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FRSC Arrests Fake Officer, Motorcycle Snatcher In Kano

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Kano State Sector Command, has arrested a suspected motorcycle snatcher, Abdullahi Ali, for allegedly impersonating FRSC personnel to commit crime within the state.

This is contained in a statement by the Sector's Public Education Officer, SPEO, Abdullahi Labaran, on Tuesday in Kano.

Labaran said that the suspect, a resident of Bela village in Ungogo Local Government Area of Kano State, was arrested on Jan. 19, following several complaints from members of the public over activities of hoodlums.

He said that the hoodlums pose as FRSC officials to unlawfully arrest motorcycles during illegal patrol operations.

He said that operatives of FRSC intelligence unit acted on credible information which led to the arrest of the suspect.

Labaran that preliminary investigations

revealed that the suspect forcefully arrested motorcycles while impersonating as FRSC personnel, with some of the motorcycles suspected to have been stolen afterwards.

"A fake driver's licence was recovered from the suspect during the arrest confirming the alleged use of false identity to perpetrate criminal acts.

"The suspect has been handed over to Gwale Divisional Police station for further investigation and prosecution in

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The fake FRSC officer

Transport Institute Earmarks N8.7bn For Construction Of Roads

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The Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria, Kaduna State, has earmarked N8,771,000,000 for the construction of roads in five northern states.

This was contained in the 2026 appropriation bill of the Ministry of Transport, presented to the National Assembly in late December 2025 by President Bola Tinubu.

NITT is a training institution saddled with the responsibility of providing skilled manpower for the transport sector, including road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors.

In the appropriation bill, the institute was allocated N37,189,077,683, representing 8.60 per cent of the total allocation of N432,298,285,025 to the Ministry of Transport.

The N8,771,000,000 allocation for road construction in the five northern states represents 23.6 per cent of its total allocation for the 2026 budget.

A further breakdown of the road

construction revealed that the institute planned to construct a road in the Sabuwar Kasa-Kahutu-Kudan area in Katsina State at a cost of N1,400,000,000. The project was marked "ongoing" in the appropriation bill.

In another project, the institute planned to construct rural access roads in Jigawa, Katsina, Sokoto, and Kebbi states at a cost of N2,100,000,000.

It also earmarked N1,400,000,000 for the construction of farmers' access roads across Sokoto, Katsina, and Kebbi, although the appropriation bill did not specify exact locations.

NITT additionally planned the construction of asphalt roads and drainage systems in "selected locations in the north" at a sum of N1,750,000,000. Another N2,100,000,000 was earmarked for the construction of rural road culverts and drainage in unnamed "selected locations in the federation," while N210,000,000 was planned for the construction of an asphalt road at

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Abiodun who spoke on Tuesday at the commissioning event said construction work was progressing steadily on the Sagamu Interchange-Papalanto-Opele Road, describing the 100-kilometre highway as a critical east-west connector within the state.

According to Abiodun, once completed, the road will give vehicles with an alternate route, reducing the need to travel through Abeokuta before reaching other parts of the country, while also opening up the corridor for more economic activity.

His words, "Let me share with you the biggest secret of our reconstruction efforts right now – the Ogun East-West Connector. This road stretches from the



Gov Abiodun commissions Wole Soyinka Train Station road

Sagamu Interchange through Papalanto to Opele, covering about 100 kilometres.

"We have completely closed off the road for reconstruction. As we speak, between Sagamu Interchange and Papalanto, which is about 40 kilometres, we have reconstructed approximately 25 kilometres using reinforced concrete. When completed,

trucks and vehicles conveying goods and services from Ota, Ifo and Ewekoro will no longer need to use the Abeokuta-Sagamu Expressway, as they can connect directly to Papalanto and access the expressway."

Abiodun described the Prof. Wole Soyinka train station as a key landmark connecting Ogun State to Lagos, Oyo State, and the country's northern

regions, stating that the presence of five train stations in the state demonstrates Ogun's strategic importance to Nigeria's economic development.

He clarified that his administration chose to renovate the Laderin road in accordance with its multimodal transportation goal, despite the fact that access roads were not initially offered when the rail line was built.

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NSE, COREN Endorse FG's Road Infrastructure Drive

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The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) and the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) have endorsed the technology deployed by the Federal Government for its road infrastructure renewal, commending its commitment to sustainable and durable infrastructure development.

The endorsement followed a national media tour and project commissioning in Kaduna State on Monday, led by the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Community Engagement, North-West Zone, Hon. Abdullahi Tanko Yakasai, alongside members of NSE, COREN, and other key stakeholders.

In a statement on Tuesday by Mohammed Ahmed, Director of Information and Public Relations at the Ministry, the Chairman of NSE, Kaduna Branch, Muhammadu Ibrahim, alongside Arege Samson Bawa, confirmed that the projects met

established professional and engineering standards.

They commended the Minister of Works, David Umahi, for prioritising quality, professionalism, and the active involvement of Nigerian engineers in project execution.

The engineers also praised the adoption of continuous reinforced concrete pavement (CRCP) technology on major federal highways, citing its durability, longer lifespan, and lower maintenance costs compared to flexible pavements.

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Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE)

FRSC Rescues 17 Children From Suspected Trafficker In Abuja

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has rescued 17 victims from a suspected child trafficker along Nyanya, Abuja.

Spokesperson of the FRSC, Assistant Corps Marshal Olusegun Ogungbemide, disclosed this in a statement on Tuesday.

According to Ogungbemide, the traffickers were intercepted with the victims on Saturday, January 17, by a patrol team from the Nyanya Unit Command, inside a white Sharon vehicle with registration number SHD 253 YU.

He said preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle was traveling from Shendam, Plateau State, to Kaiama Local Government Area of Kwara State.

Ogungbemide said that the interception followed the alertness and professional judgment of the patrol team, who he said "observed an unusually high number of passengers, comprising 17 young boys

and girls crammed into the vehicle, with two minors concealed in the vehicle's boot.

According to him, the situation immediately raised suspicion of possible human trafficking.

"Subsequently, the Commissioner of Police, Nasarawa State Command, CP Shetima Jauro Mohamed, ordered that the rescued young persons be taken into protective custody at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Lafia.

"The CP directed a comprehensive investigation to dismantle any network connected to the suspected trafficking attempt," Ogungbemide said.

The Corps Marshal of FRSC, Shehu Mohammed, said rescue of the victims clearly demonstrates that the Corps was not only about traffic control, "but about saving lives in every sense of the word, as officers of the Corps are trained to be vigilant, humane, and responsive to suspicious movements on the highways."

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The assurance was given on Tuesday during an inspection tour of the project corridor, stretching from Admiralty Way to Eleko Junction, by the Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi; the Special Adviser to the Governor on Infrastructure, Engr. Olufemi Daramola; and the Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Hon. Sola Giwa, accompanied by members of the media.

Speaking during the tour, Engr. Daramola explained that the project, awarded by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, involves the rehabilitation of both carriage-ways of the Lekki-Epe



Osiyemi inspecting the Lekki-Epe expressway

Expressway using flexible (asphaltic) pavement.

He said works, which were earlier postponed due to the Yuletide season, are set to commence fully following a reassessment of preparedness on site. According to him, the rehabilitation will be executed in eight sections, with work carried out on one carriageway at a time to ensure traffic continuity.

Each direction is expected to take approximately two months, with construction activities running both day and night, particularly at critical sections, to meet the project timeline.

On traffic management, the Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Osiyemi, said the state had developed a comprehensive plan based on previous experience on the corridor.

He explained that traffic will be managed through sectional closures, contraflow operations, and dynamic lane sharing, with priority given to peak traffic directions during morning and evening periods.

He noted that traffic officers will be deployed in large numbers, supported by directional signage, illumination, and continuous monitoring to prevent congestion and unsafe driving practices.

Motorists were urged to comply with traffic directives to ensure smooth movement throughout the construction period.

Mr. Osiyemi also disclosed that alternative routes, particularly the Coastal Road, have been identified and assessed, with additional traffic personnel and security operatives to be deployed along these corridors.

He added that measures are in place to prevent illegal activities and extortion along diversion routes, while security agencies will ensure the safety of motorists and construction workers.

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CTRA Reduces Traffic Offences From 35 To Four

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Commercial Transport Regulatory Agency (CTRA) in Cross River, has reduced traffic offences from 35 to four, a move aimed at easing the cost of doing transport business and reducing harassment of drivers.

The Chairman of CTRA, Mr Efa Nyong, announced the reform on Tuesday in Calabar while outlining the agency's plans for the transport sector in 2026.

Nyong said the decision was informed by prevailing economic realities facing commercial drivers and transport operators across the state.

Under the new regime, the only enforceable offences are refusal to register a vehicle, refusal to purchase daily operational toll tickets, overloading, and failure to use seat belts. All other offences, including broken windscreens, have been scrapped.

He said the agency would largely retain existing policies but introduce reforms focused on driver welfare and

ease of doing business.

As part of the welfare measures, drivers aged 60 years and above will now be registered free of charge and exempted from operational levies, while female commercial drivers will also enjoy free registration and operate without paying regulatory fees.

On penalties, Nyong said fines for any of the four offences range from ₦5,000 to ₦10,000, as stipulated on the official enforcement chart.

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A multiple road crash involving a TATA bus and a mini bus has occurred at the Independence Tunnel inward Maryland along Ikorodu Road, resulting in the death of the mini bus driver.

The incident was disclosed in a video uploaded by the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority on X (formerly Twitter) on Tuesday.

According to LASTMA, a tow truck has arrived at the scene for evacuation, while its Rescue and Recovery Team is on ground to handle vehicle removal and traffic control.

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"Tow truck already at the scene for evacuation. LASTMA Rescue & Recovery Team at the scene for vehicle removal and traffic control," the agency stated.

LASTMA also confirmed that transloading operations are ongoing

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following the fall of drums on the roadway at the Independence Tunnel en route to Ojota.

"The transloading of the drums that fell on the road at the Independence Tunnel en route to Ojota is underway, and our personnel are strategically positioned to ensure that traffic is unhindered," the statement added.

Traffic management officials said they are continuing to monitor the situation as evacuation and recovery operations progress.

PUNCH Online had reported that no fewer than six persons was confirmed dead, while two others sustained injuries in a road crash that occurred on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, near the NASFAT junction, Ogun State.

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LASTMA Arrests Bullion Van Driver For One-Way Violation In Lagos

driving against the legally designated flow of traffic, an offence prohibited under the Lagos State Transport Sector Reform Law, 2018.

The agency said the incident occurred while the bullion van was reportedly moving from First Bank, Chevron axis, en route to Ajah.

"Upon interrogation, Mr Ikede admitted to driving in the prohibited direction while trailing a police escort vehicle that had accompanied the bullion van from its point of departure," the statement said.

It added that although the bullion van was successfully apprehended through prompt intervention, "members of the escort team allegedly absconded from the scene, evading arrest."

Reacting to the incident, the Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on Transportation, Mr Sola Giwa, expressed displeasure over the violation, describing it as "a reckless exhibition of impunity and an intolerable abuse of perceived privilege."

He stressed that "no vehicle, individual or institution is above the law, irrespective of status, operational function or the presence of security escorts."

Giwa further cautioned that driving against traffic, commonly referred to as one-way driving, "remains one of the most lethal traffic violations on Lagos roads," often resulting in avoidable fatalities, destruction of property and disruption of vehicular flow.

He reiterated that the Lagos State Government, under the leadership of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, would continue to enforce traffic regulations "with firmness, impartiality and zero tolerance for lawlessness."

The authority reminded motorists — private, commercial, corporate and security-assisted — that compliance with traffic laws is "mandatory and non-negotiable."

"Any attempt to flout established regulations will be met with decisive enforcement actions, in line with the state's unwavering commitment to safeguarding lives and ensuring

seamless mobility across the metropolis," the statement said.

LASTMA confirmed that the apprehended driver and the bullion van had been taken into custody and would be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

PUNCH Online had earlier reported that the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority applies strict enforcement measures against motorists who violate traffic laws, particularly offences such as one-way driving.

In an interview, the General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, explained that drivers arrested during major enforcement operations are subjected to court processes and compulsory retraining before their vehicles are released.

"Whenever we carry out massive physical enforcement, which we do quarterly, sometimes I lead them myself. Once we capture or impound vehicles for major offences, such as one-way driving, we issue court referrals," Bakare-Oki said.

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The warning followed the arrest of a bullion van driver who was intercepted for flouting one-way traffic regulations along the Chevron-Ajah axis of the state.

The development was disclosed in a statement issued on Tuesday via the agency's official X handle and signed by the Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department of LASTMA, Mr Adebayo Taofiq.

According to the statement, the driver, Mr Daniel Ikede, was apprehended for unlawfully



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Speaking during an inspection of the ongoing works, Commissioner for Transportation, Olugbenga Dairo, represented by the Director of Transport Engineering, Hassan Ibrahim, said the intervention covered major highways and urban roads in Lafenwa, Abeokuta, Sango-Ota and Sagamu.

He added that the exercise would involve the marking of zebra crossings and the installation of traffic signs at strategic locations, including Sagamu and Ota, as he revealed that additional traffic signs had been installed at the Lafenwa U-turn, near the First Bank and the Brewery Junction, to improve traffic



Ogun state government

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signals, stressing that compliance was critical to the protection of lives and property.

"The exercise was continuous and formed part of broader efforts to promote discipline, sanity and adherence to modern traffic engineering standards across the four geographical zones of the state," he said.

He added that road signs and traffic lights were essential traffic control infrastructure that facilitated smooth vehicular and pedestrian movement, reduced congestion and significantly minimised road traffic crashes.

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According to him, similar interventions would soon be extended to the Sagamu

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Foreign Airlines Seek Solutions To Nigeria's Aviation Bottlenecks



Damilola Ogunseye

Foreign airline operators have called for urgent solutions to Nigeria's aviation bottlenecks, citing rising operational costs, infrastructure gaps, policy inconsistencies, and foreign exchange constraints as key challenges confronting international air transport operations in the country.

The call was made by the newly elected Chairman of the International Airlines Operators Committee, Mr Damilola Ogunseye, during his inaugural address recently. Ogunseye said that while progress had been made in the sector, he must also acknowledge the significant challenges facing the aviation sector at this time.

While announcing his assumption of office as the chairman of the International Airlines Operators Committee, Ogunseye stated that he was sincerely grateful for the confidence placed in him, assuring members of his commitment to serve with integrity, inclusiveness, and purpose.

According to him, Nigeria remains one of Africa's most strategic aviation markets by population, economic potential, and regional influence.

"For foreign airline operators, this country is not just a destination; it is a vital hub connecting Africa to the rest of the world," he said, adding that the association exists to support this vision by fostering safe, efficient, and sustainable international air transport operations within Nigeria.

However, the new chairman maintained that it would be unrealistic to speak of progress without acknowledging the significant challenges facing the aviation sector today.

"These include operational cost pressures, infrastructure limitations, policy inconsistencies, foreign exchange constraints, and the need for continuous alignment with global aviation standards. Issues surrounding airport facilities, airside and landside capacity, navigational aids, and passenger experience remain areas that require urgent and sustained attention. Despite these challenges, we remain optimistic," he stated.

The new chairman explained that the operators recognise and commend the efforts of the Federal Government of Nigeria and its aviation agencies toward reforms and ongoing infrastructural development.

"Initiatives aimed at airport modernisation, runway rehabilitation, terminal upgrades, and enhanced security systems are steps in the right direction. What is required now is consistency, timely execution, and structured

engagement with stakeholders," he added.

The AOC chairman outlined clear expectations from the government, listing the need for modern, safe, and efficient airport infrastructure that meets international standards; predictable and transparent regulatory frameworks; and operational environments that support business sustainability and growth.

He also called for continuous dialogue between the government and operators, built on trust and mutual understanding.

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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 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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Nigeria Tops Global AI Adoption In Learning, Entrepreneurship - Google

Culled: Nigeria is leading globally in the adoption of Artificial Intelligence, particularly in learning, work, and entrepreneurship, according to a new report by Google and Ipsos.

The statement was made available to the News Agency of Nigeria on Tuesday by Google's Communications and Public Affairs Manager for West Africa, Mr Taiwo Kola-Ogunlade.

Kola-Ogunlade said the report, titled "Our Life with AI: Helpfulness in the Hands of More People," showed that Nigerians are embracing AI tools at an exceptional rate and are highly optimistic about the technology's future.

According to the report, 88 per cent of Nigerian adults have used an AI chatbot, representing an 18-point increase from 2024 and significantly higher than the global average of 62 per cent.

"It is inspiring to see how Nigerians are creatively and purposefully using AI to unlock opportunities for learning, growth, and economic empowerment.

"This report goes beyond high adoption rates; it tells the story of a nation actively shaping its future



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with technology," he said. Kola-Ogunlade added that the findings showed AI has become a major tool for learning and professional development in Nigeria.

He said 93 per cent of users rely on it to understand complex topics, compared to 74 per cent globally, while 91 per cent use AI to assist with their work.

The report also indicated that 80 per cent of Nigerians applied AI to

explore new business ideas or career changes, nearly double the global average of 42 per cent.

"The report highlighted strong optimism about AI's role in education, with 91 per cent of Nigerians believing it positively impacts learning and access to information, compared to 65 per cent globally," Kola-Ogunlade said.

He added that 95 per cent of respondents believe

university students and educators will benefit from AI tools, and that Nigerians are significantly more optimistic about AI than their global counterparts, with 80 per cent expressing excitement about its possibilities, compared to 20 per cent who are concerned.

"This excitement rises to 90 per cent among Nigerians who use AI frequently in their daily lives," he said.

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INEC Denies Election Timetable As Fake

Culled:

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has warned the members of the public to disregard the notice on social media and public space about the timetable for the 2027 general elections as fake and should be ignored.

The INEC on its verified X account on Tuesday, 20 January 2026, made this disclosure public to Nigerians in a statement.

The statement read, "The Commission has NOT released any official timetable, schedule of activities, or dates for the 2027 General Elections. Any document or report claiming otherwise is fabricated.

The details in the false article—including specific election dates, campaign periods, and party primary windows—are entirely speculative and without any official basis. They do not represent the plans or position of INEC.

For accurate and official information, the public is urged to rely ONLY on INEC's verified communication channels: Official Website: <http://inecnigeria.org> Verified Social Media:

@inecnigeria (X, Facebook, and Instagram) Official Press Statements and Bulletins issued directly by the Commission.

The general public, political parties, civil society organisations, and all stakeholders are strongly advised to ignore this misleading report.

The Commission will make official announcements regarding the 2027 General Elections through the proper channels and at the appropriate time. INEC remains committed to transparency and will inform the nation in due course.

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Gov Mbah Approves Immediate Fencing Of ESUT Campus



Governor Mbah

Culled: The Enugu State Governor, Dr. Peter Mbah, has approved the immediate commencement of perimeter fencing at the Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT) in a move to

enhance security for students, staff and critical infrastructure within the institution.

The approval was announced on Tuesday at the university during a groundbreaking ceremony by the Vice Chancellor (VC), Prof. Aloysius-Michaels

Okolie, who described the intervention as timely and reflective of the governor's unwavering commitment to safeguarding public institutions. Prof. Okolie said the fencing project underscored Governor Mbah's bold vision to reposition ESUT as a leading hub for science, technology and innovation, anchored on safety, stability and infrastructure renewal. He commended the governor for what he termed his prompt and hands-on response to challenges confronting the university.

"This project is about protection, order and growth. It is not meant to isolate the university from its host communities, but to secure lives, property and investments for the collective good," the vice

chancellor stated.

Stakeholders and representatives of the host communities comprising Umueze, Amankanu-Amurri, Obe and Agbani were unanimous in praising the governor's intervention, describing it as a major boost to peace, security and development within and around the university environment.

The VC also lauded the cordial relationship between ESUT and its host communities, noting that the university had consistently upheld its obligations through employment opportunities, admissions and other community benefits. He assured them of sustained engagement and consultation as the fencing project progresses.

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FG Seeks Collective Action On Nigeria's Global Reputation

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The Federal Government has called for collective action by Nigerians, professionals, institutions and the private sector to strengthen and protect the country's global reputation through honest communication and demonstrable progress.

The Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, FNIPR, made the call on Tuesday at the Nigeria Reputation Summit 2026 held in Abuja.

Speaking at the event, Idris described the unveiling of Nigeria's first National Reputation Perception Index by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations

(NIPR) as a landmark initiative that provides insight into how the country is perceived at home and abroad.

"The report is not a verdict on Nigeria. It is a mirror. And as a responsible nation, we must have the courage to look into that mirror and act," the Minister said.

He commended the NIPR, the Nigerian Reputation Management Group and their leadership for producing the index after several years of research, noting that building national reputation is a long-term process that demands discipline, consistency and shared responsibility.

While acknowledging that the report placed Nigeria in a low-trust category, Idris said notable progress had been recorded in the last two years under the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. According to him, perception often lags behind reality, stressing that ongoing reforms must be communicated "clearly, consistently, and honestly."

The Minister highlighted Nigeria's democratic credentials, noting that the country has enjoyed 27 uninterrupted years of democracy, with open political participation and one of the freest media environments in the world.

"These are not small achievements. They speak directly to leadership, credibility, and trust, which are at the heart of national reputation," he said.

On governance and the economy, Idris pointed to reforms aimed at strengthening local government autonomy, improving security through community-based initiatives, and restoring fiscal discipline by removing the fuel subsidy and unifying the foreign exchange system.

"Difficult decisions were taken, but they were necessary decisions. Today, inflation is easing, growth is stabilising, and our foreign reserves are improving," he stated.

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AVEVA Appoints Khaled Salah As Vice President Of Africa

AVEVA, a global leader in industrial software, driving digital transformation and sustainability, today announces the appointment of Khaled Salah, 37 years old, as Vice President of Africa.

In this new role, he will be responsible for about 30 employees to ensure the successful implementation of AVEVA's growth strategy. Khaled Salah will report directly to Jesus Hernandez, SVP of the EMEA region.

With a MBA in management from the Warwick business school, UK, and a master's degree in engineering from Ain Shams university in Egypt, Khaled Salah is an active advocate for driving sustainable progress in the industrial sector. With Sustainability in mind, Khaled is keen on making a positive business impact, while fostering progress for people and the planet.

He started his career at Schneider

Electric, in 2013 in the global supply chain and evolved through various roles such as Europe procurement and supply chain strategy Manager, and Global Commercial strategy Director for the industrial automation business. Khaled Salah has developed a strategic understanding of all those fields.

After 12 years in Schneider Electric, Khaled joined AVEVA in 2022 to lead AVEVA and Schneider Electric global

strategic partnership, across all industries managing a team of 30 people. He has led the introduction of new AVEVA software solutions to initiate and develop significant growth areas across all Schneider Electric verticals.

In addition to his current role as AVEVA and Schneider Electric partnership Vice-President, Khaled now takes over the management of AVEVA's activities in Africa.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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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.

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

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