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## LASTMA, Lagos Fire Service Prevent Fire Outbreak After Diesel Tanker Accident

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), in collaboration with the Lagos State Fire and

Rescue Service, on Sunday averted a potential fire outbreak following a diesel tanker accident on the Liverpool Bridge

inward Mile 2, along the Apapa corridor. According to preliminary reports, an articulated Iveco tanker conveying

diesel lost control and overturned on the bridge, leading to extensive damage to the vehicle and the spillage of large volumes of diesel on

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# FG Inaugurates Three Completed Roads In Kaduna

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The Federal Ministry of Works, has inaugurated three completed road projects under the emergency intervention scheme in Kaduna State, North West.

Speaking at the inauguration on Monday, the Federal Controller of Works in the State, Mr. Ulagu Loveday, said the projects are in line with President Bola Tinubu Renewed Hope Agenda.

He said the roads span rehabilitation of the Sabi Rail Bridge–Command Junction section of the Western Bypass in Chukun Local Government Area, a 1.2-kilometre Mahuta NNPC Pipeline to Nigerian Army Post Service Housing road, and 4.5-kilometre Taban Sani road in Markarfi Local Government.

The Federal Controller of Works, Loveday said the roads awarded as part of the federal government emergency special intervention are also part of the government's 260

emergency and ecological road projects nationwide.

The highway was commissioned by the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Community Engagement, North-West, Abdullahi Yankasai.

He said the project reflects the administration's commitment to grassroots development.

“On behalf of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, I hereby commission this 4.5-kilometre road for the use of humanity.

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The kaduna state government inaugurating the roads

# Regulation Key To Cutting Port Costs - Oyetola

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The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Dr Adegboyega Oyetola, has stated that effective regulation remains essential to reducing the cost of doing business at Nigerian ports, as he formally inaugurated the Governing Board of the Nigerian Shippers' Council, NSC.

According to a press statement signed by the Minister's Special Adviser on Media and Communications, Dr Bolaji Akinola, the inauguration took place at the Minister's Conference Room in Abuja and marked a major milestone in strengthening institutional governance and accountability in the Marine and Blue Economy sector.

Speaking at the event, Oyetola said the Nigerian Shippers' Council, as the nation's designated Port Economic Regulator, plays a critical role in promoting efficiency, fairness and transparency in port pricing, charges and service delivery.

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The Minister added that the constitution of the Board, approved by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu in furtherance of the Renewed Hope Agenda, underscores the Federal Government's commitment to good governance, institutional effectiveness and the strategic repositioning of the maritime sector as a catalyst for economic transformation.

Oyetola charged members of the newly inaugurated Board to provide strategic direction, policy guidance and vigilant oversight in line with statutory provisions and government policies, urging them to work harmoniously with the Management of the Council.

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# Abuja-Lokoja Road Gridlock Continues To Strand Motorists And Commuters

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Commuters and motorists have been stranded again on the ever-busy Abuja-Lokoja Highway, with its attendant hardship on the road users as the road experienced yet another traffic gridlock.

A resident of Koton-Karfe community, Shehu Yusuf, told our reporter that the gridlock which entered the second day on Monday, which was initially caused by the repair works on sections of the road, was worsened by a faulty truck on the better section of the road forcing commuters to seek alternative routes.

“The traffic gridlock was initially caused by the repair works going on in that area. But the situation was worsened by a broken-down truck,” he stated.

He added that motorists coming from Lokoja, Kogi State capital, were advised to take Tawari village bypass and connect the highway at Gegu village, while those coming from Abuja were equally advised to take Gegu bypass and link the highway at Tawari community to avoid the gridlock.

Speaking with our correspondent



The traffic gridlock on Abuja-Lokoja road

through telephone, another road user, Nuhu Isah, said: “We had to use bike to Karara on Sunday before getting a vehicle going to Abuja. It was said that a Dangote driver blocked the road and left the truck.”

Recall that commuters equally experienced the same situation during the Yuletide in December, 2025, forcing some travellers to spend their

Christmas on the road.

A motorist, Emmanuel Emeka, called on the federal government to hasten the work on the all-important route, connecting the North and the southern part of the country.

“We are suffering on this road. We are appealing to the federal government to speed up the completion of this road. It has taken too much time,” Emeka stated.

Speaking with our correspondent, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Sector Commander in Kogi State, Tenimu Yusuf Etuku, also attributed the gridlock to the ongoing construction work on some sections of the road and the attitude of some motorists.

According to him, broken down vehicles on the sections have also aggravated the problem.

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On October 26, Aliko Dangote, the founder of Dangote Group, said the Dangote refinery was expanding its production capacity from 650,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 1.4 million bpd.

In a recent statement, EIL said it partnered with the Dangote Group as the PMC and EPCM consultant for the 650,000-bpd refinery, commissioned in 2024.

"Believing in EIL's Engineering and Project Management excellence, Dangote Group has once again joined hands with EIL in this endeavor and has signed a Contract Agreement of value more than US \$ 350 Million to engage EIL

as PMC and EPCM Consultant for this Project," the statement reads.

As part of the expansion plans, the EIL said Dangote plans to add a second processing train, which will produce Euro VI grade fuels.

The company said the refinery also plans to expand its polypropylene production from 830 kilo tonnes per annum (KTPA) to 2.4 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) polypropylene by revamping the existing polypropylene unit (PPU) and installing additional PPU of 1.2 MMTPA.

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Dangote refinery

# Abiodun Completes Tai Solarin Road In Ogun

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Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun, has announced the completion of the Tai Solarin Road in Ikenne Town, describing the project as part of his administration's commitment to restoring roads that directly impact residents' lives and local economies.

Abiodun disclosed this in a statement shared on his verified X handle on Monday, where he said the road had reached "practical completion" after years of neglect.

"We remain committed to restoring roads that directly touch the lives of our people and strengthen local economies across Ogun State," the governor said. "Tai Solarin Road in Ikenne Town is one of such roads, and today, it is gratifying to see it reach practical completion under our administration."

He noted that the road had been in a deplorable state for years, making movement difficult and affecting businesses in the area.

"For a very long time, this road was in a

terrible condition due to years of neglect. It became almost impassable, disrupting movement and hurting commercial activities in the area," Abiodun said.

According to the governor, the rehabilitation of the road has restored economic activities and improved connectivity within the town.

"Today, Tai Solarin Road has been restored as a major catalyst for economic activities in the town. Residents now move with ease, businesses are returning, and even when the expressway is congested, this road serves as a dependable alternative route," he added.

Abiodun also highlighted the historical and educational significance of Ikenne, noting that the improved road would enhance access to key landmarks in the town.

"Ikenne is a town of rich heritage and national pride. It is home to Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Dr Tai Solarin, a former Vice President of Nigeria, and several other notable Nigerians," he said.

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Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony, Oborewori described the project as a critical intervention aimed at improving road safety, preserving lives, and boosting economic activities across the state and beyond.

He disclosed that the flyover was conceived in response to the urgent need to address persistent traffic congestion and frequent accidents at the busy Agbor/Uromi Junction, which, over the years, had claimed many lives and destroyed property.

According to him, the dangerous intersection of vehicles, motorcycles, and pedestrians on the federal highway, coupled with poor traffic management, made a lasting solution inevitable.



Governor Oborewori inspecting the roads

The governor said the contract for the design and construction of the flyover had been awarded to Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, with a completion timeline of 14 months.

He explained that the project includes a 1.3-kilometre flyover along the Uromi-Agbor Highway, dual carriageways with two lanes in each direction, ramps, roundabouts, concrete drainage systems, kerbs, and

solar-powered streetlights to enhance safety and sustainability.

Oborewori, who was accompanied by the Deputy Governor, Sir Monday Onyeme, and other top government officials, stressed the strategic importance of the corridor, describing it as a major economic and transportation link connecting the Eastern and Western parts of the Niger Delta, while also serving as a gateway

to the North.

"Anyone travelling from Lagos to the East or from the East to the West must pass through this route. Its importance to the national economy cannot be overstated," he said.

He noted that upon completion, the flyover would significantly enhance mobility, reduce travel time, expand economic opportunities, and safeguard the lives of thousands of Nigerians who ply the route daily.

The governor also highlighted the employment opportunities the project would generate for engineers, artisans, labourers, transporters, food vendors, and others across the construction value chain.

Reaffirming his administration's commitment to inclusive and balanced development, Oborewori said the state government had injected N100 billion as a special intervention fund, allocating N4 billion each to the 25 local government areas for infrastructure development, in addition to other sectoral investments.

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The commission announced this in a statement issued on Monday in Abuja, saying the guidelines were in line with international health regulations and safety conditions set by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

"Pilgrims diagnosed with certain medical conditions are not permitted to undertake the 2026 Hajj in line with Saudi Arabia's international health requirements and safety conditions," the statement read.

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"These measures are in place to protect pilgrims, ensure safe participation, and support the orderly conduct of the Hajj," NAHCON added.

The commission advised intending pilgrims to liaise with relevant authorities for proper guidance and verification of

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Air France has reaffirmed its long-term commitment to Nigeria, pledging continued investment in connectivity, service upgrades and passenger experience as it marked 80 years of uninterrupted operations in the country.

Speaking in Lagos at the opening of a commemorative exhibition organised in partnership with Alliance Française, the General Manager of Air France Nigeria, Mr Jean-Luc Mevellec, said the milestone was not just a celebration of history but a reaffirmation of the airline's confidence in Nigeria's aviation market.

"This exhibition is a testament to our longstanding partnership with Nigeria. We are proud to share our journey and to celebrate the cultural and economic ties that have connected our two countries for 80 years," Mevellec said.

He disclosed that Air France currently operates daily flights between Lagos and Paris Charles de Gaulle, alongside three weekly flights from

# Air France Reaffirms Long-Term Investment In Nigeria

Abuja, providing Nigerian travellers access to over 200 global destinations.

According to him, the airline has continued to expand capacity and enhance service delivery in response to growing demand from Nigeria.

Mevellec noted that Air France had invested in upgrading its facilities in the country, including the renovation of its Lagos airport lounge and improvements to ticketing offices in Lagos and Abuja, as part of efforts to improve customer experience.

Consul General of France in Lagos, Mr Laurent Favier, described the Air France-Nigeria relationship as an "oak wedding," symbolising strength, resilience and longevity.

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# Sleepy Drivers Rams Into Another Vehicle On Third Mainland Bridge



The third mainland bridge incident

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# Otti Assures Early Delivery Of Abia Ultra-Modern Bus Terminal

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Governor of Abia State, Dr Alex Otti, has expressed his hopes that the ongoing construction of the Umuahia Central Bus terminal would be delivered at a record time.

Speaking to journalists at the end of the inspection of the ongoing work at the bus terminal, Otti explained the reason behind his decision to embark on the mega project, saying that it was better to centralise transport terminals, instead of having motor parks scattered across different parts of the state.

The governor, who disclosed that his administration was simply replicating what was obtainable in most civilised countries, said, "It is nothing new; it has been done elsewhere. When you go to the UK, Paddington Terminal ensures convergence of the railway and other means of transportation.

"And of course, you have a shopping plaza, cinema, hotel, everything is there.

"So, we thought we should concentrate



Governor Alex Otti

all those transport terminals in this place instead of having different terminals at different places in the town," Otti stated. The governor, who appreciated the quality and level of progress of

the work done by the contractor, expressed the hope that, by the end of January, the project, if not completed, would be close to completion. "The work is going on very well, the consultants are very, very up to the

task. I'm happy with the progress of the work. I'm glad with the level of progress and with the quality of work. "Hopefully, before the end of this month, they will have gone far. But what I see here gives me

the impression that by the end of the month, if they haven't completed it, they would be very close to completing it.

"But, even if they need more time, I'll give them more time because it's better done right the first time," Otti stated.

He disclosed that the Aba Central Bus Terminal would soon begin immediately after the completion of the Umuahia terminal.

Also speaking, the Commissioner for Transport, Dr Chimezie Ukaegbu, said that the essence of building the bus terminal was to centralise all motor parks in Umuahia, the state capital.

"We just wanted to centralise all transport activities, and that was why His Excellency, in his wisdom, decided to build a central bus terminal to stand as a one-stop transport hub for all commuters, passengers, and travellers. "Whatever mode of transport you want to use to travel, once you come into the central bus terminal, you'll be able to get it.

"We planned on citing the railway station there. Then, you have the bus station and all the parks.

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## FG To Demolish Half Of Iddo Bridge Next Week



The Iddo bridge in Lagos

Half of the Iddo Bridge in Lagos State will be demolished next week in preparation for rebuilding.

The Regional Manager of Julius Berger Nigeria, Mr Thomas Christ, announced this on Sunday during an inspection tour of the bridge by the Minister of Works, Sen. Dave Umahi.

"Three spans of the existing Iddo Bridge are heavily damaged and need to be replaced.

"What we are doing at the moment is that we are separating the two lanes – the two directions – and next week, we will shift the traffic to one direction and one half of the bridge will be demolished and rebuilt.

"When this is done, by the end of March, most

likely, we will shift the traffic on the new side of the bridge and demolish this side of the bridge and rebuild this bridge," the manager said.

He said that the company was also constructing the bridge's underpass.

"We have already started with the drainage works, and the outfall to the lagoon is already done.

"After the drainage works, we will remove the soil and lower the road level so that we have a higher clearance for the bridge, so that no trucks can crash into the bridge anymore, which was a main reason for the damage on the existing one."

Responding, Umahi noted that the Iddo Bridge suffered a fire outbreak because of illegal occupants.

He said that the fire damaged three spans on both carriageways.

"Six spans are affected. What we have done is to re-asphalt one of the carriageways so that we drive that traffic totally over there and then remove the three spans of one carriageway.

"Then we can divert the traffic back and demolish the second carriageway," he said.

Umahi said that the work, to cost N15 billion, would be expected to end in June.

"Part of the problem is that the headroom is about 4.5 metres high, but the minimum should be 5.6 metres high; so, we are trying to achieve that minimum headroom."

He said that the contractor had done a significant part of the headroom and demolished the first three spans of the first carriageway.

"They have also built a bypass route over there. Julius Berger is doing well. I hope they don't delay the job.

"I am directing the engineer to monitor them and report back to us to ensure that this is completed as scheduled – June," he said.

The minister gave the assurance that, at the end of the repair, the Federal Government would install a closed-circuit television camera to monitor activities under the bridge

and on its top, just like what the government did on the Third Mainland Bridge.

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# Ethiopian Airlines Begins Construction Of 110-Million Passenger Bishoftu Airport

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Africa's biggest airline, Ethiopian Airlines, on January 10, 2026, commenced construction of the Bishoftu International Airport, designed to handle up to 110 million passengers annually.

The disclosure was made by the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia on Saturday via X, noting that the airport is slated to become Africa's largest once completed.

The project is expected to play a central role in sustaining Ethiopia's aviation growth, easing capacity pressure at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, and supporting the expansion of Ethiopian Airlines' global network.

According to the Office of the Prime Minister, Bishoftu International Airport is being developed as a new mega hub, as Addis Ababa Bole International Airport nears its



expanded annual capacity of 25 million passengers.

Located about 40 km southeast of the capital at an elevation of 1,910 meters, Bishoftu offers

suitable conditions for efficient aircraft operations and passenger handling.

Its proximity allows easy integration with the existing aviation network.

The airport's first phase will serve 60 million passengers annually, with the full plan reaching 110 million, making it one of Africa's largest aviation hubs.

"To sustain Ethiopia's rapid aviation growth and Ethiopian Airlines' expanding global network, a new mega hub is being developed alongside Addis Ababa

Bole International Airport, which is nearing its expanded capacity of 25 million passengers annually. This multi-airport strategy aims to future-proof Ethiopia's role as Africa's leading air transport gateway.

"Bishoftu International Airport (BIA) will be the largest aviation infrastructure project in Africa's history," the statement read in part.

It added, "The first phase of the airport will handle 60 million passengers per year, with an ultimate master plan capacity of 110 million passengers annually, placing Ethiopia among the world's top aviation hubs."

The multi-airport strategy aims to future-proof Ethiopia's aviation sector, boost Ethiopian Airlines' regional position, and support economic reforms, industrialisation, and AfCFTA connectivity.

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## Morocco Commits USD 7.8bn Plan To Green Its Public Transport By 2029

*Culled*  
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

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

# NCC, CBN Order Refunds For Failed Airtime, Data Transactions

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In a major move to protect telecommunications subscribers, the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) have finalized a new regulatory framework that mandates instant refunds for failed airtime and data transactions.

This was disclosed in a statement signed by NCC's head of Public Affairs, Nnena Ukoha.

According to the statement, the framework is the outcome of several months of engagements involving the NCC, the CBN, Mobile Network Operators (MNOs), Value Added Service (VAS) providers, Deposit Money Banks (DMBs), and other relevant stakeholders. These engagements were prompted by a rising incidence of failed airtime and data purchases, where subscribers were debited without receiving value and experienced delays in resolution.

Under the new framework, where a purchaser is debited but fails to receive value for airtime or data—whether the failure occurs at the bank level or with an NCC licensee—the purchaser is entitled to a refund within 30 seconds,



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except in circumstances where the transaction remains pending, of which the refund can take up to 24 hours.

The Framework represents a unified position by both the telecommunications and financial sectors on addressing such complaints. It identifies and tackles the root causes of failed airtime and data transactions, including instances where bank accounts are debited

without successful delivery of services. It also prescribes an enforceable Service Level Agreement (SLA) for MNOs and DMBs, clearly outlining the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder in the transaction and resolution process.

The framework further mandates operators to notify consumers via SMS of the success or failure of every transaction. It also addresses erroneous

recharges to ported lines, incorrect airtime or data purchases, and instances where transactions are made to the wrong phone number.

Speaking on the development, the Director of Consumer Affairs at the NCC, Mrs Freda Bruce-Bennett, disclosed that the framework also establishes a Central Monitoring Dashboard to be jointly hosted by the NCC and the CBN.

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# Health Minister Confirms Mass Measles, Yellow Fever Vaccination

*Culled:*

The Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Professor Muhammad Pate, says the Nigerian Government has administered more than 25 million doses of measles vaccine and 22 million doses of yellow fever vaccine nationwide.

Pate highlighted significant gains in immunisation coverage and preventive healthcare delivery across the country. He said, "Under this administration, over 25 million measles doses and 22 million yellow fever vaccinations have been administered, alongside Africa's first Mpox vaccine rollout."

The Minister explained that beyond measles and yellow fever, five million children had received the pentavalent vaccine, and 10 million Nigerians were vaccinated with the tetanus-diphtheria vaccine through the nationwide diphtheria response.

According to the Minister, more than one million vaccine doses from the Gavi-funded global stockpile were also deployed to support meningitis outbreak control in northern regions.

"As the country bearing the world's highest malaria burden, accounting for approximately 39.3 per cent of malaria-related deaths among children under five, deployment of the R21 Matrix-M vaccine marks a major public health milestone," he said.

He explained that the malaria vaccine rollout commenced in Bayelsa and Kebbi states, with Kebbi alone targeting 179,542 children of age five to 15 months.

"Nigeria received one million doses of the malaria vaccine, including 846,200 doses from Gavi and 153,800 doses financed by the Federal Government, with plans underway for further scale-up," he said.

The Minister stated that in 2025, the Federal Government committed 54 million dollars in domestic resources to the global fight against tuberculosis and emerged as the largest African contributor to the Global Fund, as announced at the most recent G20 meeting in Johannesburg.

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# Over 150,000 Nigerians Jostle For 774 For NHF 2.0 Slots



National Health Fellows (NHF)

*Culled:*

Over 150,000 young Nigerians are vying for 774 placements as the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare begins the final interview stage of the National Health Fellows (NHF) Program 2.0, it emerged on

Sunday.

The exercise aims to select one fellow from each of Nigeria's 774 Local Government Areas (LGAs) from the pool of applicants.

The flagship initiative, coordinated under the Sector Wide Approach (SWAp) Office, provides a

platform for young Nigerians to observe, learn, and actively participate in ongoing national health sector reforms, building future leaders at the grassroots level.

According to a statement from the Communications Desk of the SWAp Coordination Office on Sunday, the NHF 2.0 program highlights Nigeria's commitment to equitable, inclusive, and transparent development of health leadership while strengthening governance and service delivery across the country.

It said the selection process has been rigorous and merit-based, combining digital screening and shortlisting before the in-person state-level interviews.

According to the statement, panels in each state include

representatives from the World Health Organisation, State Ministries of Health, State Primary Health Care Development Agencies, academia, Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON), traditional leaders, and SWAp desk officers.

"This process is part of our nation-building. We commend the extraordinary interest shown by young Nigerians and reaffirm our commitment to fairness, transparency, and excellence."

"We look forward to meeting and empowering the finest candidates from each LGA, who will help drive the transformation of our health system," the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Ali Pate, was quoted as saying.

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# Nigeria Emerges Fifth-best English Speaking Country In Africa

*Culled:*

Nigeria has emerged as the fifth-best English-speaking country in Africa, according to the 2025 Education First English Proficiency Index cited by PUNCH Online on EF's website on Monday.

The report, compiled by global education leader EF, assessed English skills across 123 countries and regions, using data from 2.2 million test takers. This year's edition also included, for the first time, speaking and writing skills, measured using artificial intelligence technology developed by EF's education technology arm.

English, Nigeria's official language, remains central to education, governance, media, and business, helping the country maintain strong proficiency levels. On the African continent, Nigeria trails South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Zambia, which lead in English proficiency. The rankings underscore the growing importance of English as a bridge for international communication, education, and commerce.

Top 10 English-Speaking Countries in Africa (EF EPI 2025):

South Africa – Widespread use in government, education, media, and business.

Zimbabwe – English is the primary language of instruction and administration.

Kenya – Official language alongside Swahili, widely used in urban and professional settings.

Zambia – English is the official and main medium of instruction.

Nigeria – Official language, central to national communication and commerce.

Ghana – English is used from basic to tertiary education and in public administration.

Uganda – Official language; key role in trade, diplomacy, and professional environments.

Ethiopia – Widely used in education and international affairs, though not official.

Tunisia – Growing adoption among youth and professionals in education, tech, and tourism.

Morocco – Increasing popularity in schools and business for global trade and relations.

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## Gombe Bans Activities Of Scrap Scavengers

The Gombe State Government has banned the activities of scavengers of scrap materials popularly known as 'Bola-jari' in an effort aimed at addressing emerging security challenges in the state

The ban which got the approval of the State Governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, was disclosed to Journalists shortly after an Expanded State Security Council Meeting convened to review emerging security challenges

and recent incidents in the state

Both dealers and scavengers of scrap materials in Gombe have constituted themselves into nuisance and causing serious security problems.

There has been an outcry of vandalization of Government and other public facilities as well as private homes by suspected scavengers who in turn, sell to dealers of such materials.

The council observed that operators in

the scrap business lack a coordinated structure, recognised leadership and effective regulatory framework, making their activities difficult to monitor and control.

Even though the operators of the business try to make it a legitimate one, it has caused serious security breach which Government in turn, tried to regulate, in an effort to check criminal elements in the entire activities.

Briefing newsmen shortly after the Expanded State Security Council Meeting, the State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Zubairu Mohammed Umar, in company of the State Commissioner of Police, Umar A Chuso and the Emir of Yamaltu, Alhaji Abubakar Aliyu, Journalists were told that the ban became inevitable following the inability of various segments of the business to come up with a unified leadership.

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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.

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

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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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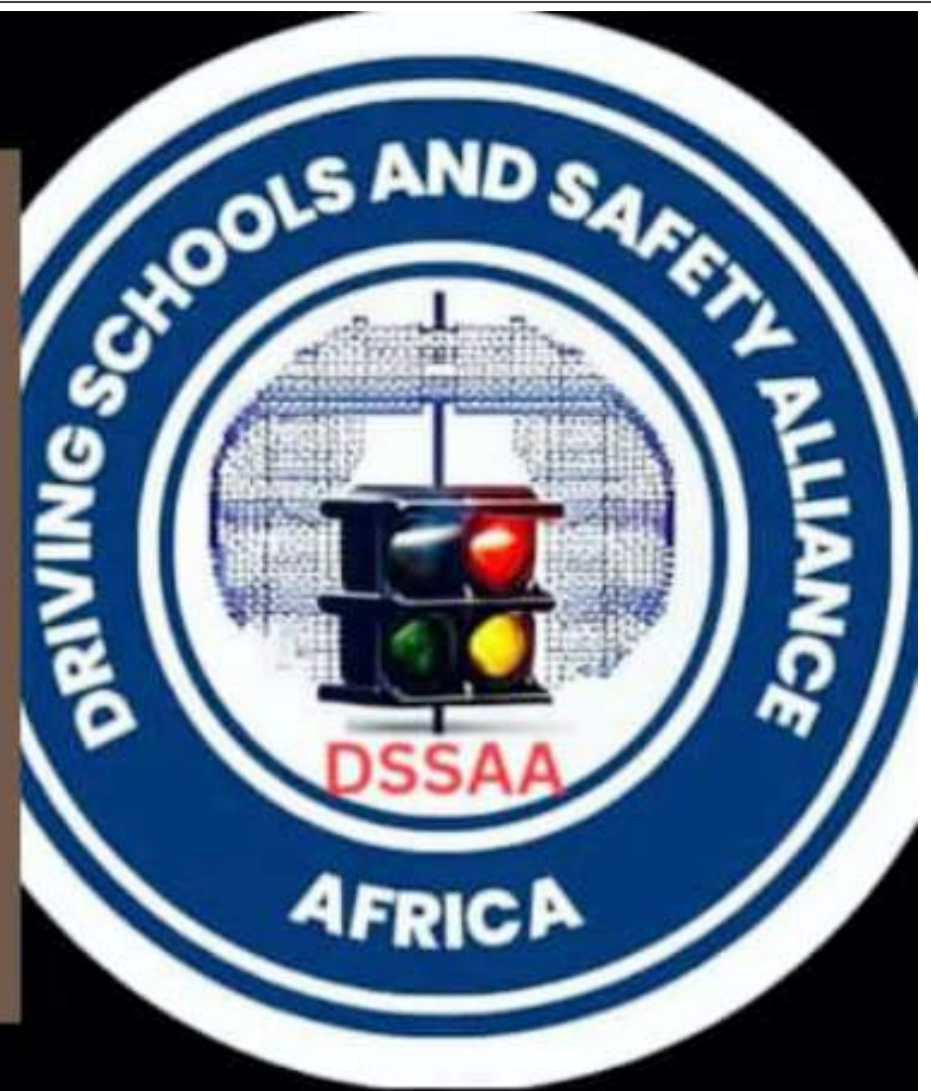


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