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NIMASA Names Adoki New Maritime Guard Com' To Bolster Security Drive

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The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) has appointed Commodore Reginald Odeodi Adoki as the new Commander of its Maritime Guard Command (MGC), a move aimed at reinforcing the country's maritime security framework. The appointment, approved by the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Idi Abbas, takes immediate effect. Commodore Adoki replaces Commodore H.C. Oriekze, who has been redeployed.

Adoki brings more than 25 years of operational, staff and training experience in the Nigerian Navy to the role. A principal Warfare Officer with specialisation in communications and intelligence, his posting is widely seen as a strategic fit as NIMASA deepens collaboration with the Navy to secure Nigeria's territorial waters.

As a seaman, Adoki has commanded several naval platforms, including NNS Andoni, NNS Kyanwa and NNS Kada.

Notably, it was under his leadership that NNS Kada undertook her maiden voyage, sailing from the United Arab Emirates, where the vessel was built to Nigeria.

Commissioned into the Nigerian Navy in 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, Adoki has since expanded his academic and professional credentials. He holds a Master's degree in International Law and Diplomacy from the University of

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Dr. Mobereola and Adoki

FERMA Proposes N229.999bn Road Maintenance Budget To Lawmakers

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The Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) has proposed a ₦229.999 billion budget for road maintenance in 2026 and is seeking approval from the National Assembly, agency officials said on Wednesday.

In a 2026 budget presentation to lawmakers, FERMA said it needs increased funding to repair and maintain federal roads across Nigeria, many of which have deteriorated due to heavy traffic and poor drainage.

The proposed allocation represents a major boost from previous years' maintenance budgets.

FERMA Director-General Dr Kabir Abdullahi Isa told the Senate Committee on Works that the budget is essential to reduce road failures and improve travel safety.

"We require the sum of ₦229,999,000,000 for road maintenance," he said, noting that this figure reflects rising costs of materials and equipment.

He explained that the agency's 2026 plans include strengthening pavement structures, improving road shoulders and embankments, and rehabilitating asphalt surfaces.

He said poor roads increase vehicle operating costs and lead to more frequent accidents. "Maintaining our federal roads is critical to socio-economic development," Isa said.

FERMA also asked lawmakers to help ensure the smooth release of funds.

"Sustainable funding and predictable release will enable us to carry out maintenance works efficiently," he told committee members.

Senators on the committee acknowledged the challenges facing Nigeria's road networks and promised to review the proposal.

"Road infrastructure is vital for commerce and connectivity," said Senate Committee Chairman Sen. Saidu Alkali.

He noted that potholes and degraded surfaces have affected transport and urged FERMA to improve monitoring.

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He announced that work would also commence immediately on the reconstruction of the Carwash-Moore Junction Road, also in Abeokuta South, reinforcing the strategic importance of the state capital as the administrative and political hub of Ogun State.

Abiodun explained that the roads executed in the district were selected



Governor Dapo Abiodun.

through a participatory governance model involving traditional rulers, religious leaders, market associations and community stakeholders.

"In the last six years in Ogun Central, we have constructed 29 roads. They were selected through our participatory and inclusive governance approach. Our kabiyesi, including the Alake of Egbaland, Muslim faithful,

Christian clergy, market men and women, among others, all sat together to determine which roads were most critical and should be prioritised," he said.

He stressed that his administration remains focused on performance despite what he termed "sponsored propaganda" by critics, adding that more projects would be commissioned

between now and July.

The governor described the Lantoro-Oke-Yidi-Isale Ake Road as a critical artery within the state capital, providing access to key institutions including Sacred Heart Hospital, the School of Nursing and the Muslim praying ground, while also serving as an alternative route linking major parts of the city.

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NIWA Acting MD Assures Of Improved Service Delivering

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The Acting Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), Alhaji Umar Yusuf Girei, has assured that the Authority has been positioned to improve drastically in its service delivery to achieve the objectives of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Girei stated this at NIWA on Thursday at the headquarters in Lokoja, while speaking on the outcome of the recent 2-day Executive Anti-Corruption training with the theme 'The Art and Practice of System Integrity in Public Institutions' organised for board members, management, and area managers of the Authority held in Abuja recently.

The event was organised by NIWA in collaboration with the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

He said the choice of the theme was borne out of the desire of NIWA to improve on the revenue generation

through blockage of leakages and prevention of corruption within the system to drive good leadership.

"Obviously, in any organization revenue is the backbone and the strength because nothing can be done without resources.

"The choice of the theme for the training was carefully chosen to enable us check what we are doing and to look inward on what we can do to generate more money for NIWA and to achieve the objectives of the federal government of Nigeria,"

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Umar Girei

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The Federal Road Safety Corps has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening national security and road safety through enhanced data integration.

The Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, reaffirmed the commitment in a statement by the FRSC spokesman, Olusegun Ogungbemde, on Thursday in Abuja.

Mr Mohammed said the commitment followed a high-level engagement with the Director-General of the National Identity Management Commission, Adesoye Coker.

The corps marshal emphasised the urgent need for robust data harmonisation among government institutions to improve efficiency and national security.

He said, "This is to build a secured and intelligent nation where individuals can be properly identified for who they truly are.

"Credible identity management remains central to effective law enforcement, crash reduction strategies, and national planning."

The corps marshal commended the remarkable strides made by the National Identity Management Commission in deepening Nigeria's identity database and strengthening the National Identification Number (NIN) ecosystem.

He reiterated the corps' resolve to adopt and enforce the NIN as a mandatory requirement for vehicle registration and the acquisition of the National Driver's Licence.

He described the move as a critical step toward sanitising the motoring space and enhancing traceability within the road transport sector.

Additionally, he requested the inclusion of the Federal Road Safety Corps in the Commission's Annual Identity Forum.

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Managing Director/Chief Executive of FAAN, Mrs Olubunmi Kuku, said this move was a step forward in its efforts to modernise infrastructure and improve the digital economy.

Addressing newsmen at the launch ceremony held in MMIA, Kuku, represented by Director of Airport Operations, Capt Mahmood Abdullahi, said with the WiFi, passengers travel experience would be easier and more productive.

She said: "For too long, our passengers have experienced the frustration of being disconnected when connection mattered most. Today, we changed that story. We transform waiting time into working time.

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Mrs Olubunmi Kuku, Managing Director FAAN

who walks through our doors: your time, your dreams, your connections – they all matter to us. This is the value of free WiFi.

But more than that, this is the value we place on every Nigerian who travels through our airports. Our message today is crystal clear: Nigerian aviation is open for business, ready for the future, and unwilling to settle for less than the best.

This partnership with MTN represents

something far larger than convenience – it is a testament to what we can achieve when the public and private sectors align their capabilities with a shared national purpose.

"This partnership with MTN is a major step forward in our efforts to modernise infrastructure and improve the digital economy. In today's connected world, access to reliable internet is no longer a luxury but a necessity. We are pleased

to offer this value-added service to our passengers, making their travel experience easier and more productive. We are not simply installing routers; we are building bridges between government objectives and citizen experience. This free WiFi service supports His Excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's digital economy agenda. It advances the transformative vision of the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Mr Festus Keyamo."

Meanwhile, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, MTN, Lynda Nwafor, said the initiative was a reflection of a shared commitment to improving passenger experience and enhancing accessibility.

According to her, airports were unique environments, gateways to opportunity and busy intersections where people from all walks of life converge.

She said: "From business travellers and tourists to airport personnel and service providers, everyone requires seamless and dependable connectivity.

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Three Firms To Reconstruct Osogbo-Ibadan Road

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The Osun State Government has disclosed that it split the 55.6km Osogbo-Iwo-Ibadan road project among three contractors to ensure its timely completion.

According to the government, the road is a major project that requires prompt delivery in the interest of road users.

This was disclosed by the State Director of Highways, Moruf Ojebode, during an on-the-spot assessment of the ongoing 3.6km Odo-Ori-Ojaoba-Post Office dual carriageway in Iwo on Wednesday, according to a statement shared with The PUNCH.

He noted that Governor Ademola Adeleke had set an infrastructural pace in Iwo, constructing the town's first dual carriageway, alongside several internal roads completed within the first two years of his administration.

Ojebode added that the three contractors handling the Osogbo-Iwo-Ibadan road would be mobilised this month to commence work.

During the inspection, transport union groups in Iwo commended Adeleke's infrastructure drive, describing his achievements as unprecedented.

The group's representative, Kamoru Asafa, said residents would vote for the governor again to ensure the completion of ongoing projects.

Also, the Chairman of the Iwo Board of Trustees, Prof Lai Olurode, described the Odo-Ori dual carriageway as the first of its kind in the town, calling the project monumental.

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Governor Adeleke

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The Police Command in Lagos State has launched a 24-hour anti-crime patrol along the coastal road to boost security and protect commuters and construction sites.

The Commissioner of Police, Olohundare Jimoh, announced the initiative on Thursday during a show of force along the route.

Jimoh said the move was designed to prevent crime, vandalism of equipment, theft, and other offences along the newly opened road.

He stated that when the road opened in early December 2025, the command deployed 50 patrol teams, each comprising five officers.

According to him, officers were stationed at intersections, black spots, and other vulnerable points along the corridor.

"Since the deployment, we have not recorded any case of snatching, kidnapping, or robbery in the area due to the strong police presence," he said.

Jimoh added that the command has now deployed four mobile patrol teams to operate round the clock along the coastal road.

Police Launch 24-Hour Patrol On Lagos Coastal Road

"These teams will move continuously to cover gaps between fixed posts, monitor vandalism-prone areas, and conduct discreet investigations to arrest perpetrators," he said.

He noted that the patrols would also protect road users, contractors' staff, and construction equipment on site.

The teams, he said, would ensure that installed facilities, including lighting, barriers, and fencing, are not damaged.

Jimoh said the initiative is supported by the Lagos State Government through the State Security Trust Fund, in collaboration with the Minister of Works, David Umahi.

He added that patrols would extend to adjoining areas posing threats, including Kuramo Junction and the Ajah-Lekki corridor.

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Aiyedatiwa Commissions Multiple Roads In Akure



Governor Aiyedatiwa

As part of activities marking the first anniversary of the administration of Lucky Aiyedatiwa as Governor of Ondo State, the governor on Thursday commissioned multiple road projects in Akure, including the Igoba Township Road and the Alagbaka Extension Road (behind SIB).

At separate ceremonies held across the state capital, Aiyedatiwa described the projects as strategic infrastructure interventions aimed at improving connectivity, easing traffic congestion and stimulating economic growth within Akure metropolis.

Speaking at the commissioning of the Igoba

Township Road and other rehabilitated roads, the governor said the projects were critical to enhancing the quality of life for residents and boosting socio-economic activities.

He noted that the roads — including Gbangbalogun-Odole-Odiolowo Road, Lao-Oke Padre-Odopetu Road, Eco Bank-Oke Arata Road, Ajegunle Road, Oja Oshodi Road, SK Bright Street, Ayeloro Street and Igoba Road — were selected because of their strategic importance to the metropolis.

According to him, Igoba Road in particular serves as a key corridor that connects communities, facilitates trade and opens up development opportunities.

He said, "The completion of these roads demonstrates the efficacy of our administration's vision and the diligence of our workforce.

"They are part of our broader agenda to build a state where citizens can thrive, where businesses can flourish and where opportunities abound.

"To our people, your patience and support have been a constant source of inspiration, and I assure you that we will continue to work assiduously to deliver projects that matter most to you."

At the commissioning of the Alagbaka Extension Road, Aiyedatiwa said the project forms part of a deliberate and systematic implementation of the state's infrastructure development programme designed to expand road networks, decongest high-traffic routes and enhance access to public institutions, residential estates and commercial hubs.

He described the Alagbaka road as a vital link road integrating adjoining streets and estates with major access routes within the Alagbaka axis, while also providing an alternative route to the Akure Airport.

He added that the project was executed in line with standard engineering specifications, with due attention to drainage systems, pavement strength and long-term durability to accommodate projected

urban growth.

The governor stated that the projects align with his administration's OUR EASE development agenda, particularly in the areas of urban renewal, ease of movement, economic accessibility and sustainable infrastructure.

"By opening up these corridors, we are not only improving mobility but also stimulating economic activities, increasing property values and supporting orderly urban expansion," he said.

Reflecting on his administration's first year in office, Aiyedatiwa highlighted achievements recorded in education, healthcare, agriculture and security, noting that his government had empowered farmers, supported small businesses and strengthened infrastructure across the state.

"These projects are critical infrastructure initiatives that will significantly enhance the quality of life for residents of Akure and other travellers, and drive economic growth across our state.

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FAAN said that the reaffirmation became necessary after executives of the various aviation unions visited the FAAN management to seek clarification on the cessation of cash transactions at airports on Wednesday.

The unions represented were the National Union of Air Transport Employees; Air Transport Services Senior Staff Association of Nigeria; and Association of Nigeria Aviation Professionals.

He said engagement provided an opportunity for robust dialogue, reflecting FAAN's open-door policy and commitment to inclusive stakeholder consultation.

The Managing Director of FAAN Mrs



FAAN

Olubunmi Kuku, only in line with global operational efficiency. She expressed resolve to best practices in aviation management but also fully implement a cashless system across all airports' payment points nationwide. Kuku emphasised that the transition to a cashless system is not

only in line with global operational efficiency. She referenced a Treasury Circular dated November 24, 2025, issued by the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation and signed by the Accountant General, Shamseldeen

Ogunjimi.

She noted that the circular mandated the cessation of cash transactions in all government dealings.

Kuku also said that the directive followed approval by the Federal Executive Council for Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to discontinue physical cash collections and payments as part of broader public finance reforms.

"There is no going back on this decision. The cashless initiative aligns FAAN with national financial management reforms.

"While positioning Nigeria's airports for greater operational integrity, improved service delivery, and stronger revenue assurance," she said.

Kuku noted that the reform also forms part of FAAN's broader strategic agenda to deepen stakeholder engagement.

According to her, this will foster transparency, building trust, and ensuring that partners, unions, concessionaires, and service providers are carried along in key operational decisions.

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National Railway Corporation (NRC)

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Turkish Airlines Records 92.6m Passengers In 2025, Expands Nigeria Tourism Push



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The General Manager of Turkish Airlines in Nigeria, Lokman Balkan, has celebrated a milestone performance in 2025, announcing significant growth in passenger traffic, load factor, and seat capacity.

Speaking at a session with journalists on Monday, Balkan said the carrier recorded 92.6 million passengers in 2025.

“We improved passenger traffic to 92.6 million in 2025, an increase of 8.8 per cent from the corresponding year before. Our load factor moved to 83.2 per cent, experiencing a 1.2 per cent increase, while we reached 273.2 billion available seat kilometres, an increase of 7.5 per cent,” he said.

He described the figures as evidence of the airline's expanding global network and sustained passenger confidence. Beyond

commercial performance, the airline has intensified efforts to promote Nigeria as a tourism destination. “We are committed to promoting Nigeria as a

tourist destination and encouraging visitors to explore the country. Last year, we launched a promotional video showcasing Nigeria's rich cultural heritage and

natural beauty, which reached tens of millions of people worldwide,” he said. According to Balkan, the airline's social media

platforms, spotlights Nigeria's vibrant cities, landscapes, and hospitality. He added that the airline has also leveraged its in-flight entertainment system to

project Nigeria to a global audience.

“On board our flights, we feature a comprehensive video showcasing Nigeria's beauty, culture, and attractions. We have also introduced Nollywood films on our IFE platform, which has sparked interest and curiosity among our passengers about Nigeria. By offering these films, we aim to inspire our passengers to visit Nigeria and experience its rich cultural heritage for themselves,” he noted.

The General Manager further revealed that in May last year, the airline hosted the executive board of the National Association of Nigeria Travel Agencies at its headquarters in Istanbul. He said the visit enabled engagements with senior management and a strategic meeting with TÜRSAB to strengthen institutional ties.
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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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Budget Office Uncovers 10-year Capital Funding Gap In Nigeria's Health Sector

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The Budget Office of the Federation has released data showing how the country has grossly underfunded the health sector in the past 10 years and how it has consistently short-changed the future of its citizens through abysmal release of budgetary allocations despite having one of the worst health indices in the world and constant disease outbreaks.

Nigeria's allocations to the health sector over the years have been below the recommended 15 per cent benchmark stipulated in the 2001 Abuja Declaration, which Nigeria was a signatory to

Titled "10-year capital funding gap in Nigeria's health sector", the data showed a wide gap between capital appropriation and the actual release/utilisation from 2016 to 2025.

According to the data obtained by The Guardian, which specifically captured capital allocations and actual releases for 10 years, which was about N218.0 bn appropriated for capital projects in 2025, only N36 million was actually released to the sector.

It further showed that in 2024, the sum of N434.8bn was allocated



Prof. Pate

to the sector, while only N65.4bn, representing 15.06% of the allocation, was released.

Further breakdown of the budgetary allocations and releases revealed that in 2023, N134 billion was allocated, with N40.4bn released representing 30%, 2022 had N134.7bn allocated, and N87.3bn released 45%, 2021 had N194bn allocated, with N93.8bn representing 70% of the total capital budget

released.

In addition, N46.5bn was allocated for capital projects in 2019, while N25.5bn was released.

2018 had N71.1bn with N42.6bn release, N51.3bn in 2017 with N33.3bn released and N28.7bn in 2016 with only N15.2bn released.

Minister of Health and Social Welfare. Prof Ali Pate, on Monday, during the Ministry's 2026 budget defence before the House of Representatives Committee

on Healthcare Service, revealed that only N36 million out of the N218 billion appropriated for its 2025 capital expenditure was released.

He told lawmakers that the implementation of the 2025 capital budget was stalled by circumstances beyond the Ministry's control, adding that the meagre release made it practically impossible for the Ministry to execute its capital projects for the year.

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DELSU Matriculates 9,498 For 2025/26 Academic Session

Culled:

Delta University (DELSU), Abraka has matriculated a total of 9,498 students in its 2025/2026 academic session

The matriculation oath was administered on the new student's weekend in Abraka, Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State.

Administering the matriculation oath on the freshers, Prof. Samuel Asagba, Vice Chancellor, Delta State University (DELSU), Abraka disclosed that the students were among the tens of thousands of candidates who had applied for admission into the university.

According to Prof. Asaba, "I congratulate you for not only attaining another milestone in your academic pursuit, but for successfully scaling through the difficult hurdles of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination and Post University Matriculation Screening exercise."

It could be recalled that this is the second matriculation exercise that Prof. Asagba is presiding over since his assumption of office on Dec. 2, 2024 as the 8th substantive Vice Chancellor of the university.

Prof. Asagba said that the university had distinguished itself as one of the centers of academic excellence, adding that it has become an attraction for candidates seeking admission into tertiary institutions.

The Vice Chancellor attributed the rush for admission into the university to the institution's track records of maintaining smooth and uninterrupted academic calendar over the years.

Prof. Asagba disclosed that the university currently had 17 Faculties with 109 academic programmes, in addition to one Institute of Education and Business School.

The Vice Chancellor said that the institution's management was setting machinery in motion to introduce more robust programmes to cater for the academic needs of this generation.

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Nigeria, Angola Signs Visa Exemption Agreement



Nigeria signs an agreement with Angola

Culled:

Nigeria and Angola have formalised a visa exemption agreement for holders of Diplomatic and Official/Service Passports, marking a significant step in deepening bilateral relations between the two

countries.

The draft agreement was signed on 15th February 2026, on the sidelines of the 39th Ordinary Session of the African Union Heads of State and Government in AddisAbaba.

Nigeria's delegation was led by the Minister of Foreign

Affairs, Ambassador Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, while Angola was represented by its Minister of International Relations, Ambassador Tete Antonio, according to a statement from the Ministry's spokesperson, Kimiebi Ebiensa.

Speaking on the signing, Tuggar described the agreement as long overdue and timely, highlighting its importance in strengthening diplomatic and official engagement between Nigeria and Angola.

He emphasized that the Agreement would significantly enhance diplomatic and official relations between the two brotherly countries by easing travel procedures for holders of diplomatic and official/service passports.

According to him, "the visa exemption arrangement will facilitate smoother official exchanges, deepen institutional cooperation, and create broader opportunities for joint initiatives, dialogue, and partnership by enabling authorized government officials from both sides to move more freely and efficiently without administrative hindrances.

He further informed the gathering that relations between Nigeria and Angola are rooted in a long and shared history, dating back to the period of ideological conflict between the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) in Angola.

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Nigeria's Capital Importation Rises To \$11bn In Q2 - Q3 2025 - NBS

Culled: Nigeria attracted a total of US\$11.13 billion in capital inflows in the second and third quarters (Q2 and Q3) of 2025, reflecting strong inflows of foreign funds into the economy, according to the latest data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). Contained in the Nigeria Capital Importation reports, the figure combines US\$5.12 billion recorded in Q2 and US\$6.01 billion in Q3, 2025, showing a marked improvement from the same period in 2024. The Bureau said the surge was largely driven by portfolio investments, which accounted for more than 80 percent of

total inflows across both quarters. The banking and financing sectors remained the primary recipients of foreign funds, while capital originated mostly from the United Kingdom, the United States, and South Africa. The National Bureau of Statistics report highlighted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) as the smallest component of capital inflows, suggesting continued reliance on portfolio and other forms of investment for foreign funding. In Q2 2025, total capital importation into Nigeria stood at \$5,120.50 million, up from \$2,604.50 million in Q2 2024, an increase of 96.60 percent year-on-year (YoY). Quarter-on-quarter (QoQ),

capital importation decreased by 9.24 percent from \$5,642.07 million in Q1 2025. "Portfolio Investment ranked top with US\$4,200.03 million, accounting for 82.02 percent, followed by Other Investment with \$777.80 million, accounting for 15.19 percent. Foreign Direct Investment recorded the least with \$142.67 million (2.79 percent) of total capital importation in Q2 2025," the NBS said. "The Banking sector recorded the highest inflow with US\$3,407.97 million, representing 66.56% of total capital imported in Q2 2025, followed by the Financing sector, valued at

US\$873.32 million (17.06%), and Electrical sector with US\$456.37 million (8.91%)," the Bureau further stated, disclosing that capital largely originated from key global economies supporting Nigeria's financial markets. "Capital Importation during the reference period originated largely from the United Kingdom with US\$1,860.03 million, representing 36.33 percent of the total capital imported. This was followed by the Republic of South Africa with US\$1,013.71 million (19.80 percent) and the United States with US\$909.84 million (17.77 percent)," the NBS added.

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Nigeria Banks Enter Final Stretch Of Recapitalisation Drive

Nigeria's banking sector is entering the final stretch of its recapitalisation drive, with lenders stepping up capital actions ahead of the Central Bank of Nigeria's March 31, 2026, deadline. Analysts at Proshare say industry activity was subdued in the week ended February 12, as attention shifted from fundraising announcements to regulatory validation and capital confirmation processes. Capital actions across leading banks.

FCMB Group is undergoing capital verification by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to confirm whether it has met the new minimum capital threshold of N500 billion for international banks, according to Proshare analysts. The group previously secured its national banking licence in 2024 following an oversubscribed public offer and completed another ₦160 billion public offer last year as part of its push toward retaining its international

banking licence. The current verification process is therefore seen as the final regulatory confirmation of compliance. A successful outcome would likely lead to a formal announcement of its continued international operations. The update places FCMB at the final regulatory checkpoint as the sector prepares for tighter capital standards. Elsewhere, Sterling Bank has yet to disclose its recapitalisation plan, though

analysts expect a rights issue or private placement to close a gap between its current capital of about ₦167 billion and the ₦200 billion requirement. GTCO Plc completed a ₦10 billion private placement earlier, issuing 125 million shares at ₦80 each to a single investor. Proshare analysts described the move as a proactive step to strengthen capital buffers and support medium-term growth rather than a regulatory necessity. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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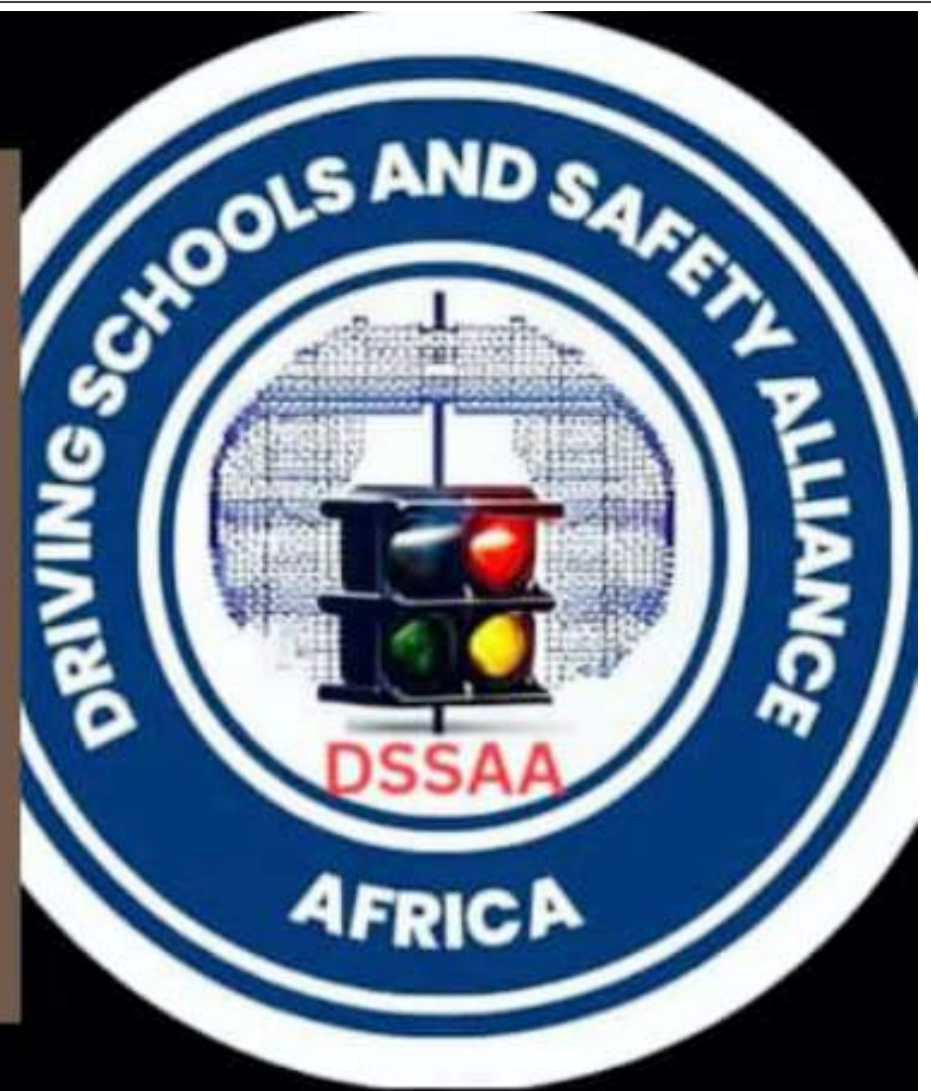


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