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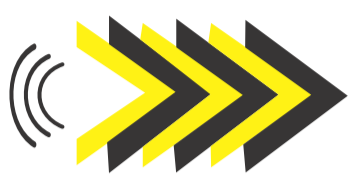
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Lagos Police Launch 24-hour Patrol On New Coastal Road

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The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, Olohundare Jimoh, has assured residents and commuters of enhanced security and smooth traffic on the new coastal road, following the deployment of personnel.

Speaking with journalists on Wednesday during a Show of Force exercise on Victoria Island, Jimoh said that the coastal road was opened to ease traffic congestion and reduce the hardship faced by commuters travelling to Lekki and other parts of Lagos.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that the police command immediately deployed officers to the route to ensure effective traffic control and the safety of lives and property.

According to him, the absence of adequate security deployment at the initial opening of the road had led to traffic violations, including one-way driving, which caused gridlock and accidents.

The commissioner said the situation

had been brought under control following the deployment of over 30 patrol teams, each made up of six armed police officers, as well as about 20 tactical squads stationed along the road.

“From the commencement of the opening of this road till now, there has been no threat of crime and no record of serious or fatal accidents; compliance by road users has significantly improved,” he said.

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LASTMA Deploys 1,700 Officers For 24-hour Traffic Monitoring

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority has deployed 1,700 officers for its 24-hour daily traffic monitoring initiative tagged 'Operation Ember Months Stability.'

The General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, made this known in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria on Monday in Lagos.

Bakare-Oki said the staff were deployed to cover the five divisions of the state.

“About seven weeks ago, the agency started 24-hour traffic management across the five divisions of the state, concentrating on major routes where vehicular movement is always on the increase.

“Recently, we also deployed over 850 officers to complement and beef up what we have on the ground around the Ikoyi, Victoria Island, and Lekki-Ajah axis.

“Within these three axes, we have 1,700 officers. They maintain three shifts, with the morning shift starting at 6.00 a.m. and closing at 2.00 p.m., while the afternoon shift resumes at 2.00 p.m. and closes at

10.00 p.m.,” he said.

He noted that the night shift would start at 9.00 p.m. and end at 6.00 a.m. the following day.

“We mobilised 800 traffic equipment, ranging from channelisers, barriers, traffic control batteries, lights, reflective jackets and others,” he said.

He added that a lot had been achieved since the inception of the 24-hour daily traffic monitoring, including quick and early responses to traffic incidents.

“If anything happens at midnight or in the early hours of the morning, the 24-hour daily traffic management gives us the privilege to remove these infractions promptly.

“We have also noticed an improvement in travel time for Lagos residents.”

He added that the LASTMA Rescue and Emergency Department had also intensified efforts on major routes.

“Our Rescue and Emergency Unit always ensures that from 11.00 p.m. till 5.00 a.m., it combs major traffic points to remove all distractions,” he said.

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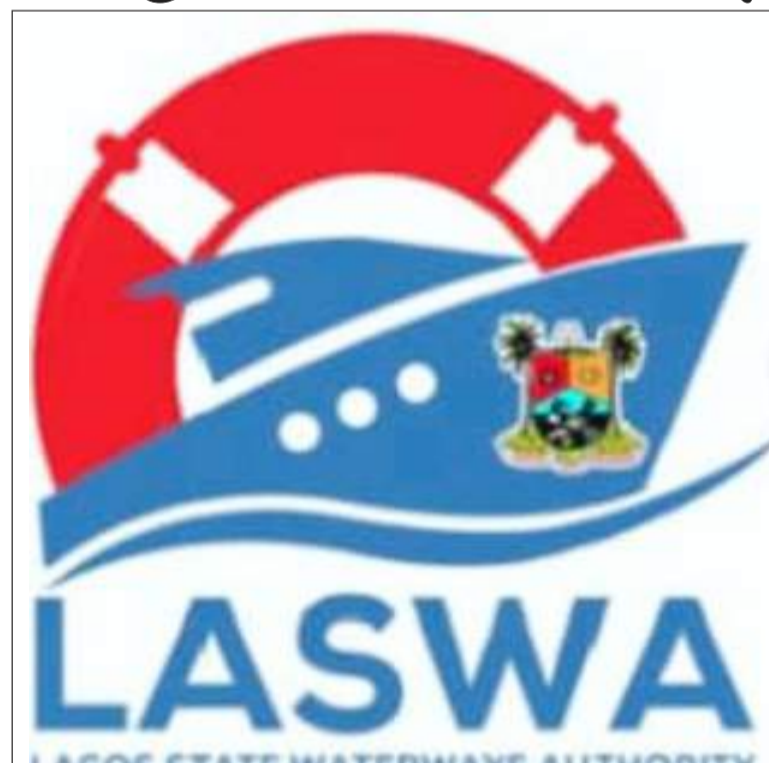
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At least six people have died and four others were rescued following a boat mishap on the Lagos waterways, authorities said on Wednesday, prompting renewed calls for strict adherence to maritime safety regulations. The Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) and the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) confirmed that the incident occurred at about 8:35 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, along the Nigerdock axis of the Igbologun water channel. The passenger boat, operated by Savvy Marine, was en route from Ilashe Beach House when it ran into trouble.

In a joint statement, the agencies said their Search and Rescue (SAR) teams were immediately activated after a distress alert was received, working alongside the Marine Police and other emergency responders.

“Four passengers were successfully rescued and taken to a nearby hospital, where they are receiving medical attention,” the statement said. “Sadly, six



LASWA, NIWA



other passengers were recovered dead at the scene. Search and rescue operations are still ongoing to account for all persons involved.”

Preliminary assessments suggest the boat may have collided with a submerged object, although authorities stressed that investigations are continuing to determine the exact cause of the accident.

LASWA and NIWA expressed condolences to the families of the victims and reaffirmed their commitment to improving safety on Lagos inland waterways.

The agencies also reiterated the need for operators and passengers to comply fully with established safety regulations, including proper navigation procedures and the prohibition of night travel.

Members of the public were urged to remain calm and rely solely on verified information from official sources as rescue and investigative efforts continue.

The Lagos waterways are a key transport route for coastal and riverine communities, but accidents have periodically raised concerns about enforcement of safety standards, particularly during night operations.

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Gombe Earmarks N5bn For Take-Off Of North-East Airline

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The Gombe State Government has approved the release of N5 billion as its contribution toward the take-off of a regional airline to be jointly floated by the six north-east states of Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, and Yobe.

The approval was disclosed on Wednesday by the Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development, Muhammad Gambo Magaji, at the end of the 51st State Executive Council (SEC) meeting presided over by Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya.

Gambo Magaji said the governors of the six north-east states had agreed to establish the regional airline to enhance air connectivity within and outside the sub-region and stimulate economic development.

He explained that each participating state is to contribute N5 billion, adding that the council had approved Gombe State's share of the funds.

The commissioner also announced the approval of N321 million for compensation to property owners affected by the ongoing construction of an underpass and other road projects across the Special Development Zone. On education, the Commissioner for Education, Dr Aishatu Umar Maigari, disclosed that N661.5 million was approved for the payment of Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE) fees for 23,873 students across the state.

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FERMA Begins Emergency Repairs On Ilorin-Ogbomosho Highway

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The Federal Roads Maintenance Agency has commenced rehabilitation works on the Ilorin-Ogbomosho Highway, as part of efforts to ensure safer and smoother travel during the festive season.

The Officer-in-Charge of FERMA's Kwara State Field Office, Lukman Onimago, disclosed this to PUNCH on Tuesday during an on-the-spot inspection of the ongoing works on the federal highway.

Onimago advised motorists to drive responsibly and help protect government infrastructure, stressing that road safety is a shared responsibility.

"We are appealing to motorists to drive safely and also ensure the protection of government infrastructure. These roads are public assets meant to serve everyone," he said.

He explained that the rehabilitation exercise is being carried out under "Operation Connect Your Destination," an annual intervention programme of FERMA implemented nationwide during the yuletide period.

According to him, the initiative aligns with President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, which prioritises safe, functional and motorable road networks across the country.

"Operation Connect Your Destination is an annual programme of FERMA, usually intensified during the festive season, to ensure that Nigerians can travel safely to their destinations," Onimago noted.

He added that, as part of the mandate, FERMA is currently patching potholes and fixing critical failed sections of the Ilorin-Ogbomosho Road to minimise road crashes and traffic disruptions.

"The essence of this rehabilitation is to ensure that every citizen gets to their destination safely and in good time, with a view to reducing road accidents to the barest minimum," he said.

The project, being executed by the Kwara State Office of FERMA, focuses on improving road usability and easing vehicular movement along the busy highway, which serves as a major link between Kwara and Oyo states.

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In a statement signed by the Special Adviser to the Minister, Dr Bolaji Akinola, yesterday, said the deep seaport would catalyse trade, industrialisation and regional economic integration.

He said the port aligned squarely with



Oyetola

the Federal Government's agenda to diversify the economy through maritime infrastructure, logistics and coastal development.

Oyetola further described the port's revalidation as a strategic intervention by the Federal Government to unlock Ondo State's vast maritime and blue economy potential.

"The revalidated licence provides

certainty to investors and sends a strong signal that Nigeria is ready for serious maritime investments. With the supporting infrastructure planned around the port, Ondo State is positioning itself as a major player in the blue economy," the Minister said.

On his part, the Governor recalled that the licence, originally obtained during his tenure as deputy governor,

had suffered setbacks due to a naming error in the initial business case, which required the preparation of a fresh and comprehensive submission.

"This revalidated certificate is a turning point for Ondo State. It validates our vision for industrial growth, job creation and sustainable development anchored on our long coastline and maritime assets," the governor said.

Aiyedatiwa further explained that his administration was prioritising supporting infrastructure, including the dualisation of access roads to industrial zones and modernisation projects, alongside preparations for residential, educational and hospitality facilities to cater to the expected influx of workers and investors.

The governor reiterated that the port and associated projects would have a statewide impact, driving inclusive development across all local government areas.

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Nnpc Invites Bids To Sell Stakes In Oil And Gas Assets

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NNPC Limited has invited bids from investors for the sale of stakes in some of its oil and gas assets, signalling a renewed push to optimise its portfolio and raise capital.

A Reuters report on Monday said that the state-owned energy company plans to divest equity in selected assets, though the invitation document did not disclose the size of the stakes on offer or how much it expects to raise. NNPC did not respond to requests for comment.

The company holds interests in several oil and gas assets, some outright and others in joint ventures with international oil companies, including Shell, Chevron, Eni and TotalEnergies.

According to the invitation document, interested bidders need to register online by January 10. This will be followed by a pre-screening process, after which qualified firms will gain access to a secure virtual data room.

The process will include prequalification based on technical and financial

capacity, document evaluation, negotiations and regulatory approvals.

NNPC has previously said it intends to sell at least 25 percent of its equity in selected oil and gas fields, either through full divestments or partial stake reductions, as part of a broader portfolio optimisation strategy.

Nigeria has struggled in recent years to increase crude oil production and attract new investment, particularly as international oil companies scale back onshore operations.

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The Commissioner of Police, Ports Authority Police, Western Command, Toyin Agbaminoja, has urged all Divisional Police Officers and Heads of Departments to sustain a high level of alertness across all port formations to prevent criminal activities, protect critical national assets, and ensure the safety of port users, personnel, and the general public.

This is even as Agbaminoja stressed the need for DPOs and HODs to remain vigilant and proactive, particularly as the Command crosses into the New Year.

This was contained in a statement on Wednesday by the Police Public Relations Officer, Ports Authority Police, Western Command, Apapa, Lagos, Isaac Hundeyin, an Assistant Superintendent of Police.

According to the statement, the CP stated this during the Command's final management conference for the year as part of ongoing efforts to review operational activities, strengthen leadership coordination, and prepare the command for effective policing as the

Port Police Urge Tighter Vigilance In Western Zone

year draws to a close.

The conference, which had in attendance Deputy Commissioners of Police, Assistant Commissioners of Police, Divisional Police Officers, and Heads of Departments, provided a platform to assess the command's performance, review maritime security strategies, and outline operational priorities for the New Year.

In her address, the Commissioner charged all DPOs and HODs "to remain vigilant and proactive, particularly as the command crosses into the New Year. There is a need to sustain a high level of alertness across all port formations to prevent criminal activities, protect critical national assets, and ensure the safety of port users, personnel, and the general

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Hike In Charges Will Make Nigerian's Ports 55% Costlier In W'Africa



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Shippers, Customs agents, freight forwarders and other stakeholders in the maritime sector have warned that the Nigerian Shippers' Council's (NSC) recent approval granting shipping companies and terminal operators' permission to increase tariffs will push the cost of doing business in Nigerian ports to about 55 per cent higher than in other West African countries, up from the earlier estimated 40 per cent gap.

Recall that the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, had earlier confirmed that the cost of doing business in Nigerian ports is 40 per cent more expensive than in other West African ports.

According to the stakeholders, the approved tariff increase contradicts the Federal Government's target of reducing the cost by at least 25 per cent to enhance competitiveness, ease of doing business and trade facilitation.

They also questioned the effectiveness of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) partnership with the Nigerian Shippers' Council in regulating prices and protecting port users, insisting that regulators should protect shippers and not strangle them.

Former President, Shippers' Association of Lagos State (SALS), Jonathan Nicol, lamented that the government appeared to be approving fresh hikes across port-related services without considering the current economic realities.

Confronting shippers or relief and incentives to ease the financial burden.

According to him, shippers are already battling a 400 per cent increase in terminal and shipping charges implemented earlier, which has made storage and terminal-related charges

now accounting for an estimated 500 per cent increase on clearing costs alone.

He added that shipping line fees remain unclear and may still contain disputed components, noting that delays such as documentation bottlenecks can lead to additional charges of over N300,000, further escalating clearing costs.

Nicol argued that freight forwarders, truckers and other port service providers were also compelled to increase their charges to survive, adding that the cost of doing business in Nigeria had become unsustainable and is forcing many importers out of business.

He warned that the persistent increase had made business projections impossible, adding that office rents that once averaged N4 million to N5 million per annum now cost about N9 million to N10 million.

According to the President, Africa Association of Professional Freight Forwarders and Logistics of Nigeria (APFFLON), Frank Ogunojemite, said the NSC's tariff hike approval contradicts the Act that established the Council as a trade regulator and

protector of port users' interests.

Ogunojemite stressed that increasing tariffs at this critical time will further escalate the cost of doing business at Nigerian ports, fuel inflation, encourage cargo diversion to neighbouring countries, and weaken the country's position as a regional maritime hub.

The Chief Executive Officer of Globe Joy Investment Nigeria Limited, Mr Clinton Okoro, lamented that the industry players are yet to recover from the previous increment of about 400 per cent.

Okoro criticised the unilateral decisions by service providers to implement an increase in services rendered, recalling that the last upward review sparked widespread controversy before stakeholders reluctantly accepted it after several appeals and explanations.

Okoro warned that shippers, customs agents and freight forwarders may shut down the ports if terminal operators and shipping companies proceed with another round of tariff increase without proper consultation with industry stakeholders.

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NNPC Plans \$30bn Investment Drive To Unlock Untapped Oil Fields

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Nigeria's National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC) is preparing to develop new oil fields from next year as part of an ambitious plan to raise at least \$30 billion by the end of the decade, senior officials familiar with the matter have disclosed.

The move by Africa's largest oil producer represents a significant shift in strategy aimed at reversing years of chronic underinvestment that have left several discoveries undeveloped across the country's prolific oil basins.

According to sources who spoke to Bloomberg, NNPC expects to take significant investment decisions through 2026, though the specific fields being targeted have not been disclosed. The officials, who requested anonymity because the discussions involve confidential commercial matters, indicated that the company is likely to meet more than half of its fundraising target.

The state energy firm plans to develop



NNPC

some fields over strategic assets with potentially freeing up independently while attracting much-needed resources for more inviting bids for others, private sector capital and viable projects. with the tender process technical expertise. The initiative comes as Nigeria struggles to maintain its position as Africa's top oil producer, NNPC is seeking to and plans to divest non-performing fields, falling short of OPEC

quotas due to aging infrastructure, security challenges, and inadequate investment in exploration and development.

NNPC has set ambitious production targets, aiming for a 5 percent increase to 1.8 million barrels per day in 2026 compared with 2025 levels. The longer-term goal is more aggressive: reaching 4 million barrels of daily output by 2030, which would effectively double current production levels.

Beyond crude oil, the company is also prioritising gas infrastructure development. NNPC targets completion of the \$2.8 billion Ajaokuta-Kaduna-Kano pipeline from early next year, with various segments being connected to the main line.

Once operational, the pipeline will deliver gas at scale to northern Nigeria, including the federal capital Abuja, supplying industrial parks, fertilizer plants and power generation facilities. This could prove transformative for a region that has historically lacked adequate energy infrastructure.

An NNPC spokesperson declined to comment on the development plans when

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PETROAN Projects 850,000bpd Output From New Refineries



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Nigeria's petroleum sector is entering a pivotal phase as domestic refining gains momentum as the Petroleum Products Retail Outlets Owners Association of Nigeria (PETROAN), in its 2025 sector review and 2026 outlook, highlighted over 850,000 barrels per day (bpd) expected from new refineries currently under development, stressing that privatisation, consistent crude supply, and regulatory reforms are critical to stabilising the market and reducing reliance on imports.

State-owned refinery rehabilitation has also come under scrutiny, with PETROAN noting that N11.35 trillion has been spent on the turnaround of Port Harcourt, Warri, and

Kaduna refineries over the past decade, yet these facilities largely remain non-operational. Specific approved contracts include \$1.5 billion for Port Harcourt and \$1.48 billion for Warri and Kaduna combined, prompting investigations by security agencies and legislative oversight bodies into allegations of fraud, mismanagement, and lack of accountability," the review indicated. According to the review jointly signed by PETROAN National President, Dr Billy Gillis-Harry, and its National Public Relations Officer (PRO), Dr Joseph Obele, the association noted that 2025 was a defining year for Nigeria's downstream petroleum sector, shaped by regulatory reforms, leadership changes, refinery development efforts, and heightened competition between local refiners and petroleum importers.

"Over the past decade, massive public funds, reportedly around N11.35 trillion (equivalent to billions of dollars), have been expended on turnaround maintenance and rehabilitation of the four government-owned refineries (Port Harcourt, Warri, and Kaduna), yet the facilities largely remain non-functional or underperforming.

"Specific approved contracts include Port Harcourt Refinery: \$1.5 billion.

Warri & Kaduna Refineries combined: \$1.48 billion. These significant outlays, coupled with the enduring non-operational status of the refineries, have prompted investigations by security agencies and legislative oversight bodies into allegations of fraud, mismanagement, and lack of accountability," the review indicated. According to the review jointly signed by PETROAN National President, Dr Billy Gillis-Harry, and its National Public Relations Officer (PRO), Dr Joseph Obele, the association noted that 2025 was a defining year for Nigeria's downstream petroleum sector, shaped by regulatory reforms, leadership changes, refinery development efforts, and heightened competition between local refiners and petroleum importers.

It revealed that over 30 refinery licences have been issued since the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) came

into effect, with 23 refineries actively under construction. Once operational, these projects are projected to complement the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and provide much-needed relief to the domestic petroleum market.

"Cumulatively, over 30 refinery licences, largely modular and medium-scale, have been issued since the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) came into effect, with about 23 refineries actively under development. When completed, these projects are projected to add over 850,000 barrels per day to Nigeria's domestic refining capacity, complementing the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and reducing reliance on imports," the association added.

The association observed that the Naira-for-Crude policy, introduced to support local refining by allowing crude payments in naira instead of dollars, had strategic potential but faced implementation challenges.

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Turkish Transport Sector Logs 1.97m Export Trips In First 11 Months Of The Year

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Turkish international road transport companies have completed approximately 1.97 million export trips in the first 11 months of the year, with Turkish vehicles accounting for nearly three-quarters of all shipments, according to industry figures released by the International Transporters Association.

The data underscores Türkiye's growing role as a logistics hub connecting Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East, even as the sector navigates ongoing visa restrictions and geopolitical challenges across multiple regions.

Of the total export trips, approximately 1.4 million were carried out by Turkish vehicles, while 550,000 were conducted by foreign-plated trucks, representing a 72-28 percent split, said Alper Ozel, chairman of the International Transporters



Association's executive board. The figures reflect the country's strategic position at the intersection of major trade routes despite persistent obstacles.

Ozel emphasized Türkiye's geographic advantages in serving as a critical link between major economic regions. The country sits at the focal point of global

transportation corridors, bordered by Syria and Iraq to the south, the Caucasus and Central Asia to the east, Russia and Ukraine to the north, and Europe to the west.

"Our connection points are very strong. Türkiye is a country at the center of the world transportation corridor," Ozel said, noting that this positioning applies

equally to supply chain networks.

The association reported 875,000 trips to Europe during the 11 months, with Turkish vehicles completing 560,000 shipments and foreign trucks handling 315,000, a 64-36 percent distribution. Overall shipments to Europe increased 4 percent compared to the previous year.

Shipments to Central Asia remained steady year-over-year, while Turkish trucks demonstrated a dominant market share in Middle East operations with approximately 710,000 trips to the region, including Syria and Iraq.

The transportation sector continues to face challenges with European Union visa policies, which Ozel characterized as discriminatory toward professional drivers. [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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General News

Mama Cass' Rebrand Signals A New Phase For Nigeria's QSR

Culled:

Mama Cass, one of Nigeria's food-service brands, has announced its return following a comprehensive brand refresh, marking a significant moment for the country's quick-service restaurant (QSR) industry.

Founded in 1983 on Allen Avenue, Ikeja, Mama Cass is widely regarded as a pioneer of Nigeria's early QSR culture, long before the term became mainstream.

In a statement, the management disclosed that the brand helped formalise Nigerian cuisine within structured dining, offering consistent, home-style meals such as jollof rice, pounded yam, ofada rice, beans, and traditional soups to generations of Nigerians.

The relaunch comes after a period of strategic restructuring and operational realignment. Management said the company is reopening with a renewed corporate identity, upgraded outlets, improved production systems, refined menus, and a redesigned customer experience aimed at blending nostalgia with modern efficiency.

Our relaunch represents both continuity and transformation, the management said. "Mama Cass has always stood for care, comfort, and



Mama Cass

culture. This new chapter honours the legacy of our founder while strengthening the organisation for the future."

The return of Mama Cass comes at a time when Nigeria's QSR market is increasingly competitive, shaped by rapid urbanisation, a growing youth population, and the expansion of foreign and pan-African food chains.

While the sector has grown steadily, much of that growth has been driven by non-

Nigerian menus, including burgers, fried chicken, and pizza. Mama Cass' rebranding signals renewed confidence in the commercial potential of Nigerian cuisine at scale.

'The Home for Food Lovers': a refreshed identity

As part of the refresh, the brand has adopted a new positioning, "The Home for Food Lovers," which it says reflects its evolution without abandoning its roots.

According to the company,

the refreshed identity is designed to appeal both to long-time customers who grew up with the brand and to younger, urban consumers seeking authentic Nigerian food in a modern setting

The relaunch includes newly refreshed outlet designs inspired by warmth and heritage, upgraded service processes, menu refinements centred on the brand's most popular recipes, and stronger quality-control systems to support future expansion

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NIPR, Nasarawa Govt Flag Off Leadership University

Culled:

The Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) and Nasarawa State Government have flagged off the commencement of construction work at the University of Public Relations and Leadership (UPRL) site located at Gudi, Nasarawa State.

In a statement signed by the Director, Public Relations, Stanley Ogadigo, the flag-off ceremony signifies a landmark in the life of the project, giving a strong indication that the university will commence academic activities in record time with required facilities before the World Public Relations Forum (WPRF) scheduled to hold in Nigeria next year.

Speaking during the flag off ceremony, the President, Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, (NIPR), Dr. Ike Neliaku said through the university project, Nigeria will emerge as a new global centre of leadership and excellence in communication, adding that the migration of the project from idea to reality is a demonstration of Governor Abdullahi Sule's commitment to raising a new generation of leaders.

"Your Excellency, with what we are doing here today, you are sending a message not just to Nigeria but to the world that Nasarawa is at the centre of history. With hosting of this first of its kind university, Nasarawa under your leadership has demonstrated responsible use of influence", he stated.

Also speaking at the event, Nasarawa State Governor, Abdullahi Sule expressed appreciation to the Global Alliance and the NIPR for approving Nasarawa as the host state for the project which comes with huge developmental value in terms of education, capacity building and employment opportunities.

"As a government, we are committed to ensuring the completion of this project through the provision of necessary support. We want to assure you that by November 2026, the matriculation of first set of your students will take place in this facility", he stated.

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Onyedika Hits Brace As Nigeria Defeat Uganda



Super Eagles

Culled: The Super Eagles cruised to a comfortable 3-1 victory over Uganda Cranes in their final Group C match at the ongoing Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2025 in Morocco on Tuesday.

Nigeria showcased their

squad depth as Paul Onuachu scored the first-half opener, while Raphael Onyedika struck twice in the second half to sink the Cranes.

Head coach Eric Chelle made eight changes to the side that defeated Tunisia, with Francis Uzoho in goal,

both Onyedika and Fisayo Dele-Bashiru deployed in midfield, and Onuachu leading the attack alongside stand-in captain Victor Osimhen.

Uganda started the brighter side and put Nigeria under early pressure, but the defence stood firm against Uche Ikpeazu, the Ugandan striker of Nigerian heritage, whose header sailed well wide.

The Super Eagles, however, grew into the game and began creating chances in quick succession. Onuachu capitalised to give Nigeria the lead, with the Trabzonspor striker slotting home Dele-Bashiru's low cross in the 37th minute for a 1-0 advantage. It was the 31-year-old's fourth international goal and his first for Nigeria since March 2021.

Uganda were reduced to 10 men when substitute goalkeeper Salim Magoola, who replaced Onyango at halftime, handled the ball outside the box while attempting to stop Osimhen's lobbed effort. Nigeria took full advantage of the numerical superiority.

The 24-year-old Club Brugge midfielder, Onyedika, made his late runs into the penalty area count, scoring two near-identical goals with composed finishes in the 62nd and 67th minutes to extend Nigeria's lead to 3-0.

Rogers Mato pulled one back for Uganda with a well-placed shot 15 minutes from time, but Nigeria comfortably saw out the game to claim all three points and finish top of Group C with a perfect nine points.

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Nigeria Banks Bad Loans Hit 7% After Forbearance Ends

Culled: Nigeria's banking sector has recorded a rise in non-performing loans (NPLs) to an estimated 7.00 percent, breaching the prudential limit of 5.00 percent, following the withdrawal of regulatory forbearance measures introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has said.

The apex bank disclosed this in its 2026 Macroeconomic Outlook for Nigeria published on its website on Tuesday, noting that the increase in NPLs reflects the impact of tighter regulatory conditions as banks adjust to the post-forbearance environment.

The CBN warned that rising NPLs pose a direct threat to banks' profitability, credit availability, and overall risk-bearing capacity, underscoring the need to sustain measures that prevent further deterioration in asset quality. It said a worsening NPL profile could weaken banks' balance sheets, impair asset quality, and potentially trigger systemic contagion across the financial system. Although recent improvements in capital adequacy and liquidity ratios provide some buffers, the bank cautioned that these indicators remain vulnerable to unforeseen macroeconomic shocks.

According to the apex bank, an

increase in credit losses or foreign exchange illiquidity could erode capital buffers, lead to breaches of prudential thresholds, and place pressure on banks' liquidity coverage positions. Such developments, it said, could disrupt financial intermediation, reduce market confidence, and amplify vulnerabilities across the banking sector.

The CBN noted that a sharp depreciation of the naira, although considered unlikely, could negatively affect banks' balance sheet and liquidity positions. This, it said, could result in an expansion of monetary aggregates and heightened inflationary

pressures. The bank also cautioned that despite the ongoing bullish momentum in the capital market, higher concentration risk could emerge from the banking sector, as the current recapitalisation exercise may lead to investor fatigue and crowd out funding for other issuers.

In addition, the high level of interconnectedness within the financial system was flagged as a source of systemic risk. The apex bank warned that cyberattacks on financial institutions could propagate data breaches, compromise sensitive information, and erode public confidence in the financial system.

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President Tinubu Seeks Backing For New Tax Laws

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has urged stakeholders to support the implementation of the new tax laws scheduled to commence on January 1, 2026, reaffirming his administration's commitment to due process and the integrity of duly enacted legislation.

The President made the call on Tuesday in a personally signed message to Nigerians on the implementation of the tax reforms.

Describing the reforms as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a fair, competitive and resilient fiscal foundation for Nigeria, President Tinubu clarified that the tax laws are not intended to increase taxes, but to deliver a structural reset of the tax system, promote harmonisation, protect dignity and strengthen the social contract between government and citizens.

"These reforms are a once-in-a-

generation opportunity to build a fair, competitive, and robust fiscal foundation for our country.

"The tax laws are not designed to raise taxes, but rather to support a structural reset, drive harmonisation, and protect dignity while strengthening the social contract." President added.

The Nigerian Leader affirmed that the new tax laws, including those that took effect on June 26, 2025, and the remaining acts scheduled to

commence on January 1, 2026, will continue as planned.

"I urge all stakeholders to support the implementation phase, which is now firmly in the delivery stage.

"Our administration is aware of the public discourse surrounding alleged changes to some provisions of the recently enacted tax laws.

"No substantial issue has been established that warrants a disruption of the reform process.
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