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FRSC Deploys 2,089 Personnel, 32 Patrol Vans Across H'ways In Ogun

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The Sector Commander of the Ogun State Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has directed the immediate deployment of 2,089 Personnel to strategic spots to ensure proper traffic flow within the state.

According to a Tuesday statement made available to TVC News, the Sector Commander, Corps Commander Akinwunmi Fasakin, gave the directive in line with Operation Zero Tolerance to Road Traffic Crashes nationwide.

The Sector Command has deployed 1015 Regular and 1074 Special Marshals to maintain free flow of traffic before, during and after the yuletide celebration.

Also deployed are "32 No of Patrol Vehicles, 6 Motor Bikes, 3 Ambulances and 2 Tow Trucks along major corridors within the state."

The Sector Commander, Corps Commander Akinwunmi Fasakin, admonished the motoring public to take

responsibility for their Safety and avoid distracted driving.

He also emphasised that speeding above the legal speed limit is a leading factor in Road Traffic Crashes, stressing that any driver caught will face the law.

Fasakin added, "It's only the living that celebrate."

The Ogun FRSC Commander wished the people of Ogun State a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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Transport Fares Jump As Bus, Air, Okada Costs Increase In Oct - NBS

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Transport fares across major modes of travel increased in October 2025, according to the Transport Fare Watch released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The data show that commuters paid more for bus, air, motorcycle (Okada), and water transport, reflecting sustained pressure on household transportation costs.

City bus fares rose slightly to N1,058.64 in October 2025, up 0.90% month-on-month and 16.57% year-on-year.

Intercity bus fares also increased to N8,170.21 per trip, reflecting a 1.55% monthly rise and a 13.67% annual increase.

The NBS data indicate that rising transport costs extend beyond road travel. Air transport fares for specified routes and single journeys averaged N131,557.53 in October 2025, marking a 1.32% increase from the previous month and a 4.17% rise year-on-year.

For motorcycle transport (Okada),

commuters paid an average fare of N780.00, up 5.74% month-on-month and a sharp 45.53% increase year-on-year.

Water transport fares also rose, with the average fare reaching N1,851.28, reflecting a 3.11% monthly increase and a 25.25% rise compared to October 2024.

Oyo State recorded the highest intercity bus fare at N10,200.19, while Kwara had the lowest at N6,059.65.

Lagos recorded the highest intra-city bus fare at N1,405.85, while Abia posted the lowest at N548.44.

For air travel, Rivers State topped the chart at N155,750.59, while Ebonyi recorded the lowest fare at N125,990.65.

The South-West recorded the highest fares for intra-city bus travel (N1,152.63), intercity bus travel (N8,770.49), and air transport (N133,561.61).

The South-South led water transport fares at N4,462.32, while the North East recorded the lowest water transport cost at N1,079.15.

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Findings at key rail stations along the Lagos-Ibadan and Abuja-Kaduna standard gauge corridors, as well as several narrow-gauge routes, showed heavy passenger turnout, with many train services operating at near full capacity. Early bookings and advance ticket purchases reflected strong public response to the discounted fare initiative.

The festive rail service, implemented by the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), offers passengers a 50 per cent reduction in train fares nationwide throughout the Yuletide period, as part of efforts to ease transportation costs during the peak travel season.

Several passengers who spoke with NRC officials commended the initiative,



NRC massive passenger turnout

describing it as timely and economically relieving, particularly for families and group travellers returning home to reunite with loved ones during the festivities.

The discounted Yuletide Train Ride is part of the Federal Government's people-oriented interventions under the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, aimed at

reducing the cost of transportation, promoting inclusive mobility, and encouraging increased use of rail transport as a safe and reliable alternative during peak travel periods.

Speaking on the commencement of the programme, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the NRC, Dr. Kayode Opeifa, assured passengers of the Corporation's readiness to deliver

safe, efficient and customer-focused services throughout the Yuletide season.

The NRC also confirmed that both standard gauge and narrow gauge services are fully operational, with enhanced security, safety and customer service measures deployed across stations and onboard trains to manage the increased passenger traffic occasioned by the fare reduction.

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Local Transport News

Ogun Traffic Corps Warns Motorists Against Reckless Driving

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At least 10 persons have been confirmed dead following a fatal road crash along the Jos-Bauchi Road in Plateau State.

The accident occurred in the early hours of Tuesday, December 23, at about 12:12 a.m., and involved four vehicles, two trailers and two Ford Galaxy minibuses.

Eyewitnesses revealed that the collision was severe, leaving several victims trapped at the scene. Ten persons reportedly died instantly, while others sustained varying degrees of injuries.

The injured victims were rescued and rushed to nearby hospitals for urgent medical attention.

Confirming the incident, the Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Plateau State, Mr. Peter Longsan, said all those who died were adult males.

"Ten adult men lost their lives in the crash," Longsan confirmed.

In an official statement, the FRSC said the crash occurred shortly after a military checkpoint on the outskirts of Jos, the Plateau State capital.

"Today, 23rd December 2025, the FRSC Plateau State Sector Command carried out a rescue operation following a road traffic crash that occurred after the military checkpoint along the Jos-Bauchi Road," the statement said.

The agency explained that 19 persons were involved in the accident, comprising 17 males and two females.

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FRSC rescue team at the crash scene

Lagos Orders Street Gates Open From 5am Till 11pm

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The Lagos State Government has directed communities operating gated streets to ensure that such gates are opened daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. during the festive period to ease traffic flow across the state.

The government also ordered owners of gates and other structures erected on public roads without approval from the Ministry of Transportation to remove them within seven days.

The directive was contained in a statement signed on Tuesday by the State Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi.

The statement read, "The Lagos State Government has directed communities operating gated streets to ensure that such gates are opened daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. during the festive period to ease traffic flow across the State.

"The Government also called on owners of gates and structures erected on public roads without prior approval from

the Ministry of Transportation to remove them within seven (7) days of this notice.

"According to the Ministry of Transportation, this directive is in line with established State guidelines and aligns with the THEMES+ Agenda of the current administration, which prioritises the free flow of traffic, safety of lives and property, and the enhancement of ease of doing business in Lagos State."

While acknowledging the security benefits associated with gated streets, the ministry stressed the need to keep roads accessible, particularly alternative routes currently experiencing increased traffic due to heightened travel, commercial activities, tourism and entertainment during the festive season.

The ministry assured residents that enforcement measures would be implemented to guarantee unrestricted access in and out of all gated streets, with the aim of preventing traffic congestion and safeguarding lives and property.

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FG Orders Contractors On Major Road Projects To Remain On Site

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The Minister of Works, Engr Dave Umahi, has directed contractors working on the Abuja-Lokoja, Lagos-Port Harcourt, Keffi-Makurdi, and Abuja-Kano expressways not to close the sites during the yuletide without approval from his ministry.

The minister also directed contractors to exit all previous agreements, including those involving Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) Tax Credit contracts inherited by the federal government, before they will be considered for payment.

Minister Umahi also announced that the Federal Government has directed NNPCL to pay the sum of N263 billion to contractors, stressing that the volume of debt owed to contractors between 2023 and date stands at N2.13 trillion, and that payment will only commence when the figures are clearly confirmed.

Addressing contractors in Abuja on Tuesday, the minister, after commending contractors for



Senator David Umahi

accommodating road projects not captured in the budget, stressed the need to free the roads during the yuletide to ease movement, noting specifically that the federal government was embarrassed by the gridlock on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

Travellers spent nights on the ever-congested Abuja-Lokoja expressway following a disruption as a result of a

standoff between truck drivers and military personnel over the weekend.

The development left thousands of travellers for the yuletide stranded and helpless.

He said, "I want to make it clear to you, the contractors, that you will not close the sites without approval. These sites include the Abuja-Kano, Enugu-Onitsha, Sokoto-Zamfara, Abuja-

Lokoja, Lagos-Port Harcourt expressways, and other major roads, including the Keffi-Makurdi."

"I plead with you to free the roads, because we were thoroughly embarrassed by the Abuja-Lokoja road, and we do not want a repeat of that situation."

On the inherited NNPCL road projects, the minister said, "I want to announce to you that Mr President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has directed that all NNPCL projects must continue, and the NNPCL will not be the one to pay you again. The Ministry of Works will pay going forward. And I want to say that in 2026, all regional directors must be in the field. Every senior director will have a specific project to supervise, and what that means is that you must all be digitalised. If you are not digitalised, the Permanent Secretary will write to the Head of Service to remove you."

He continued, "Our greatest problem is a lack of supervision, and, as I said, there will be a director in each of the NNPCL projects from January 7, 2026."

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Petrol Supply Rises 55% To 71.5m Litres Daily

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The supply of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), also known as petrol, increased to 71.5 million litres per day in November 2025 from 46million litres per day in October, indicating an increase of 55 per cent.

The Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) said the volume supplied came from both the domestic and the international market.

According to its November 2025 report – Fact sheet – released yesterday, the agency said the nation's consumption also increased by 44.5 per cent to 52.1 million litres per day in November 2025, against 28.9 million litres in October, showing an excess of 37.4 million litres.

The agency said that the significant increase in petrol supply in November 2025 was on account of the imports by the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC Ltd.).

NMDPRA noted that the imports were aimed at building inventory and further

guaranteeing supply during the peak demand period.

Other reasons for the increase, according to the NMDPRA, were due to “low supply recorded in September and October 2025, below the national demand threshold; the need for boosting national stock level to meet the peak demand period of end of year festivities and twelve vessels programmed to discharge into October which spilled into November.”

The report revealed that the domestic refineries supply in the period stood at [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has confirmed the death of two persons and injuries to 19 others following a road crash at Osara community in Adavi Local Government Area of Kogi State.

The Kogi State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Tenimu Etuku, disclosed this to journalists on Tuesday in Lokoja.

According to Etuku, four of the 19 survivors sustained varying degrees of injuries, ranging from bruises to fractures, and have been rushed to two nearby hospitals for medical attention. Describing the incident as fatal, the sector commander said the crash involved an 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus along the Lokoja–Okene highway. He explained that, based on the vehicle's manifest, the ill-fated bus departed Kano on Monday evening en route to Auchi and Benin before the accident occurred at about 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday.

Furthermore, Etuku attributed the lone crash to excessive speeding.

Two Dead, 19 Injured In Car Crash In Kogi - FRSC

He added that FRSC personnel promptly carried out rescue operations and deposited the two corpses at the morgue of the Kogi Specialist Hospital in Lokoja.

Meanwhile, the sector commander urged motorists to exercise caution on the highways and strictly adhere to traffic rules and regulations, especially during the Yuletide season.

“Motorists and other road users must be careful and adhere strictly to traffic rules and regulations to avoid such accidents and the wastage of precious lives.

“By doing so, they will greatly contribute to reducing the number of accidents and fatalities across the country,” he stated. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

FRSC Deploys 452 Personnel, 12 Patrol Vehicles In Bauchi



FRSC special forces

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Bauchi State Command, says it has deployed 452 personnel to ensure the free flow of traffic during the 2025 Christmas celebration taking place on Thursday.

Mr Apaji Boyi, the Sector Commander, FRSC, disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Bauchi on Tuesday. Boyi explained that the command had deployed 12 patrol vehicles for smooth Yuletide traffic management.

The sector commander added that five ambulances and one tow truck were also deployed for a similar purpose.

“It's an annual event, and we are well prepared.

We have deployed about 452 personnel and 12 patrol vehicles with five ambulances and one tow trucks.

“We are conscious of the volume of traffic that will be coming into Bauchi, and in view of that, we are well prepared. We have deployed both personnel and logistics, presently, we are concentrating on the entrances to the state.

“This is because people will be coming in from all the nooks and crannies of the state, and patrol operation is ongoing to ensure safe movement of all the entrants to the city,” he said.

The sector commander assured the readiness of the corps to maintain traffic control and guarantee the free flow of vehicles.

He, however, called on drivers and other road users to avoid speeding, overloading of passengers and goods, and strictly adhere to all traffic rules and regulations.

“We must have it at the back of our minds that it is only the living that celebrate.

“We pray by next year, we shall all be alive to celebrate yet another

Christmas,” the sector commander prayed.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in the state said it had deployed 1,100 personnel to ensure safety and security of lives and property during the Yuletide season.

This is contained in a statement by Saminu Yusuf, the NSCDC Public Relations Officer, and made available to newsmen in Bauchi.

According to the statement, the deployment included both covert and overt operations, joint patrols of flashpoint areas across the state, protection of critical national assets and infrastructure as well as worship centres, parks, eateries, banks, and hotels.

It further added that the commandant charged all Area Commanders, Divisional Officers and men of the command to be diligent, focused, honest in carrying out their duties, and also to intensify patrols, dominate public spaces, and remain proactive and vigilant before, during, and after the

Christmas.

“The commandant also advised the good people of the state not to engage in activities that may lead to breach of security during the festive period but whenever they see something or any suspicious movement around them, they should report to any NSCDC office,” the statement said.

Similarly, Omolori Aliyu, the Commissioner of Police in the state also reassured the public of adequate security to ensure peaceful and hitch-free celebrations throughout the festive periods.

This is contained in a statement by Nafiu Habib, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) and made available to newsmen in Bauchi.

According to the statement, the Commissioner of Police in the state charged all Area Commanders, Divisional Police Officers (DPOs), and Tactical Commanders to intensify patrols, dominate public spaces, and remain proactive and vigilant before, during, and after the Christmas and New Year procession. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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The warning followed an enforcement visit by NCAA officials to the Abuja operations of three domestic airlines — Xejet, Rano Air and United Nigeria Airlines — on Monday.

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Michael Achimugu

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"The NCAA finds this unacceptable and has given an ultimatum to the airlines. We are watching, and action will be taken where necessary," Achimugu said.

The inspections, he said, were part of efforts to ensure airline compliance with consumer protection standards, particularly during periods of high passenger traffic.

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NRC Boss Cracks Down On Illegal Railway Property Deals



Dr. Opeifa

Anxiety has gripped the Nigerian Railway Corporation following a stern warning by its Managing Director, Dr Kayode Opeifa, against the unauthorised sale, lease, or allocation of the corporation's landed properties.

In an internal circular dated December 18, 2025, and referenced MDL.360/25/T/VOL.1-062, the management disclosed that it had uncovered alleged illegal dealings in NRC properties by some officers without due authorisation.

The memo, obtained by The PUNCH, was addressed to Railway District Managers in Ebute Metta, Ibadan, and five other districts, with copies sent to key directorates, including

Procurement, Legal, Commercial, Human Resources, Mechanical and Engineering, Operations, and Finance.

According to the circular, some officers were allegedly involved in leasing, allocating, or otherwise transacting NRC landed assets without proper documentation or approval from the Office of the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer.

Recall that barely nine months ago, members of the Nigerian Union of Railway Workers and the Senior Staff Association of Communications Transport Cooperation accused NRC Properties Limited of unlawfully selling and converting railway assets in some states, particularly in the North.

While the unions alleged that several NRC properties were unjustly converted, the property management company maintained that all transactions followed due process.

The aggrieved workers subsequently

petitioned the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, the Federal Ministry of Justice, and the Kano State Government, urging an investigation into transactions they said spanned 17 years.

However, Opeifa insisted that the approval, clearance, or lease of any NRC land falls strictly within the exclusive authority of the Managing Director.

He warned that no Railway District Manager is permitted to engage in any form of transaction, allocation, or disposal of NRC landed property without explicit written approval from the Managing Director of the NRC to the Managing Director of the Railway Property Management Company Limited.

The NRC boss further threatened that any district manager or officer found culpable would face severe disciplinary action in line with the corporation's rules and the Public Service Regulations.

"You are therefore strongly warned and advised to desist forthwith from any unauthorised dealings in NRC landed properties and to strictly adhere to this directive," the memo read.

Efforts to get the spokesperson of the NRC, Callistus Unyimadu, to speak on the document were unsuccessful, as calls and text messages sent to his phone were left unattended.

Meanwhile, two staff members who spoke with our correspondent on the condition of anonymity for fear of reprimand said some senior officers had started running helter-skelter to tidy up their bargains with illegal occupants of the corporation's properties.

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Pakistan Gets Three Bids For Privatisation Of State-run Airline



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Pakistan received three bids on Tuesday for the privatisation of its embattled national carrier PIA, in what is seen as a litmus test of Islamabad's efforts to sell loss-making state firms.

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), long accused by critics of being bloated and poorly run, has found funds drying up as the government struggles with a balance of payments crisis.

"It was essential to make this process transparent because the biggest transaction of Pakistan's history is about to take place," Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif told his cabinet in a televised statement after the bidding process was broadcast live.

"If the bidding is successful, then the privatisation process will take off," Sharif said.

Representatives of the three bidding consortia each placed their bids for the 75 per cent stake on offer in a

transparent box. One is led by the private Pakistani carrier Air Blue, another by Lucky Cement, and another by Arif Habib, an investment firm.

The government will unveil a reference price for PIA later on Wednesday and then announce a winner if the minimum is met.

The sale offer comes after

last year's privatisation attempt failed with just one bid for \$36 million — far below the \$300 million—\$305 million wanted by the government.

Before being delisted from the Pakistan stock exchange, the airline reported a net loss of \$437,000 for the 2022 full year on revenue of \$854,000.

Islamabad has pledged to divest dozens of its cash-burning enterprises in the finance, energy, industrial, and retailing sectors by 2029 under a \$7 billion loan programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund in 2024.

Many of the companies have incurred billions of dollars in losses because of mismanagement and corruption, forcing the government to inject funds to keep them afloat.

Founded in 1955, PIA was a symbol of national pride and rapid growth for years, but its reputation has suffered due to financial losses and safety lapses.

It was banned from flying to the European Union, Britain, and the United States in June 2020, a month after one of its Airbus A-320 jets crashed onto a Karachi street, killing nearly 100 people.

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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

Legend Internet Tightens Grip On Nigeria's Digital Connectivity Market

Culled: Legend Internet Plc has concluded the year with significant strategic and operational achievements that underscore its resilience, innovation drive, and long-term commitment to advancing digital connectivity in Nigeria.

In a major boost to its technology strategy, Legend signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Huawei. The partnership is expected to unlock advanced network capabilities and reinforce Legend's role as a key contributor to next-generation broadband infrastructure across the country.

The company also recorded an industry-first with the launch of Legend Omni – FTTR (Fiber-To-The-Room), becoming the first network provider in Nigeria to deliver room-to-room fibre-powered internet. The innovation sets a new benchmark for premium residential broadband and elevates home connectivity standards nationwide.

On the financial front, Legend successfully closed its Commercial Paper issuance with over 100 percent subscription, reflecting strong investor confidence in the



Legend Internet PLC

company's strategy and long-term growth outlook. To further enhance the customer experience, Legend Internet introduced Nina, the Legend AI Assistant, designed to provide faster, simpler, and more convenient support. Nina allows customers to access instant assistance and manage their services directly through WhatsApp and the MyLegend App, giving them greater control and flexibility. Internally, the

company also implemented AI-driven automation across key operational processes, boosting efficiency, strengthening accountability, and improving overall team productivity. Expanding its market footprint, Legend secured a strategic connectivity partnership with Trojan Estates, becoming the preferred broadband provider for one of Nigeria's most prestigious residential

developments and strengthening its presence in Lagos. Despite prevailing market challenges, 2025 marked a transformational period for the company. It successfully listed on the Nigerian Exchange (NGX), a move that enhanced its market credibility, strengthened investor confidence, and positioned the company for sustainable growth and capital expansion.

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FG Moves To Regulate Online Drug Sales

Culled: The Federal Government, alongside other stakeholders in the health sector, on Monday in Abuja, inaugurated the National Electronic Pharmacy Policy and Strategic Implementation Plan to further transform the health sector.

Speaking during the event, the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Ali Pate, said the policy would regulate production and sales of pharmaceuticals and allow Nigerians access to quality-assured medicines.

Represented by the Director, Food and Drug Services, Olubumi Aribeara, at the ministry, Pate said it was geared towards modernising the healthcare delivery and allowing Nigerians access to affordable medicine, no matter where they live.

According to the minister, though the rise of digital platforms has transformed nearly every sector of the nation's economy, the pharmaceutical space has remained largely fragmented with limited oversight of online medicine sales.

He said that the free hand access in the pharmaceutical sector had created dangerous gaps, where substandard and falsified medicines, unlicensed vendors, and misinformation thrived.

"Today marks a bold step forward in our collective mission to modernise healthcare delivery and ensure that every Nigerian has access to safe, affordable, and quality-assured medicines—no matter where they live.

"The NEPP is our strategic response. It provides a clear, enforceable framework for the regulation of electronic pharmacy services in Nigeria. It ensures that innovation does not come at the expense of safety.

"With this policy, we are setting the foundation for a nationally coordinated e-pharmacy ecosystem that is transparent, secure, and patient-centred.

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AFCON: Nigeria Off To Winning Start, Edge Tanzania 2-1



Super Eagles

Culled: Nigeria kicked off their 2025 Africa Cup of Nations, AFCON campaign with a slim 2-1 victory over Tanzania at the Stade de Fez, thanks to goals from Semi Ajayi and Ademola Lookman.

The Super Eagles started strongly, with Victor Osimhen and Lookman causing early problems for the Tanzanian defence.

Nigeria's first real chance came in the 11th minute when Chukwueze's corner found Akor Adams, whose

shot was saved by the Tanzanian goalkeeper. Tanzania responded with long-range efforts, but Super Eagles goalkeeper Stanley Nwabali kept his side on course. Nigeria eventually broke the deadlock in the 36th minute. Alex Iwobi's lofted cross found Ajayi, who powered a header into the net to give Nigeria a 1-0 lead. The first half ended with Nigeria holding the advantage despite Tanzania showing glimpses of attacking intent in the wet conditions. The second half began in spectacular fashion. Tanzania's M'Mombwa equalised in the 50th minute, slotting a lofted delivery into the bottom-left corner.

Nigeria responded almost immediately, with Lookman collecting the ball outside the box and firing a left-footed strike past Masudi in the 52nd minute to restore the Super Eagles' lead. Substitutions followed as Nigeria introduced Simon Moses, Fisayo Dele-Bashiru and Paul Onuachu, while Tanzania brought on John, Job, and Mnonga to boost their attack. Tanzania came close late on, with John flashing a low shot wide in the 83rd minute, but Nigeria held firm to secure all three points. The win gives Nigeria a perfect start to their Group C campaign, while Tanzania will look to bounce back in their next fixture.

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Chinese Mining Firms In Nigeria Obey Local Laws, Says Federation

Culled: The China Mining Federation of Nigeria has dismissed media reports alleging that Chinese mining companies are infiltrating Nigeria's solid minerals sector and engaging in illegal activities.

The allegations were contained in a report titled "Silent Conquest: The Chinese Infiltration of Nigeria's Solid Minerals Sector," published on December 11, 2025, by Renevlyn Development Initiative.

The report accused some Chinese nationals of illegal mining, taking control of critical mineral resources, undermining Nigeria's economic and

social development, damaging the environment, and fuelling terrorist activities.

It also called on Nigerian authorities to strengthen governance in the sector.

Covering the period from 2018 to 2025, the report placed particular emphasis on developments since 2022, when Nigeria stepped up efforts to diversify its economy away from oil and gas.

It assessed the scale, patterns and impacts of unlicensed mining activities involving foreign nationals, especially Chinese operators, within the solid minerals sector.

In response, the federation, in a statement issued on Tuesday,

described the claims as false and misleading, maintaining that Chinese mining companies operating in Nigeria comply fully with local laws and regulations.

It stated that "Chinese mining companies in Nigeria have always strictly complied with Nigeria's laws and regulations, in accordance with the guidance of the Chinese government."

The statement said the companies work closely with Nigerian authorities to strengthen governance in the mining sector and contribute to industrial development.

According to the federation, while

operating legally, the firms have invested in local processing facilities and employed Nigerian workers—steps it said have helped boost employment and increase the value Nigeria derives from its mineral resources.

The federation added that the companies have supported local communities and environmental protection efforts, noting that by "giving back to local communities, fulfilling social responsibilities, and protecting the natural environment, these companies have made positive contributions to deepening China–Nigeria mining cooperation."

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Yobe Partners CIArb Nigeria Branch, Signs MoU

The Director General of Yobe State Agency of Public-Private Partnership and Investment Promotion (YAPPPIP), Dr Aliyu Isah Chikaji, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, Nigerian Branch.

The MoU was signed during the 2025 CIArb Nigeria Branch conference in Lekki, Lagos state.

In addition, the Yobe State Government has signed a

Memorandum of Understanding with THINK-LAB AGROALLIED LIMITED to revitalize, operate and manage the state-owned Agro-oEnterprises through a PPP arrangement.

The MoU was formally signed in 2025 at the YAPPPIP Boardroom by the Director General of the Yobe State Agency for Public-Private Partnership and Investment Promotion (YAPPPIP) Dr. Aliyu Isah Chikaji, and the Managing Director of THINK-LAB

AGROALLIED LIMITED Dr. Babagana Mohammad Adam.

Yobe State Agency for Public-Private Partnership and Investment Promotion (YAPPPIP) has similarly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MOBABS Resort Ltd to upgrade the Yobe State Hotel.

The MoU was signed by the Director General, YAPPPIP, Dr. Aliyu Isah Chikaji and the Chairman/CEO of MOBABS Resort Limited,

Ambassador Dr. Babagana Ajimi at the YAPPPIP's Boardroom.

Yobe State Government partners with Trucks Transit Parks Ltd, Lagos to operate and manage Potiskum Trailer Park.

The Yobe State Government has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Trucks Transit Parks Ltd, Lagos, to advance the development of the Potiskum Trailer Park.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
2. Africa Road Transport Safety Summit and Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO) - The largest gathering of Researchers and Industry Leaders in Road Transport Safety featuring exhibitions of technology devices and Innovations.
3. Africa Safe School Volunteer Project (ASSVP) - A social responsibility project that members of DSSAA will get directly involved in their various countries which includes volunteering to control traffic and help Children cross the Road during school hours in schools, funding installation of STOP Road signs and marking of zebra crossings at school Intersections, as well as carrying out the training of children on Road Safety practices in schools.
4. Africa Road Safety Partnerships and Research board (ARSPARB)- A hub for the advancement of partnerships with development agencies, National Governments and corporations as well as a Research Faculty for Road Safety Research Projects.

About DSSAA

Driving Schools and Safety Alliance Africa - DSSAA is Africa's premier Professional Association of Driving School Owners, Instructors, Driver Assessors and Road Safety professionals.

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

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

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