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Following growing interest by some state governments in establishing airlines without first obtaining an Air Operator Certificate, AOC, but partnering with carriers that hold the licence, Airline Operators of Nigeria, AON, has said their entry is not a problem, provided they comply with existing rules and regulatory requirements.

An AOC is a formal authorisation issued by a national aviation authority that permits an organisation or state to perform commercial air transport operations.

AON, however, warned that if government failed to enforce compliance and regulatory standards across board, it could undermine the confidence recently rebuilt by new-breed operators and damage the country's aviation reputation.

Spokesperson for the association and Chairman of United Nigeria Airlines, Professor Obiora Okonkwo, said this at

the airline's fifth anniversary celebration in Lagos.

He said: "For us, we believe that the sky is large enough to accommodate as many airlines as possible. But obviously, it is not good for the industry if certain compliances and regulatory requirements are not met. The new breed operators have worked so hard to rekindle the confidence and interest of the aviation world and bring them back to Nigeria.

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Independent Petrol Marketers Seek \$10bn For Refinery Project

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The Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN) is set to shop for a credit facility to establish its \$10 billion refinery.

The move is sequel to the recent adjustments in the market from the bulk suppliers, Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals (DPRP).

This year, the 650,000barrels per day facility has altered the prices thrice, plunging the marketers to pain and gain. While the change in crude oil, the major components in the price template, is largely blameable, the vulnerability has unsettled the marketers who bear the shock, losses and uncertainty.

Speaking with the IPMAN National President, Alhaji Abubakar Maigandi on phone yesterday, he said the easiest way out of the volatility is for PIMAN to build and operate their own refinery in-country.

He described financial constraint as the major snag inhibiting the take-off of the 300bpd plant.

According to him, the plant, IPMAN Refinery and Petrochemicals Company's proposed site is in Akwa Ibom State.

Maigandi also said the association will present the proposal and request for credit facility to President Bola Tinubu in March.

He also revealed that once the association secures the loan, which may attract equity, the company can bring the project to completion within a year.

Asked whether the marketers will remain at the mercy of Dangote forever, Maigandi said: "The Independent marketers are to seek support of the government to build their refinery.

"We have already perfected our proposal that we are presenting to the President in March.

"The plant is named IPMAN Refinery and Petrochemicals Company. It is sited in Akwa Ibom State. It has 300bpd capacity. It will cost us \$10 billion to bring it to completion in one year."

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The two concession agreements approved are between the Lagos State Government and Zoomlion Nigeria Limited on the Lagos Waste Improvement Programme – Solid Waste Solution, including the issuance of an Irrevocable Standing Payment Order (ISPO).

The second agreement is between the state government and TSL Metroline Limited, alongside the issuance of a no-objection letter for an Irrevocable Direct Debit Order to support the procurement and operation of 2,000 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)



Lagos state assembly

buses.

The approval followed a report presented by the Chairman of the four-man ad hoc committee, Engr. Yishawu Gbolahan.

Gbolahan stated that, pursuant to its oversight and ratification mandate, the committee critically examined the proposed agreements.

He explained that the arrangement is

intended to enhance waste processing efficiency, recycling, and disposal services; promote environmental sustainability; improve public health outcomes; and create jobs and economic opportunities for residents, in line with the state's environmental policy objectives and international best practices.

The initiative is also expected to

improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation on routes designated by the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority. Commending the committee for a thorough job, a member of the House, Bonu Solomon, suggested that the CNG buses should be distributed equally across all local governments in the state.

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FRSC Impounds 561 Vehicles For Overloading In Zamfara

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Zamfara State has impounded 561 vehicles for overloading between January 1 and February 12, 2026.

The Sector Commander of the FRSC Zamfara State Command, Aliyu Ma'aji, disclosed this in an interview with journalists in Gusau during a special patrol operation.

Ma'aji explained that the patrol was specifically aimed at tackling the persistent problem of vehicle and truck overloading across the state, describing the offence as a matter of national concern.

"The Corps is fully committed to ending the menace of overloading through sustained sensitisation and strict enforcement across the state," he said.

According to him, overloading has been responsible for numerous road crashes on highways, leading to loss of lives and extensive property damage.

"In today's patrol alone, over 25 vehicles were impounded, and only five of them

were not booked for overloading offences," the sector commander added. Ma'aji noted that the command would sustain the operation and continue to collaborate with relevant stakeholders through engagement and awareness campaigns until the state records zero tolerance for overloading offences.

He also warned against other traffic violations, including the indiscriminate use of government plate numbers, expired vehicle documents, and the covering or concealment of number

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The Commissioner for Works, Ade Akinsanya, made this known during an appearance on Sunrise Daily, where he explained that road construction is currently ongoing across all 20 local government areas of the state.

According to Akinsanya, the administration inherited over 4,000 kilometres of bad roads and deliberately set out to tackle the challenge through a statewide infrastructure strategy focused on rural connectivity, food security corridors, economic hubs and access to schools.

"We are talking about thousands of kilometres of bad roads, and as of today, we have completed more than 1,600 kilometres across the state," he said. "We are not concentrating on one

area alone — work is ongoing in all 20 local governments."

He highlighted major projects including the reconstruction of the 70-kilometre Ota–Abeokuta road, as well as extensive works in Ado-Odo/Ota, Ifo and Akute areas. Akinsanya noted that previously impassable roads such as Ajuwon–Akute, Alhaji Kosoko–Akute and Yakoyo–Alagbole have now been fully rehabilitated, significantly improving movement between Ogun and neighbouring Lagos communities. The Commissioner added that construction is progressing steadily from Ota through Akute to Ijoko, with several sections already completed and others actively under development.

Also speaking on the programme, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Media and Strategy, Kayode Akinmade, defended the administration's infrastructure drive, stressing that road projects are being evenly distributed across the state.

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Nigeria To Boost Global Aircraft Acquisition, Leasing Market

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Nigeria is set to play significant role in the global aircraft acquisition and leasing market as more indigenous operators and state governments involved in airline business conclude plans for more equipment procurement. As some carriers, including United Nigeria Airlines, Air Peace, Enugu Air/ Xejet Airlines, ValueJets Airlines, Ibom Air, Edo Air, Eko Air, Gateway Airlines, Pioneer Airlines, Binani Air and others conclude discussions with aircraft lessors and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), the country will receive dozens of airplanes in the next few years.

Besides scheduled operators, investors in the air cargo value chain are also concluding discussions with airplane makers / sellers for equipment intended to flight operations into and out of Nigeria.

Sources hinted that major airplane manufacturers including Boeing, Airbus, Embraer and Bombardier are already extending their network of marketing into frontier markets such as Nigeria.



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Sources hinted that the favour policies and robust operating conditions been created by the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu administration is pushing more investors into the airline business ecosystem.

Investigations reveal that more state governments are consolidating their frontiers into aviation, including procurement of aircraft under technical partnership with operations to connect

their forms into into the national air link.

For instance, six state governments in the North East: Bauchi, Adamawa, Gombe, Yobe, Borno and Taraba have firmed up discussions with aircraft lessors and original equipment manufacturers to procure airplanes for their proposed airline.

Edo, Delta, Ekiti and other states are looking in similar direction.

Confirming the development, Chairman

of United Nigeria Airlines, Prof. Obiora Okonkwo said the carrier has concluded plans to acquire 11 additional aircraft to boost its fleet.

The move, he said is part of the broader strategy to gain operational dominance as the airlines seeks to open more routes.

New operator, K- Impex Airlines, sources hinted are also acquire g more equipment to boost their operations.

Investigations reveal that the the new policies of the Tinubu administration, which is deepening collaboration and improving investor confidence are triggers for more deals for airplane acquisition.

Speaking in an interview, Group Managing Director of FlinchGlow Holdings, Mr Bankole Bernard said the global aviation should watch out for Nigeria in aircraft acquisition as more players set footprints into the business.

Industry sources hinted that more cargo planes will be acquired by operators to deepen participation in the air cargo value chain.

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Eterna, Fuelmetrics Partner On Self-Service Fuel Stations

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Eterna Plc and a smart automation technology company, Fuelmetrics Limited, at the weekend struck a partnership on the rollout of self-service fuel terminals across the retail network Eterna Plc, marking a practical step forward in the company's drive to digitize fuel retail and improve service delivery.

The terminals enable motorists to authorize and pay for fuel using cards and digital vouchers, enhancing transparency, reducing wait times, minimizing cash handling, and delivering a more seamless station experience.

Managing Director of Fuelmetrics Limited, Olayide Folorunso, said the collaboration reflects a shared commitment to leveraging technology to simplify fuel management and deliver a more seamless experience for everyday Nigerians.

He added that partnering with Eterna Plc enables Fuelmetrics Limited to scale this impact across the country,

reinforcing the strength of Nigerian home-grown innovation in transforming the downstream sector.

The solution also addresses long-standing operational challenges within the downstream sector, including queue management, payment transparency, and human error. For corporate fleet operators, the platform provides real-time transaction tracking and automated reporting, helping businesses reduce cash leakages and maintain stronger control over fuel expenses.

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Eterna fuel station

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The Lagos State Government has clarified the legality of its Vehicle Inspection Service officers' operations on Lagos roads, following public reactions to a recent judgment of the Court of Appeal, Abuja Division, which barred Vehicle Inspection Officers in the Federal Capital Territory from stopping motorists, impounding vehicles, or imposing fines.

In a Sunday statement issued by the Commissioner for Justice, Lawal Pedro, on the ministry's official social media handles, the government said the viral interpretations suggesting that the judgment applies across Nigeria were misleading and inaccurate.

"The attention of the Lagos State Ministry of Justice has been drawn to a viral report of misrepresentation of the Judgment of the Court of Appeal, Abuja Division which affirmed the judgment of the Federal High Court Abuja on the illegality of VIO activities of impounding or confiscating vehicles and/or imposing fines on motorists in FCT Abuja," the statement read.

The ministry recalled that the Federal

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High Court ruling, which was later upheld by the appellate court, was based on the absence of statutory powers authorising VIO officials in the FCT to carry out such enforcement actions.

According to the statement, "It is important to understand that the Honorable Judge of the Federal High Court and Justices of the Court of Appeal premised their decision on absence of statutory power conferred on the Respondents to stop, impound or confiscate vehicles and/or impose fines on motorists on roads in FCT Abuja."

While acknowledging the validity of the judgment, the Lagos State Government stressed that the decision does not automatically invalidate enforcement activities in states with enabling laws.

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Umahi gave the directive during an unscheduled inspection tour of the project on Saturday, expressing satisfaction with the pace and quality of work executed by some contractors.

He assured the firms that arrangements had been concluded to clear outstanding payments, stressing that funding would not be allowed to stall the project. The minister was responding to an appeal by a contractor who

requested additional funds to meet the April deadline.

According to Umahi, ₦4 billion out of the ₦8.3 billion owed one contractor would be released before the end of February, while efforts are ongoing in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance to settle outstanding obligations to local contractors.

Commending the contractors for their patience and commitment, he maintained that substandard work would not be tolerated.

"They have done fantastic work. This road can last for 50 years. The project will not stop because of funds," he said. He explained that the project had been migrated to the Sukuk financing arrangement to guarantee steady funding.

"Out of the ₦8.3 billion owed, about ₦2 billion is already captured under Sukuk. Additionally, 30 per cent of the 2025 budget has been approved for payment as directed by Mr President, while the remaining 70 per cent will be accommodated in the 2026 budget

cycle starting in April," he stated.

The former Ebonyi State governor praised President Tinubu for what he described as unprecedented federal presence in the South-East, insisting the region is no longer marginalised under the current administration.

"I thank Mr President for the South-East. There is no more marginalisation. For the first time, we have the Minister of Works from this zone. That shows the President's intention and good heart," he said.

Umahi urged South-East voters to reciprocate the President's gestures with massive support in the 2027 general election.

"From Port Harcourt to Enugu, there is no section of this road where work is not ongoing. Never in the history of Nigeria has the South-East benefited like this," he noted.

On the 2027 presidential election, Umahi cautioned the South-East against what he described as sentimental and non-strategic political choices. He appealed to former Labour Party presidential candidate, Peter

Obi, to shelve his presidential ambition and support President Tinubu.

"We should tell our brother, Peter Obi, that it is not yet our turn. When it is our turn, Nigerians will know," Umahi said. He argued that Tinubu should be allowed to complete ongoing infrastructure projects across the country.

"Our force will remain with President Bola Tinubu. I don't want anybody who will come and stop these projects. Nigerians want continuity," he added.

The minister stressed that all projects under his supervision are open to public verification and evaluation.

"Our projects are open. We have even sent details to the ICPC to inspect all sites across the federation. If you have any petition, submit it. If you want to know what is happening, come to site," he said.

Umahi disclosed that defects had been observed on portions of the Isiagu-Better Life/Lokpanta axis of the Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway, assuring that corrective measures would be personally supervised.

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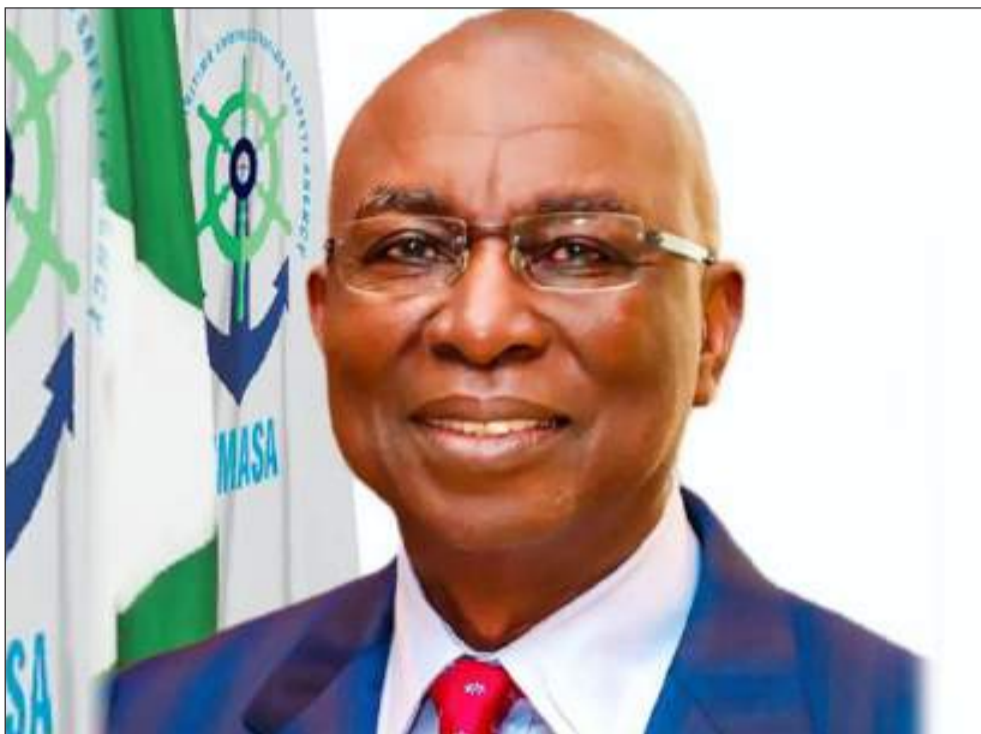
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The agency gave the assurance during a stakeholders' breakfast meeting organised by the NIMASA with the theme "Dissecting the Issues, Challenges, and Prospects in the Shipbuilding Segment – Discussing Funding Models, Incentives, and Policy Support for Shipyards Growth."

Delivering the welcome address as Chairman of the occasion, the Executive Director, Operations, NIMASA, Fatai Taiye Adeyemi noted that shipbuilding remains a capital-intensive, cyclical and technically demanding sector that requires deliberate policy and financial interventions to achieve sustainable growth.

Represented by the Director, Marine



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Environment and to collectively agree maritime and blue Management, Dr. Oma on pragmatic funding economy aspirations. It is Offodile, he said the models, incentives and capital-intensive, breakfast meeting was policy options capable of technically demanding designed to provide a driving competitive and highly competitive, clear assessment of the shipyard growth in which is why deliberate structural challenges Nigeria. funding models, targeted emphasised the importance of targeted confronting the "Shipbuilding is a incentives and consistent support, skills development and policy stability shipbuilding segment strategic pillar of Nigeria's policies are critical. to enable shipyards compete effectively.

Through engagements like these, NIMASA is working with industry stakeholders to address structural constraints, build local capacity, curb capital flight and position Nigerian shipyards to compete sustainably, while supporting decarbonisation, job creation and our obligations at the International Maritime Organisation," he said.

In his keynote address, the Managing Director of Starz Marine Limited, Greg Ogbeifun, commended the federal government for the creation of the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, describing it as a strategic step towards unlocking the full potential of the maritime sector. He also called for deliberate government support for shipyard operators to enhance capacity, improve competitiveness and attract investment.

Earlier in their goodwill messages, shipyard owners in Nigeria expressed willingness to collaborate with NIMASA to curb capital flight and build local capacity within the sector. They emphasised the importance of targeted support, skills development and policy stability to enable shipyards compete effectively.

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Lagos Reaffirms Commitment To Eco-Friendly Transport System



Ogunleye

The Lagos State Government has commenced the development of a comprehensive policy aimed at accelerating the transition to cleaner and more sustainable transportation systems across the state.

Speaking at an Inter-Ministerial Stakeholders' Meeting on the Development of a Sustainable Alternative Fuel Vehicles Policy and Implementation Plan at Alausa, Ikeja, the Commissioner for Energy and Mineral Resources, Biodun Ogunleye, highlighted the strategic importance of the policy in addressing traffic congestion, air pollution, energy security, and climate change challenges in Lagos.

According to a Sunday statement, the

commissioner noted that the initiative aligns with the state's THEMES+ Agenda, the Lagos State Development Plan 2052, and the state's Energy Transition Plan, as well as global commitments under the Sustainable Development Goals — particularly Goals Seven (Affordable and Clean Energy), Nine (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and 13 (Climate Action).

According to Ogunleye, these frameworks now require practical, measurable, and time-bound actions, with the AFV Policy and Implementation Framework serving as a key delivery instrument.

He explained that the proposed policy would provide a clear regulatory and institutional framework for the adoption of electric vehicles, compressed natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, biofuels, and other cleaner propulsion technologies.

The policy is also expected to address critical areas such as infrastructure

development, safety standards, local manufacturing and value addition, financing mechanisms, battery lifecycle management, as well as robust monitoring and evaluation systems.

Ogunleye further stated that the inter-ministerial meeting was a deliberate internal government engagement convened to ensure alignment, policy coherence, and shared ownership across relevant Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, ahead of broader consultations with private sector stakeholders and civil society.

He outlined the key objectives of the engagement to include harmonising institutional mandates, eliminating regulatory fragmentation, identifying implementation gaps, and building a unified approach to green mobility in Lagos State.

The commissioner stressed that Lagos, as Nigeria's economic hub and one of the fastest-growing cities globally, must take decisive steps to avoid the long-term economic and

environmental costs associated with continued dependence on fossil fuels. He described the AFV Policy as a critical pathway for positioning Lagos as Africa's leading green mobility and clean energy transportation hub.

In the same vein, the Chief Executive Officer of Tree of Life Autoworld Ltd, Adebola Omotosho, in his presentation, underscored the role of private sector innovation, investment, and technology transfer in driving the successful adoption of alternative fuel vehicles in Lagos State, while emphasising the need for enabling policies and incentives to stimulate market growth.

Participants at the meeting, drawn from key MDAs with responsibilities spanning transportation, environment, energy regulation, finance, justice, innovation, and local content development, commended the initiative and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the successful development and implementation of the policy.

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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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General News

Budget Office Uncovers 10-year Capital Funding Gap In Nigeria's Health Sector

Culled:

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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National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

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](#)

DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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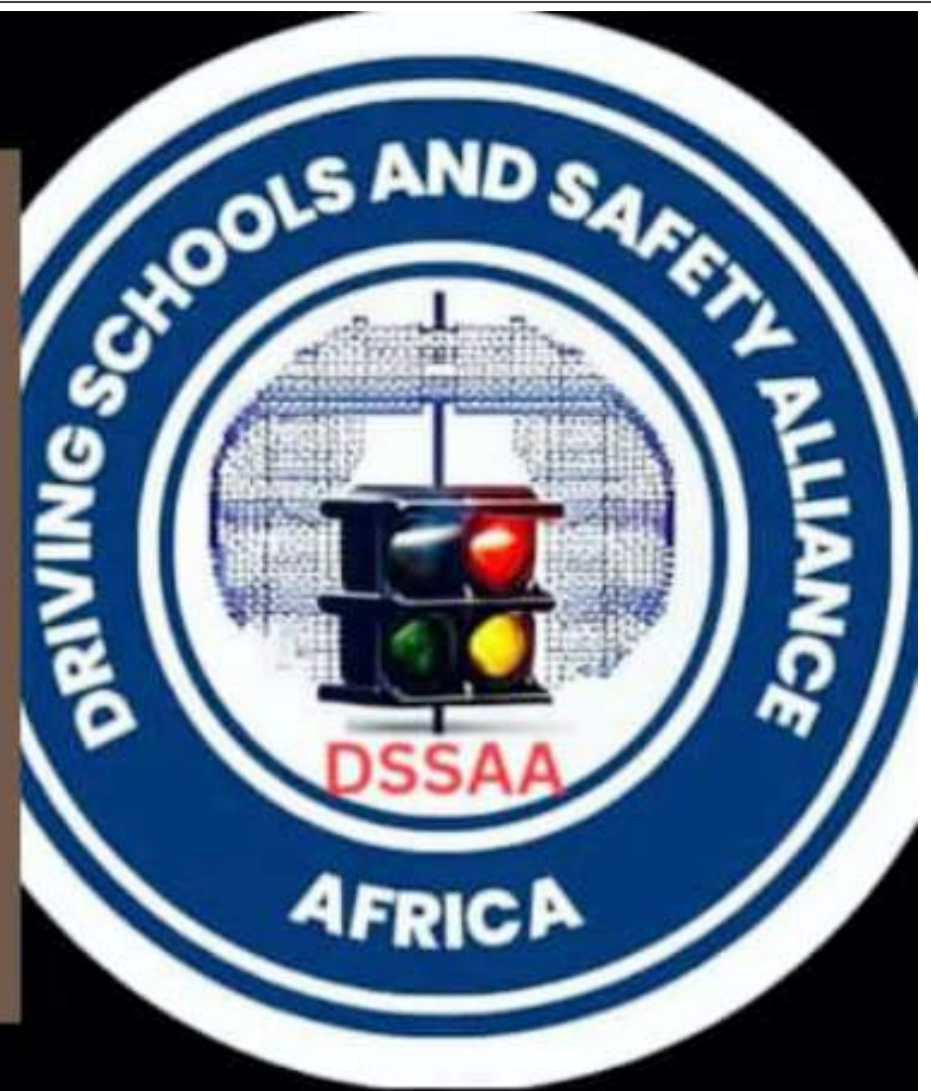


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