall drains.

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VC Urges FG To Build Pedestrian Bridge On Oyo-Ogbomosho Expressway

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The Vice-Chancellor of Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo Town, Prof. Olanrewaju Olaniyan, has appealed to the Federal Government to urgently construct a pedestrian bridge on the Oyo–Ogbomosho Expressway to prevent avoidable deaths and ensure the safety of thousands of students who cross the highway daily.

Olaniyan made the appeal on Monday while briefing journalists ahead of the university's third Foundation Day anniversary, scheduled to climax on December 16, 2025. The event is expected to be attended by Oyo State Governor Seyi Makinde, the Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Akeem Owoade, and other dignitaries.

"The Oyo–Ogbomosho Expressway is a major safety concern for us. Every day, thousands of our students cross this road without a pedestrian bridge. It is a serious welfare and security issue. We are appealing to the Federal Ministry of Works to prioritise the construction of a pedestrian bridge directly in front of the



Prof. Olaniyan

university," the Vice-Chancellor said.

Speaking alongside the Registrar, Mrs. Olubunmi Asunmo; the University Librarian, Dr. Olatundun Oluwatoyin Oyewumi; and other principal officers, Olaniyan disclosed that the university has become the single largest contributor to the economy of Oyo town, injecting an estimated ₦11.2 billion into the local economy within

one year.

According to him, a back-of-the-envelope analysis conducted by the institution revealed that between January and November 2025, university-related activities boosted the local economy through housing rentals, transportation, banking, commerce and informal trade.

"If this university had not emerged from

the former College of Education, the economy of Oyo town would not be what it is today. Our students, staff and institutional activities now serve as a major economic stimulus," he said.

Tracing the institution's evolution, Olaniyan recalled that the former College of Education was upgraded to a University of Education on December 16, 2023, following the passage of the

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FG Begins Construction Of N47bn Road In Kano

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The Federal Government has commenced construction of the N47 billion Jakara–Wuju–Wuju road and sewage project in Kano metropolis. It was stated that the project will traverse Gwale, Kano Municipal, Dala, and Fagge Local Government Areas and is aimed at controlling erosion and boosting economic activities upon completion.

Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development, Yusuf Ata, said on Tuesday that the federal government took over the project at the request of the Kano State Government.

He noted that the state government had already completed 850 metres of the work, while the federal government would fund the remaining 6.7 kilometres.

According to Ata, the state government would bear the cost of compensating affected property owners.

He commended former Governor Rabiu Kwankwaso for initiating the

project in 2013 and thanked President Bola Tinubu for approving the funds.

“The initiative is a major intervention that underscores the federal government's commitment to Kano State,” Ata said.

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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–Ilomu–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–Ilomu–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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Reps Direct Emerging Works On Collapsed Umuma Isiaku-Nkwerre Road

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The House of Representatives has called on the Federal Ministries of Works and Environment, the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), the Ecological Fund Office, and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to immediately mobilize contractors for emergency remedial works on the collapsed Umuma Isiaku–Nkwerre Road in Imo State.

In addition, the House urged the Ecological Fund Office to urgently allocate resources for comprehensive erosion control across all affected Ideato erosion sites, including Umuma Isiaku, Uruala, Obodoukwu, Isiokpe, Umuaghobe, Umueshi, and Amanato.

Lawmakers also directed the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide immediate relief and emergency supplies to families and communities displaced or cut off by the road collapse and ongoing erosion.

The resolution followed the adoption of a motion sponsored by Hon. Ikenga Imo Ugochinyere, the member representing Ideato North/South federal constituency,



House of Representatives

during plenary on Tuesday.

Highlighting the urgency, Ugochinyere cited Section 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which mandates that the security and welfare of the people be the primary purpose of government.

He described the Umuma Isiaku–Nkwerre Road as a critical access route connecting Ideato South Local Government Area to Nkwerre LGA and other parts of Imo

State, stressing that its collapse near St. Andrews Catholic Church, Umuma Isiaku, has left thousands of commuters and residents stranded.

Ugochinyere lamented the broader ecological crisis in Ideato, pointing to severe erosion sites in Uruala, Obodoukwu, Isiokpe, Umuaghobe, Umueshi, and Amanato, which have swallowed farmlands, homes, and public infrastructure.

“Disturbed that the road collapse has physically separated families, destroyed access to schools, markets, and farmlands, and forced total diversion to distant, dangerous routes through Owerri or Okigwe,” he said.

He warned that without urgent intervention, the communities may become completely inaccessible, with devastating humanitarian, economic, and security consequences.

Ugochinyere expressed concern over the delayed response of federal agencies despite repeated warnings and motions addressing the worsening ecological crisis.

Following the motion's adoption, the House mandated the Committees on Works, Environment, NDDC, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance and report within four weeks for further legislative action.

The move underscores growing concern among federal lawmakers over Nigeria's infrastructure vulnerabilities and the urgent need to protect communities from ecological disasters.

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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 Lagos State Traffic Management Authority has attributed the gridlock experienced on Eko Bridge to ongoing repair work by the Federal Ministry of Works on Apongbon Bridge.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, stated this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria on Tuesday in Lagos.

Bakare-Oki said engineers had been working for four to five hours, causing traffic congestion.

"We asked them to remove the barrier that had been placed, and they have since left the area.

"We are now coping with the backlog," he said.

A journalist, Mr Mike Ochomma, described the situation on Eko Bridge as "terrible."

"I left Mushin at 12.15 p.m., heading to the Island, and got caught in traffic near the National Stadium.

"I spent no less than three hours in the jam. The congestion even

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affected motorists coming from Apapa," he said.

Similarly, a businesswoman, Mrs Maureen Obilor, said that she had to divert to Oyingbo Market and board a bus to the Island from there.

"This is not right at all. Repairs should not be carried out during such a critical period of the season.

"There was no prior information about these repairs, which caught people unawares. We would have made proper arrangements if we had known," she said.

NAN reports that motorists heading to the Island via Eko Bridge were stranded for hours due to the repairs at Apongbon Bridge, with the gridlock extending to Alaka bus stop.

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NCAA To Link Pilots' Licensing, Medical Certification To NIN



Capt Najomo

The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has said pilots' licensing and medical certification will henceforth be linked to the National Identity Number (NIN) through its newly launched digital system.

The integration of the registration procedures to the NIN is expected to curb fraud, boost security, save time, and streamline paperwork.

NCAA's Director-General, Capt. Chris Najomo, announced this at the launch of EMPIC Personnel Licensing and Medical Certification (PEL/MED) and a stakeholder engagement yesterday in Abuja.

The NCAA boss said the digital platform would

strengthen regulatory effectiveness, advance safety oversight, and enable operational excellence in the industry.

He said the new initiative would be fully operational on April 2, next year, after adequate engagement with relevant stakeholders.

Najomo said: "For many years, the aviation sector relied on manual and semi-digital processes for licensing and medical certification. While these processes served their purpose, the increasing complexity of our industry, the demand for real-time regulatory oversight, and the expectations of a modern aviation workforce necessitated a shift toward a more robust and technology-driven approach.

"The deployment of the EMPIC PEL/MED system, a globally recognised, ICAO-aligned software for aviation regulators, is a demonstration of our commitment to adopting world-class digital tools to support Nigeria's aviation growth. It represents a fundamental modernisation of the way

we manage licensing, medical certification, inspector oversight, data integrity, and industry compliance

"With this system, stakeholders will now experience a fully digital licensing and medical certification process with improved turnaround times, a unified platform for applicants, inspectors, ATOs, AAMEs, and operators to engage seamlessly with the authority and greater transparency and accountability, supported by traceable workflows and audit trails."

Announcing when the system would be fully operational, Najomo said: "The full operationalisation of EMPIC PEL/MED will take place on April 2, 2026.

"This phased approach is deliberate and necessary to ensure system stability, stakeholder preparedness, data integrity, and regulatory continuity. Between now and the formal operationalisation date, NCAA will complete final data validation and migration activities, and stakeholders will undergo continued onboarding and user support.

"Upon operationalisation on April 2, 2026, EMPIC PEL/MED will become the official and mandatory platform for all applicable personnel licensing and aviation medical certification transactions, in accordance with NCAA regulations.

"This is part of our broader vision to create a modern aviation environment that is competitive, efficient, and compliant with global best practices."

Najomo urged stakeholders to actively participate in the post-Go-Live transition activities and prepare for full adoption upon operationalisation.

The NCAA boss added that the transition would ensure a smooth, transparent, and internationally aligned regulatory environment.

The Director of Aerodrome and Airspace Standards (DAAS), Godwin Balang, said the system has lots of quality assurances to guard against mistakes.

He also said there would be four biometric data centres in Abuja, Lagos, Port Harcourt and Kano for easy access by operators and other

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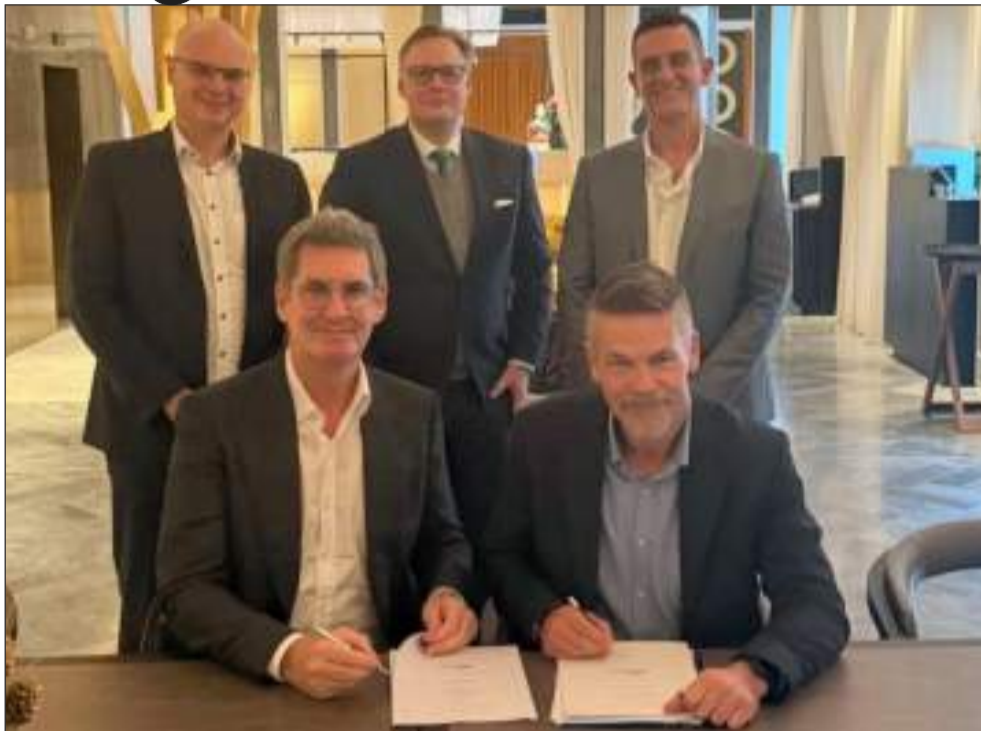
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APM Terminals and Barging Marine Solutions Ltd on Tuesday signed an exclusive lease agreement until September 2031 to expand services in and around Apapa, underlining the terminal operator's long-term commitment to developing Nigerian trade opportunities.

The agreement aims to leverage the close collaboration between the two parties to increase capacity and to provide enhanced landside and barge connections to benefit both customers and shipping lines.

As Keith Svendsen, CEO of APM Terminals, said on signing the agreement: "The Nigerian market has shown solid growth throughout 2025, and APM Terminals strongly believes in the development of the market in the years ahead.

"Therefore, it is important that we take the necessary steps to develop and realise the potential of the terminal, while also



APM Terminals and Barging Marine Solutions signing an exclusive lease agreement

looking at the future entering this solutions for APM potential to invest and collaboration." Terminals customers and modernise further in "This important shipping lines by Lagos. Barging Marine collaboration with APM leveraging BMS's Solutions has been Terminals builds on the barging and terminal running a resilient strong existing business operations for additional business, and we look that we have together capacity and reliable forward to developing and will provide delivery," stated Karim Said, CEO of Barging

Marine Solutions Ltd.

The facilities include two waterfront and inland container terminals as well as barge services that will offer an alternative to road transportation and thereby ease the pressure on roadside transport via trucking, reducing traffic congestion and logistics-related costs.

"We believe that the improved barge services, as well as Barging Marine Solutions' position as market leader within inland container depots, has the ability to improve both reliability and speed for our customers as well as optimising our coordination across the supply chain, which will give a more seamless customer experience," Frederik Klinke, MD, APM Terminals Nigeria, said.

Barging Marine Solutions Ltd will, under the agreement, operate the services for APM Terminals, and the companies will jointly develop solutions to add value for customers. In its terminals in Apapa, Kano and Onne, APM Terminals lifts about half of Nigeria's containerised trade and provides direct and indirect employment to more than 10,000 Nigerian families.

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Nigeria Gets \$1bn Cash To Boost Maritime Start-ups



Blue Economy

Nigeria has secured a \$1 billion innovation fund to support start-ups operating in the marine and blue economy sector, as the country intensifies efforts to diversify its economy away from oil.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Maritime Innovations Hub, Mrs Ronke Kosoko, disclosed this at a media parley organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy in Abuja yesterday.

The event was attended by the Special Adviser to the President on Social Media, Olusegun Dada, alongside representatives of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), the Nigerian Shippers'

Council and other ministries and agencies.

Kosoko said the fund would be officially unveiled at the Blue Economy Investment Summit scheduled for between March 9 and 11 in Lagos next year.

She added that international financiers are expected to meet President Bola Tinubu and the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Olayemi Cardoso, during the summit.

According to her, the \$1 billion fund builds on Nigeria's earlier success in securing a \$100 million training bid for capacity development in the maritime sector.

"When the \$100 million offer came, I wasn't looking for it. People trust us globally because of our track record. While that was being processed, the \$1 billion offer came, and we had to return to the Presidency again," she said.

She explained that this accounted for her sustained engagement with the

ministry in recent months, adding that the process is nearing completion.

"They will be coming into the country in March 2026 to meet the Honourable Minister for Marine and Blue Economy, the CBN Governor and Mr President. They also plan to support start-ups in the sector with funding and international training, so the stage is set," she added.

Kosoko stressed that global investors are driven by results, not politics.

"People and organisations have money in billions of euros and dollars, but they are not interested in our dirty politicking and games. They are interested in the task to be achieved. Once we are ready, the funds will flow in," she said.

She noted that Nigeria's vast coastline and strategic position along major global shipping routes give it a natural advantage in the blue economy, which includes maritime transport, fisheries, coastal tourism, shipbuilding and ocean-based renewable energy.

However, she lamented that poor port infrastructure, policy bottlenecks and limited access to finance have continued to undermine growth, pushing shipping lines and investors to neighbouring countries.

Kosoko disclosed that about 370,000 youths across the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory would participate virtually in the March 2026 summit, alongside 28 governors and 37 serving senators.

"Three hundred and seventy thousand youths across the country will be connecting live to the President from their state capitals. We are working with the PBAT Media Centre on this demographic," she said, adding that 10 governors were already represented at the Abuja parley.

She also decried Nigeria's continued loss of billions of naira to countries such as Togo and Côte d'Ivoire, where many vessels now prefer to berth.

"Nigeria is losing billions to Lomé and Côte d'Ivoire.

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Kenya Airways To Start Accra Base With Three E190s

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Kenya Airways (KQ, Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta) could base up to three E190s at its Accra base as it pursues its strategy to establish a secondary hub in Ghana, chief executive officer Allan Kilavuka told the Aviation Week.

"The project will be decided next year. We are planning to base three Embraer aircraft [in Accra]. But this would be just the beginning," he said.

The Kenyan airline has adopted a multi-hub strategy as part of its growth plan. It has formally petitioned the Ghanaian government for approvals to operate out of Accra in mid-2025. Kilavuka told ch-aviation in an interview earlier this year that the E190s could be great route openers for the second hub, although the regional jets are slated for a retirement by the end of this decade.

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Ethiopian Airlines.

"What we want is to collaborate more with African carriers, to have a lot of mini hubs. It is not necessary to open our own companies. But with

existing carriers, this is what we want to do, to build a stronger network," he explained.

Kenya Airways currently operates a "mini-hub" at Accra with two fifth-

freedom routes: to Freetown and Monrovia Roberts. It also connects the Ghanaian capital daily with its main hub at "The project will be decided next year. We

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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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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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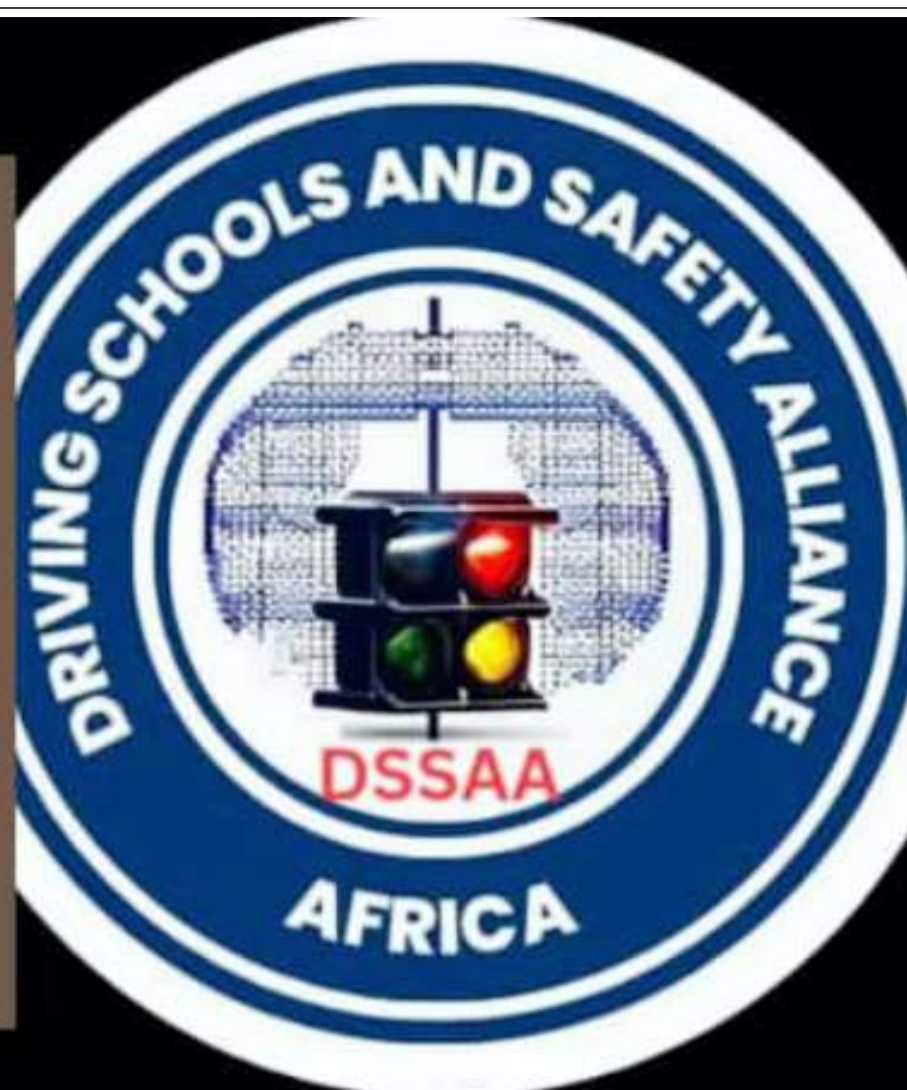


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