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FRSC Dismisses 43 Officers Over Desertion, Misconduct

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The Federal Road Safety Corps has disengaged 43 personnel from its service over offences related to desertion, scandalous conduct and patrol misconduct.

A statement issued on Thursday by the Corps Public Education Officer, Olusegun Ogungbemide, said 31 officers were dismissed for desertion, five for scandalous behaviour, while seven were disengaged for patrol-related misconduct.

The statement partly read, “In another applaudable development, the FRSC has taken decisive and uncompromising disciplinary action by disengaging 43 personnel from its service over acts bordering on desertion, scandalous conduct, and patrol misconduct.

“These affected officers comprise 31 dismissed for desertion, 5 for scandalous behaviour, and 7 for patrol related misconduct.

“This action, just like others of its kind

sends an unequivocal message because, the FRSC badge is a symbol of honour and responsibility. Any officer who chooses to violate the standards of this noble institution will face the full weight of the Corps' disciplinary machinery.”

The Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, described the action as a reaffirmation of the Corps' zero-tolerance stance on indiscipline and ethical violations.

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Gov Abiodun Hails Tinubu For Lagos Calabar Highway

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Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun has commended President Bola Tinubu for the vision that gave birth to the Lagos–Calabar Coastal Highway.

The governor described the project as a game-changing investment with far-reaching implications for Nigeria's economy, mobility, and industrial growth.

Speaking from the perspective of Ogun State's development experience, the governor explained that the proposed coastal corridor fundamentally alters long-standing constraints that once limited port and industrial expansion along the coastline. He noted that earlier plans to develop a seaport in Ogun State were hampered by poor evacuation routes, with the nearest major expressways located several kilometres inland. The new coastal highway, he said, brings critical transport infrastructure within just a few kilometres of the state's coastline, dramatically improving access and

feasibility.

Abiodun stressed that the road's regional connectivity would significantly reduce travel times across the South-West and South-South. With the coastal highway in place, movement between Lagos and neighbouring states such as Ondo, Edo, Delta, and Rivers would become faster and more efficient, unlocking opportunities for trade, tourism, recreation, and industrial clustering along the corridor. According to him, the reduction in travel time alone would translate into higher productivity and lower logistics costs for businesses.

He also pointed to the complementary impact of the proposed Sokoto–Badagry Highway, describing it as another strategic artery that will transform rural and border communities. Communities that previously required several hours of travel to reach Lagos, he said, would be brought within an hour, opening them up to investment, markets, and cross-border trade.

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During a road project inspection, the Managing Director of the Kaduna Roads Agency (KADRA), Dr. Abdullahi Baba Ahmed, said that about 189 households along Ado Gwaram, Maikera, Asma'u Makarfi, and Lokoja roads have been approved for compensation, with disbursements set to begin within days.

“His Excellency, Governor Senator Uba Sani (CON), directed that all properties on the road corridors be protected and that owners be adequately compensated.”

The compensation exercise has now been concluded, and the government has fully mobilized the contractor, CCECC, to return to the site. The government is not owing the contractor a dime,” Dr. Ahmed stated.



Rigasa road project

He emphasized that the only obstacle had been property compensation and the relocation of services such as water, electricity, and telephone lines, which have now been resolved.

“The contractor is back on site and will not demobilize until the projects are completed,” he added.

Dr. Ahmed called on residents to support the government's efforts,

noting that the roads are vital for linking communities to schools, hospitals, and businesses.

“These projects belong to the people. They are for their benefit, and we urge them to cooperate with us to deliver these infrastructures,” he said.

The road projects are part of a larger initiative by Governor Uba Sani, who has embarked on 140 road projects across

Kaduna State, covering urban, rural, and semi-urban areas.

Dr. Ahmed highlighted that 66 of these road projects have already been completed, including the Gadan-Gayan, G w a r a j i , K u j a m a R o a d , Pambeguwa–Kahutu–Kauru Road, Durum–Kuruntumawa Road, and Magajiya–Kasuwan Amaru and Audi–Kako Asphalt Roads in Zaria.

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Truck Kills Motorist, Injures Wife In Lekki-Ajah Crash

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A male motorist has been killed while his wife sustained critical injuries following a fatal road crash involving a granite-laden articulated truck at Eleko Junction along the Lekki–Ajah Expressway on Tuesday morning. The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) said the incident occurred when the truck, travelling from the Epe axis, reportedly suffered brake failure while approaching the junction at high speed.

The loss of control caused the truck to veer off its lane and ram into a Toyota saloon car travelling from Ajah towards Epe. In a statement issued by the Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, Adebayo Taofiq, LASTMA said the impact forced the articulated vehicle to topple onto the smaller car, crushing it and trapping the driver inside the wreckage. LASTMA officials, working alongside operatives of the Federal Road Safety

Corps ((FRSC) and assisted by members of the public, rescued the occupants from the crushed vehicle. The driver of the Toyota car was pronounced dead at the scene, while his wife, who was seated in the front passenger seat, was rescued with life-threatening injuries. Both victims were evacuated by an FRSC ambulance for medical attention and mortuary procedures. Authorities confirmed that the driver of the articulated truck fled the scene,

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Umahi Raises Alarm Over Bridge, Highway Vandalism

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Minister of Works, Engr. David Nweze Umahi, has lamented increasing vandalisation of Nigeria's road and bridge infrastructure, warning that the destructive acts pose grave risks to public safety and national development. Speaking Thursday in Abuja, during a press briefing, Umahi decried the removal of critical components from bridges and highways across the country, describing the trend as a direct attack on national assets. He said vandals have been targeting expansion joints, steel reinforcements and other structural components of major bridges, including the Niger Bridge and Cumberland Bridge, often removing and melting them down for scrap. He explained that many of Nigeria's bridges were originally designed to last about 30 years and to accommodate specific load capacities, but that acts of vandalism and overloading by heavy-duty trucks have significantly weakened their structural integrity.

The Minister also lamented the illegal occupation of designated right-of-way areas along federal highways, noting that encroachment continues to obstruct ongoing road projects and create avoidable conflicts. He said some road corridors have a 12-metre right-of-way, yet individuals unlawfully build and occupy these spaces, complicating construction and maintenance efforts. Umahi stressed that, while the Ministry of Works is committed to delivering projects within available budgetary limits, protecting completed infrastructure must be a collective responsibility. He said the Ministry has begun deploying protective technologies on some bridges to curb vandalism and aid security agencies in identifying and arresting offenders. The Minister called for stronger public awareness and cooperation, warning that continued destruction of road infrastructure would ultimately lead to higher repair costs, disruptions in transportation, and potential loss of lives.

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RTEAN Endorses Tinubu For 2027, Demands Bank Of Transportation

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The Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) has declared its support for President Bola Ahmed Tinubu ahead of the 2027 general election. The association also urged the Federal Government to establish a specialised Bank of Transportation to provide financial backing for operators across the sector. The endorsement was announced at the union's national headquarters in Abuja on Thursday. National President, RTEAN, Musa Maitakobi, in a communique released at the end of the event, said the endorsement follows wide consultations across the unit, chapel, state, zonal, and national structures. Maitakobi said the ongoing economic and infrastructural reforms under Tinubu's administration, particularly those affecting transportation, have repositioned the transport sector as a strategic pillar of national development. The union argued that the transport sector requires a dedicated financial



Bola Tinubu

institution to enable operators access affordable credit facilities for fleet renewal, infrastructure development, safety improvements and sectoral expansion. He said, “We are writing to the government for the government to consider establishing a bank of transport, as there is a Bank of Industry and Bank of Agriculture. “Transport cuts across land, sea and air. The sector needs a structured financial

institution that understands its peculiarities and can provide the necessary support for sustainable growth.. “So we are demanding the federal government to look at our demand for them to consider giving us bank of transport”, The association noted that the present government's reform efforts emphasise structure, coordination, accountability

and long-term planning. He said these principles are consistent with RTEAN's nationwide organised framework. According to the union, transportation is no longer being treated as a peripheral service but as a central component of economic planning, with direct implications for productivity, trade and citizens' welfare. “When transport works, the economy moves, and when the economy moves, the people prosper. This administration understands that transport is critical to national growth and economic stability,” the communiqué stated. RTEAN said Nigeria can no longer afford the politics of improvisation, stressing the need for organisation, policy clarity and institutional strengthening to sustain development gains. The association argued that continuity in leadership would help consolidate ongoing reforms, complete infrastructure projects, and protect investments already made by stakeholders in the transport sector.

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FG Commissions N2.18bn Road, Bridge Projects In Gombe

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The Federal Government has inaugurated a series of emergency and special intervention projects in Gombe State, covering road repairs and bridges, at a total cost of N2,179,894,035.47. The projects commissioned include: the reinstatement of failed shoulders and washouts between Km 20+800 and Km 35+700 along the Gombe–Biu/Wulfit Road by Threem Plus Integrated Enterprises Ltd, at a contract sum of N1,460,045,383.79.

The works, which commenced on 8 February 2024 and were completed in April 2024, involved reinstating 2.96 km of eroded shoulders and repairing 900 m of failed carriageway; and the reinstatement of failed shoulders and washouts between Km 6+900 and Km 7+170 along the Gombe Bypass Road, at a contract sum of N463,330,815.63. The project, also includes the repairs of three bridges—Kumo Bridge (Km 41+000), Taba Bridge (Km 105+000), and Kwarge Bridge (Km 115+000) along

the Gombe–Numan Road, at a contract sum of N256,518,837.05. The Federal Controller of Works, Gombe State, Engr. Jahun Baffa Mohmmed, noted that interventions have transformed previously impassable roads into motorable and safer routes, significantly reducing accident risks and improving traffic flow across the state. The Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Gombe State Council, Faruk Muazu, who commissioned the projects at different locations.



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The Governor of Abia State, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, will on Friday, February 13, inaugurate the newly reconstructed Igwu River Bridge, popularly known as the Omenuko Bridge, located at Ozu Abam in Arochukwu Local Government Area of the state. Following the inauguration, the Ozu Abam community will host a grand civic reception in honour of the governor at Abam High School, Arochukwu Local Government Area. The bridge, originally constructed in 1955, had remained in a state of disrepair for several decades, forcing residents—mostly agrarian communities—to endure journeys of up to five hours through longer alternative routes instead of a 40-minute drive to Umuahia, the Abia State capital. Also scheduled for the same day is the 70th birthday ceremony and public lecture in honour of a former Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Azubuike Ihejirika (rtd.). The planned events were announced on Wednesday night in a statement issued by the Commissioner for Information, Prince

Otti To Inaugurate Historic Omenuko Bridge Friday

Okey Kanu. “The Abia State Government is pleased to announce a landmark series of events scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2026, marking another significant milestone in the infrastructural and socio-political advancement of the state under the leadership of His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR,” the statement reads. Kanu disclosed that activities would commence with the commissioning of the bridge, followed by other engagements. “The day's activities will begin with the historic commissioning of the Igwu River Bridge, popularly known as the Omenuko Bridge a critical infrastructure project that reinforces the administration's unwavering commitment to rural connectivity, economic revitalisation, and inclusive

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Transport Ministry Received 1% Of 2025 Allocation, Rolls Over 70%

value from underperforming national investments. The House of Representatives, however, faulted the Federal Government's proposed N15.88 billion allocation to the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation (OAuGF) in the 2026 budget, describing it as grossly inadequate for an institution constitutionally mandated to audit over 1,000 Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and government-funded bodies nationwide. Alkali explained that the 2026 budget proposal largely consolidates the 2025 Appropriation, as about 70 per cent of projects were rolled over into the new fiscal year due to funding constraints and delayed cash backing. He said the rolled-over items had been reviewed and aligned with President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, with emphasis on completing ongoing projects, protecting public investments and sustaining momentum in the land transport sector. Among notable achievements, the

Minister listed the approval of the National Land Transport Policy 2025 and the proposed De-Sadel Nigeria Limited integrated high-speed rail, power generation and natural gas project, spanning about 4,000 kilometres nationwide under a Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain (DBFOM) model. He outlined key interventions in the 2026 budget to include the development of modern bus terminals, railway expansion and strategic port connectivity, as well as the continuation of nationally important railway projects under the Nigerian Railway Modernisation Programme. On budget performance, Alkali said the ministry recorded about 59 per cent overhead utilisation in 2025, while capital releases stood at roughly one per cent and were largely not cash-backed. On Monday, the Federal Government had disclosed its plans to sell select state-owned assets to private investors in 2026 as part of its broader economic reform agenda.

Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Wale Edun, speaking at the AIUla Conference for Emerging Market Economies in Saudi Arabia, said the government was still finalising the assets to be offered and the transaction timeline. He noted that ongoing reforms boosted investor confidence, with the administration prioritising public-private partnerships (PPPs), increased investment and macroeconomic stability to drive job-rich and inclusive economic growth. Speaking on Arise Television's 'Morning Show' yesterday, Bagudu dismissed claims that the sale was to fund Nigeria's budget deficit. He explained that although asset sales could generate immediate revenue, the broader objective was to improve productivity and attract investment into sectors where government holdings had not delivered optimal returns. “Sale of assets is not to look for money to pay off deficit. Yes, the deficit may benefit from it, but that is not the main purpose.

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Lagos Concludes Four-Day Drivers' Care Initiative, Signals Stricter Traffic Enforcement

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The Lagos State Government has concluded a four-day Drivers' Health and Safety Programme, providing free medical screenings, recertification training and substance abuse awareness to thousands of commercial drivers across the state, while warning that strict enforcement of traffic regulations will follow.

The initiative, which began on Monday, targeting 10000 drivers across the State, started at Lilypond Terminal in Apapa, with aim to promote driver welfare, road safety and professional standards within Lagos' transport sector.

Subsequent sessions were held at Eleko Junction in Ibeju-Lekki and Obalende Motor Park, before concluding on Thursday at Iyana-Iba in Ojo Local GovernmentArea.

Speaking during the closing phase of the programme, the Senior Special Assistant to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu on Transportation and Logistics, Comrade



Drivers' care initiative

Hassan Adekoya, said the exercise reflected the administration's commitment to protecting lives, property and public infrastructure. "Our drivers are the backbone of Lagos' transport system. Healthy and alert drivers make our roads safer and our economy stronger," Adekoya said.

He added that the government would clamp down on drivers operating under the influence of substances. "Immediately after this sensitisation phase, there will be total enforcement. It will no longer be

or without proper recertification from the Lagos State Drivers' Institute (LASDRI).

According to him, the programme offered a window of opportunity for drivers to regularise their documentation and undergo mandatory retraining.

As part of the initiative, drivers received free eye examinations, drug screening, medical consultations and corrective glasses where required. LASDRI also provided free retraining and recertification, waiving fees previously charged for the process.

The General Manager of LASDRI, Mrs Afusat Tiamiyu, said the agency's role was to re-educate and retrain drivers to improve professional competence and promote defensive driving.

"Public education and enlightenment are key to road safety. Through this initiative, we are reinforcing drivers' understanding of their responsibilities, their obligations and safe driving practices," she said.

"Recertified drivers will receive official certification cards within 48 hours, at no cost to them, as sponsored by the state government."

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Dr. Opeifa

The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has announced that the Kaduna-Kano rail project is scheduled to become operational in 2026, with the Lagos-Kano-Maradi project set for completion in 2027.

Kayode Opeifa, managing director of NRC, disclosed this in an exclusive interview during a courtesy visit to the headquarters of the Media Trust Group in Abuja recently.

The Kano-Maradi is scheduled for 2027, and it is part of the LAKAJI (Lagos-Kano-Jibiya) rail project. However, the Kaduna-Kano express is scheduled for completion this year.

"So you can see the two of them are ongoing

Kaduna-Kano Rail Set To Be Operational This Year - NRC

and carried out by the Federal Ministry of Transportation, and I know the Minister at every opportunity speaks to this train service, and when that is completed, we only have services in full, and Nigerians will be able to travel from Abuja to Lagos and Abuja to Kano," Opeifa said.

He also stated that individuals conducting business with neighboring countries, such as the Republic of Niger, will be able to transport their goods from the Lagos port to the Republic, and Nigeria will become a hub for the landlocked Sahel countries.

Opeifa also addressed the issue of the Lagos-Kano narrow gauge express service, which has been suspended for some time now, noting that the route is facing a lot of washouts and security-related issues.

"Between Niger and Kwara, there are security issues which the two state governments have vowed to

manage. But more importantly, what is disturbing the Lagos-Kano express service is not security. It is the washouts.

"There are so many parts of the track that are washed out like you have in Mokwa and other locations. Also in Kaduna, we are fixing that as soon as we have the necessary resources to fix it," he said, while noting that it will take six months.

"But currently, we still run Lagos to Oshogbo for Salah. This Ramadan season, we are looking at all the factories, from Lagos to Ilorin, except that we may not go beyond Mokwa until we fix the Mokwa, which was a result of a washout. So the washouts are the issues, and it's a priority," he said.

On the distortions in timing on the Abuja-Kaduna train, he said the Corporation hoped to increase it to three trips, saying, "After we've increased it to three trips, we can take off from Abuja twice and from Kaduna once, and on the other day,

you take off from Kaduna twice and Abuja once. So alternatively, the train will be taking off from Abuja and Kaduna. And ending up wherever you took off from to rest." Opeifa said.

He further said that they are working hard to get the second train back on track. That is the medium time. So the three trips are a short start, "and that should surface any time from now. You also know we have a time restriction of when the train cannot move, that's 6 p.m. So as soon as we get out of these time restriction issues, we will start the three trips.

"Once we get the three trips, I'll focus on our shift to getting the second train. And just to let you know, it takes 12 to 15 months to get a train to deliver to you," Opeifa stated.

On the issue of racketeering, he stated that the Corporation has put a double-layer screening, which has drastically reduced the issue of racketeering.

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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

Ethiopian Airlines Begins Construction Of 110-Million Passenger Bishoftu Airport



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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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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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. 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.

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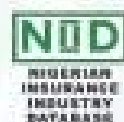
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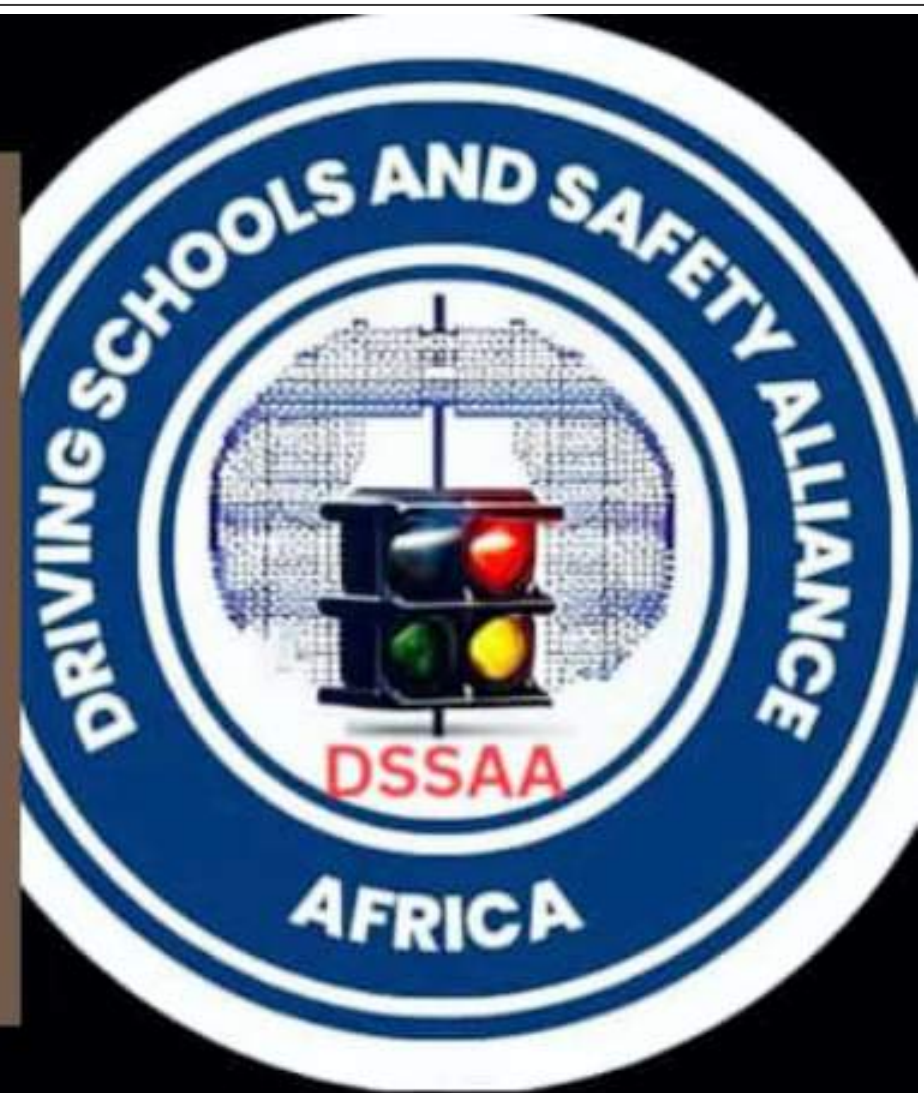


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