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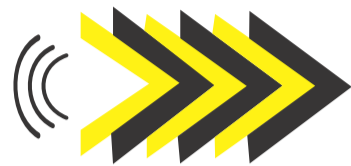
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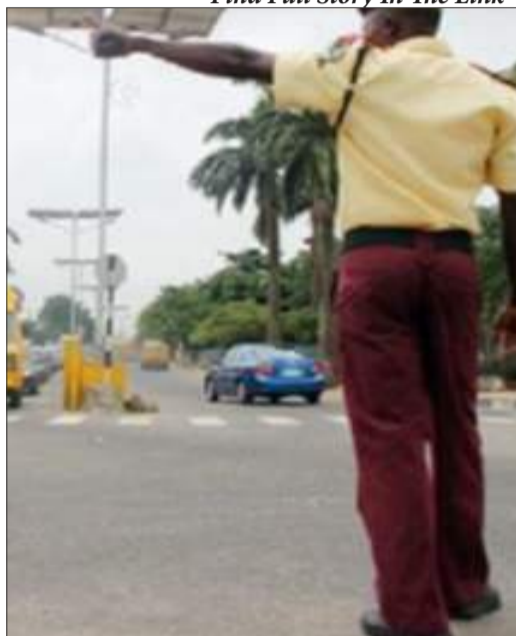
Tragedy struck on Tuesday along the Okota–Isolo axis of Lagos as a commercial minibus went up in flames, killing two occupants and injuring eight others.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) in a press statement signed by the Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Adebayo Taofiq said the incident involved a yellow commercial minibus, popularly known as Faka, with registration number SMK 823 YK, along the Ballet inward corridor to Mile 2, Okota.

Preliminary security reports indicated that the crash was triggered by an unidentified private vehicle that reversed on the main carriageway, forcing the speeding commercial bus to brake suddenly. The manoeuvre reportedly caused the vehicle to lose control, overturn several times and burst into flames while conveying nine passengers, including the driver.

Investigations further revealed that the driver was allegedly carrying a five-litre container of petrol inside the bus. The highly inflammable substance ignited on impact, leading to a severe fire outbreak. The driver and a female passenger seated at the front were said to have been burnt beyond recognition in the inferno. LASTMA operatives on routine patrol in the area were said to have responded swiftly, rescuing eight passengers from the wreckage before the fire escalated.

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Dangote Refinery Reduces Fuel Price To Edge Out Importers

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Dangote Refinery has slashed its Premium Motor Spirit, PMS, gantry price to N774 per liter, down from N799, in a strategic move to edge out fuel importers in Nigeria.

The 650,000 barrels-per-day refinery disclosed this in a notice on Tuesday. This means the plant reduced its entry petrol price by N25 per liter.

“This is to notify you of a change in our PMS gantry price from N799 per liter to N774 per liter,” the refinery said.

Meanwhile, the refinery informed petroleum marketers that its gantry petrol lifting bonus has ended.

“Additionally, please note that the PMS lifting bonus ended at 12:00 a.m. on 10th February 2026. The corresponding credit for volumes loaded from 2nd to 10th February 2026, within the stipulated volume thresholds earlier communicated, will be posted to your account statement. Thank you for your continued partnership,” the notice added.

While Dangote's gantry price now stands at N774 per liter, depot owners like Eterna and MENJ report ex-depot prices of N790 per liter, according to petroleumpriceng.com.

Dangote Refinery's downward price review comes at a time when imported petrol dropped to an average of N721.80 per liter, according to data from the Major Energies Marketers Association of Nigeria released last Friday.

Meanwhile, retail petrol prices remain between N839 and N905 per liter in Abuja.

Recall that in January 2026, Dangote Refinery had increased its gantry price to N799 per liter, up from N699, which triggered a nationwide hike in retail fuel prices.

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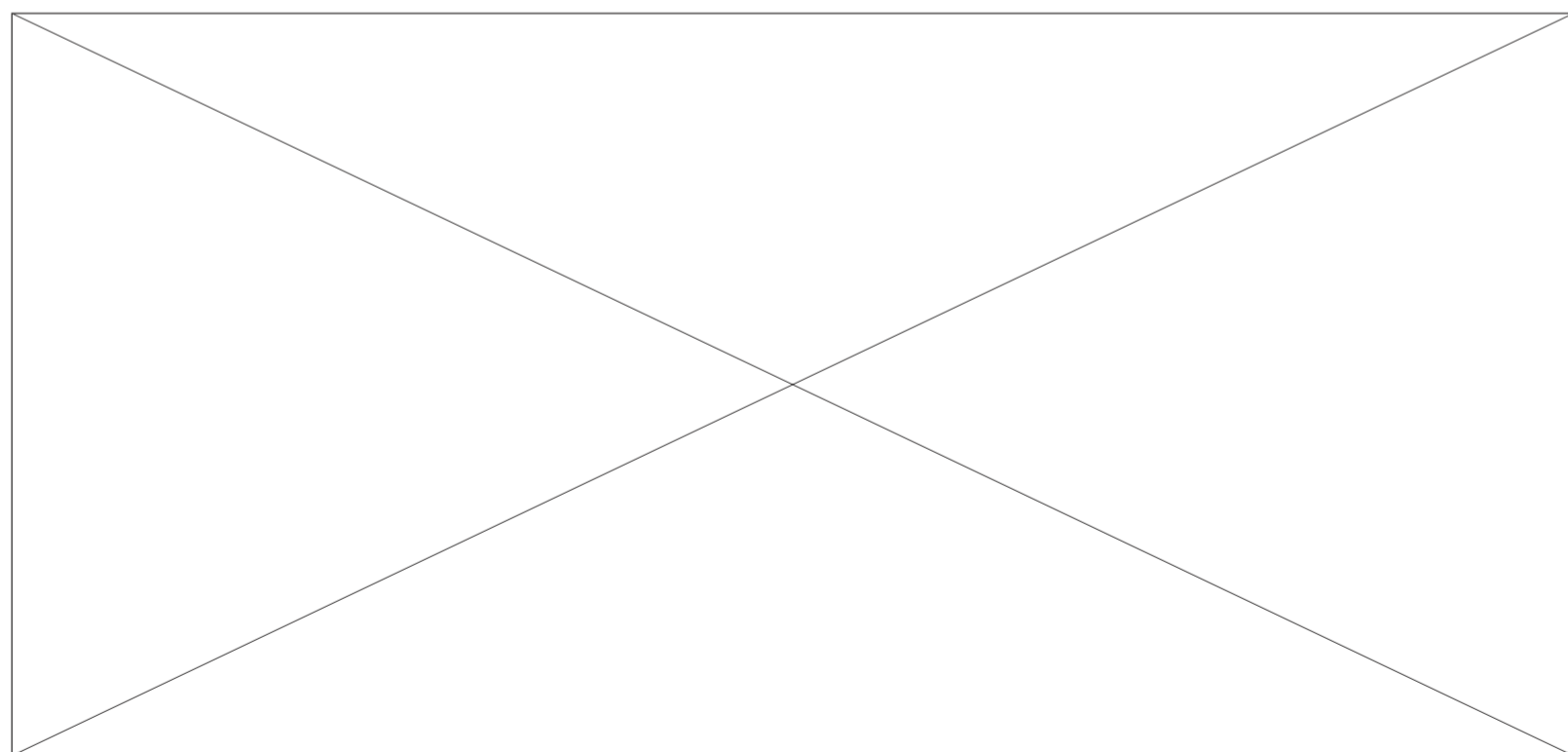
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The centre was formally inaugurated during a ceremony attended by TRACE officials, Security/Safety Agencies, members of the 4th estate of the real and other stakeholders, with the agency describing the facility as a key component of its preventive and compliance approach to traffic management.

Speaking at the event, TRACE Public Relations Officer, Commander Babatunde Akinbiyi, said the Enlightenment Centre was established to educate and sensitise road users before, during, and after traffic incidents, noting that many crashes are preventable through



TRACE

proper awareness, sensitization and information.

“The centre is created for the promotion and sustenance of life and properties. Accidents and crashes have causes, and before they occur, there is a need for education and sensitisation. Even after they occur, enlightenment remains essential,” Akinbiyi said.

He added that the use of technology and structured public education at the centre would contribute to reducing crash fatalities along major traffic corridors in Ogun State, especially in Ogun West command.

Also speaking, the Most Senior TRACE Commander, Chief Traffic Officer Elias Omonayajo, said the commissioning of the centre coincided

with activities marking the 50th anniversary of Ogun State and reflected TRACE's emphasis on compliance before enforcement.

“As a traffic compliance and enforcement agency, compliance comes first. We need a place where road users can be properly acquainted and educated before, during, and after apprehension,” Omonayajo said.

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Port Harcourt Refinery Ready To Resume Operations - PENGASSAN

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The Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN) has said the old Port Harcourt Refinery has been rehabilitated to about 90 per cent and could resume operations within one week if the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC Ltd) approves its restart.

The PENGASSAN President, Mr Festus Osifo, disclosed this on Tuesday while speaking on Channels Television's The Morning Brief.

His remarks come amid renewed debate over the future of Nigeria's state-owned refineries, following comments by NNPC Ltd's Group Chief Executive Officer, Bayo Ojulari, who described the reopening of the Port Harcourt Refinery as a potential waste of resources.

Osifo said the refinery is technically ready for operation, explaining that the delay in restarting the plant is largely due to profitability considerations rather than mechanical issues.

"As of today, you can start the old Port Harcourt refinery, and it will function. You can put it on today, and it will function. However, NNPC as a company is there to make a profit," he said.

"So, if they want to start it today, within the next week, they can bring it back to life. It has been rehabilitated up to about 90 per cent."

He noted that operating the refinery could result in financial losses depending on crude oil costs and product pricing.

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Port Harcourt Refinery

Oando Links Oil Growth To Capital, Strategic Partnerships

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Executive Director of Oando Plc and Managing Director of OER, Alex Ainojie, said scaling the country's oil production ambition would require more than technical expertise.

He stressed the critical need for strategic collaboration and capital deployment during his plenary session at the Nigeria International Energy Summit (NIES) 2026 in Abuja.

Ainojie said Nigeria has set ambitious production targets, aiming for two million barrels in the near term and three million barrels in the medium term.

He noted that the ambitions are often presented without a clear view of the costs involved.

"What we do not see often right next to those ambitions is the cost and how much it's going to take," he said.

While Nigeria has the technical capacity, Ainojie cautioned that financing remains the major bottleneck.

"The technical part we've always been good at. That's one thing no one can take

away from us. As a country executing, we can do that work. The question is having the capital to back that execution," he said.

He suggested exploring alternative mechanisms, including government-to-government (G2G) support and increased engagement with Eastern countries, to unlock the capital necessary for growth, as traditional sources of funding, including multilateral institutions, trading firms and reserve-based loans, may not be sufficient to achieve the scale needed.

Ainojie also called on international oil companies to reconsider investment strategies, advocating for "patient capital" that accounts for the gestation periods, technical challenges, and risks inherent in large-scale oil projects, noting the need for long-term commitment to support national development objectives.

He added that governance, regulatory clarity, and synchronised collaboration between operators and government agencies are important.

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FG To Complete N75.47bn Potiskum-Jakusko-Gashua Road In May

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The Federal Government has assured that the ₦75.47 billion Potiskum-Jakusko-Gashua road project in Yobe State will be completed in May 2026, despite unforeseen challenges encountered during construction.

The Minister of Works, Engr. David Umahi gave the assurance during an inspection of the project, reaffirming the Federal Government's commitment to delivering quality infrastructure that will boost economic activities and improve road accessibility in the state.

Umahi, in a statement issued by the Director of Information and Public Relations in the ministry, Mohammed Ahmed, said the interventions are aimed at restoring failed roads, improving access, and supporting economic and social activities in Yobe State and neighbouring areas.

According to the statement, the inspection formed part of a national media tour of federal road projects and the commissioning of emergency and special intervention works. The Yobe



Senator Umahi

State leg of the tour was held on Monday, February 9, 2026, and was led by the Federal Controller of Works (FCW) in the state, Engr. Nasir Dauda.

Participants included officials of the Federal Ministry of Works, representatives of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Damaturu Branch, contractors, community leaders and members of the media.

At the rehabilitation site of the

Potiskum-Jakusko-Gashua road (Section One), Engr. Dauda assured residents of timely completion of the project, noting that it was awarded in 2024 to Messrs JRB Construction Limited with a completion date of May 14, 2026.

The project covers a distance of 79.4 kilometres and is being constructed using Continuous Reinforced Concrete Pavement (CRCP).

Dauda explained that construction commenced from Chainage 49, identified as the most critical section of the road due to severe erosion and flooding.

The Project Manager, Engr. Kabir Fatai, disclosed that over 1.5 kilometres of the pavement had already been completed, with work prioritised on vulnerable sections ahead of the rainy season.

Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Damaturu Branch, Engr. Mustapha Abdullahi, described the choice of rigid pavement as appropriate, confirming that tests showed a pavement thickness of 200 millimetres.

He noted that the project would boost economic activities, reduce road accidents and significantly shorten travel time.

The inspection team also commissioned an emergency access road project at the College of Administration, Management and Technology (CAMTECH), Potiskum.

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The Lagos State Government has assured residents that the flooding experienced in parts of Lekki on Tuesday is temporary and will subside as tidal conditions normalise.

Heavy rainfall across the Lekki axis triggered flash floods and temporary tidal lock-ups, leading to severe traffic congestion on major routes, including the Chisco Elegushi corridor and the Elf area, with the gridlock stretching back to Jakande First Gate.

Videos of the incident circulated widely on social media, showing submerged sections of the roadway. In one clip, a motorist alleged that the flooding followed barely 30 minutes of rainfall.

Responding to public concerns, the Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab, urged residents to remain calm, noting that the situation was being closely monitored by government agencies.

"While there was rainfall on the Island and a temporary tidal lock-up occurred,

this is a short-term situation.

"As the tide recedes in the next few minutes, the water will discharge naturally and conditions will improve," he said.

The Commissioner for Transportation, Oluwaseun Osiyemi, also provided an update on traffic conditions, confirming disruptions caused by the flooding.

"Due to the heavy rains, there are flash floods at Chisco Elegushi worsening traffic flow. The backlog has extended to Elf tailing back to Jakande First Gate.

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Lagos Flood

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Chisco Transport Limited has commenced the assembly of Yutong luxury buses and Sinotruk trucks in Lagos as part of efforts to upgrade its fleet and support the rollout of a new Drive-To-Own transport franchise.

The company said the initiative was aimed at ensuring sustainable fleet renewal, enhancing logistics operations and creating employment opportunities across the country.

The new facility, which also assembles other Chinese commercial vehicle brands, recently rolled out 80 luxury buses and 40 trucks to kick-start the franchise scheme.

The vehicles are expected to operate on routes connecting the Southeast with the Northern region, as well as provide premium services on the Lagos-Accra West Coast corridor.

Chairman of the Chisco Group, Dr. Chidi Anyaegbu, said the company remains committed to investments that stimulate economic growth, generate employment and improve the quality of life of Nigerians.

Chisco Begins Local Assembly Of Luxury Buses, Trucks

He recalled his early days in the transport business, noting that his motivation was driven by employment creation rather than profit.

"In 1981, when I ventured into transportation, I didn't see it as the most profitable business. But I saw it as a business that would employ many people," he said.

Anyaegbu explained that the Drive-To-Own initiative was conceived to expand road transportation services, including passenger movement, cargo and parcel delivery, while empowering operators.

Managing Director of Chisco Transport, Obinna Anyaegbu, assured that the company would continue to meet the evolving demands of road transportation and logistics services nationwide.

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Gov Fubara Inspects P'Harcourt Ring Road, Targets October Completion



Governor Fubara at the Ring Road

Governor of Rivers State, Sir Siminalayi Fubara, on Tuesday conducted an inspection of the 50.15 -kilometre Port Harcourt Ring Road, reaffirming his administration's commitment to completing the landmark infrastructure project by October 2026.

The governor, accompanied by the Deputy Regional Manager (South-South and South-East) of Julius Berger Nigeria PLC, Mr. Rimon Marisho, toured critical sections of the project spanning six local government areas of the state.

The inspection commenced at the Eleme axis, specifically the Refinery Junction, and continued through Oyigbo and Obio-Akpor,

terminating at the river-crossing bridge linking the Agip/RSU axis of Port Harcourt to Mgbuodohia community in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area.

Speaking to journalists at the bridge site, Governor Fubara explained that the tour was aimed at evaluating the level of work done as the project approaches the end of its initial 36-month completion timeline.

According to him, significant progress has been recorded across various sections of the road, adding that the contractors have assured the state government of timely delivery within the revised schedule.

"The project was initially planned to last for about 36 months, and we are now approaching that period. It became necessary for us to physically assess the level of progress made so far.

"From what you can observe, a lot has been achieved. In our discussions, the contractors have continued to assure us that they will deliver the project by

October. From my assessment, what they require is sustained funding, and from our end, the necessary push," the governor said.

Governor Fubara disclosed that Julius Berger Nigeria PLC has confirmed that, with continued financial and institutional support, the Ring Road project will be completed by October 2026.

He described the Port Harcourt Ring Road as a priority project of his administration, noting its critical role in improving transportation infrastructure and meeting the expectations of the people of Rivers State.

The governor further underscored the strategic importance of the project, stating that it was conceived as a long-term solution to traffic congestion and the challenges of urban expansion within the state.

"I strongly believe that the promise we made to our people, to deliver this project by October, will be fulfilled, God willing.

"This project is particularly important

because of the vision behind it. My predecessor, the Honourable Minister who conceived it had a far-reaching vision, believing that its completion within record time would bring immense satisfaction to the people.

"Despite the challenges, it remains my desire and commitment to ensure that this vision is realised. This underscores how important the project is, not just to this administration, but to everyone who means well for Rivers State," he added.

The project, initiated in July 2023, spans across six local government areas namely, Port Harcourt, Obio-Akpor, Ikwerre, Etche, Eleme, and Ogu-Bolo. It includes the construction of six flyovers and a river-crossing bridge, designed to decongest traffic and stimulate economic growth in the state.

The project is widely viewed as a crucial infrastructure development intended to transform the urban layout of Port Harcourt and surrounding areas.

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The disclosure was made on Tuesday by the Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi, who said the repair works would focus on the stretch between U-Turn Bus Stop and Sango Tollgate, affecting both directions of traffic.

According to Osiyemi, the rehabilitation exercise is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, February 11, and will last until Wednesday, March 11, spanning four weeks. He explained that the project would be implemented in two phases to reduce traffic congestion along the corridor.

The first phase will cover Abeokuta-bound traffic, from U-Turn Bus Stop inward Sango Tollgate, and will run from February 11 to March 4. During this



Hon. Oluwaseun Osiyemi

period, vehicles to normal flow after while work continues on heading towards passing the work area. the remaining lane. He Abeokuta from Lagos Osiyemi noted that added that motorists and Abule-Egba will be rehabilitation would be travelling towards Lagos and Abule-Egba will be carried out one lane at a will experience free-diverted to one half of the carriageway, about time. Once one section is flowing traffic throughout 20 metres away from completed, traffic will be the first phase. the active construction redirected to the The second phase, which zone. Traffic will return rehabilitated portion will affect Lagos-bound

traffic, is scheduled for March 4 to March 11 and will cover the Obadeyi Bus Stop to Ekor Junction axis. During this stage, vehicles heading from Abeokuta and Sango Tollgate towards Lagos and Abule-Egba will be diverted to one side of the road, with traffic restored to full access beyond the construction area.

Similar to the first phase, work will be executed in sections, with traffic redirected to completed portions as construction progresses. Abeokuta-bound motorists will continue to enjoy uninterrupted movement during this phase.

The commissioner assured road users that adequate traffic management arrangements would be put in place throughout the duration of the project. He urged motorists to plan their journeys ahead of time, adhere to traffic signs, and cooperate with traffic officials.

Osiyemi appealed for patience and understanding from the public, noting that the rehabilitation works are necessary to improve safety and driving conditions on the expressway.

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FG Urges States To Invest In Water Transportation



Oyetola

The minister said the federal government had already procured and distributed boats to operate on waterways in different parts of the country, but stressed that state governments must also play their part.

The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, has urged state governors to invest heavily in water transportation, including the procurement of boats, as a way to reduce the cost of transportation across the country.

Mr Oyetola, a former governor of Osun State, made the call on Tuesday while appearing before a joint committee of the House of Representatives on Marine Transport, Ports,

Maritime Safety, Education and Administration; Shipping Services; Inland Waterways; and Ocean and Fisheries.

The minister said the federal government had already procured and distributed boats for use on waterways across different parts of the country, but stressed that state governments must also play their part.

“We call on the attention of sub nationals to give attention to other means of transportation. The federal government cannot do it alone. We procured some boats, we distributed some to some states, we are calling on the sub nationals to please invest heavily in our water transportation,” he said.

Mr Oyetola noted that water transportation, if properly managed, would be a cheaper alternative for commuters.

“Not less than two states are connected by water. Water transportation is cheaper, and it'll

definitely be cheaper if it is properly managed. So, I want to appeal through the National Assembly to call on the sub-nationals, the states, to invest in water transportation.”

Nigeria possesses one of the largest networks of inland waterways in Africa, spanning an estimated 10,000 kilometres and linking coastal, riverine, and inland states through rivers such as the Niger, Benue, Cross River, and Ogun, as well as numerous creeks and lagoons.

Despite this natural advantage, water transportation remains largely underdeveloped and poorly integrated into the country's broader transport system, leaving road transport overstretched and expensive.

The minister's call for water transportation comes at a time when rising fuel prices, frequent road accidents, traffic congestion, and the high cost of road maintenance have intensified debates around alternative transport options. Inland water

transport offers a cheaper and more energy-efficient means of moving passengers and goods, particularly for states that share waterways or lie along major rivers.

In terms of implementation, water transportation involves the development of passenger and cargo boat services, jetties, terminals, navigational channels, safety infrastructure, and enforcement mechanisms to regulate operations.

While the federal government, through agencies such as the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), is constitutionally responsible for regulating and managing inland waterways, state governments play a critical role in providing boats, terminals, last-mile connectivity, and local enforcement.

Many Nigerian states are naturally connected by water. For example, the River Niger links Niger, Kogi, Anambra, Delta, and Bayelsa states, while the River Benue connects Benue, Taraba, and parts of Kogi.

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Ethiopian Airlines Begins Construction Of 110-Million Passenger Bishoftu Airport

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

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

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

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



expanded annual capacity of 25 million passengers.

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

suitable conditions for efficient aircraft operations and passenger handling.

Its proximity allows easy integration with the existing aviation network.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Morocco is preparing a major shift in how people move across its cities and regions. The government has committed USD 7.8 B to build a cleaner, more connected public transport system by 2029, marking one of the country's biggest mobility investments to date.

The announcement came during a COP30 side event in Belém, where Abdellatif Maâzouz, president of the Casablanca-Settat regional council, detailed the scale and structure of the national plan.

Officials said the goal is to push public transport to the center of

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

daily travel and cut reliance on private cars. The strategy puts heavy emphasis on cleaner technologies, modern infrastructure, and stronger coordination between regions.

A large share of the funding, roughly USD 1.1 B, will support the purchase of 3,750 new buses designed to meet modern efficiency and environmental standards. The rest, about USD 6.7 B, will go into long-term infrastructure, including new tram corridors, regional express trains, and expanded rail links that connect fast-growing cities.

The Ministry of Interior and regional councils describe the initiative as a "clean, multimodal system" intended to ease movement across Morocco while cutting transport emissions, one of the country's most persistent environmental challenges.

Casablanca-Settat has stepped in as the main driver of the transition. The region has committed USD 2.5 B, nearly 40% of its updated development plan, to modernizing mobility across both urban centers and rural zones.

Its model relies on a non-polluting train-tramway backbone, expanded with a fully modernized

bus network. A new digital multimodal platform will tie the system together, offering real-time passenger information, smarter traffic management, and simpler transfers between transport modes.

Officials say the platform could become one of the most advanced in Africa, designed to reduce congestion and make public transport more predictable for commuters.

Several parts of the country have already seen early changes. Road expansions in and around major cities have eased traffic pressure, and monitoring stations have recorded better air quality between 2023 and 2025. Local councils attribute these improvements to a steady shift toward shared transport, helped by more reliable services and better regional planning.

Speaking at COP30, Maâzouz stressed that Morocco's ecological transition is being driven by the country's advanced regionalization policy. Regions now design and execute their own mobility strategies while aligning with national climate targets.

He said this regional approach has accelerated the rollout of major projects, improved coordination between institutions, and encouraged innovation in both planning and service delivery.

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Nigeria Tops Global AI Adoption In Learning, Entrepreneurship - Google

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

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

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

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

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

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



Google

with technology," he said.

Kola-Ogunlade added that the findings showed AI has become a major tool for learning and professional development in Nigeria.

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

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

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

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

He added that 95 per cent of respondents believe

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

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

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INEC Denies Election Timetable As Fake

Culled:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Gov Mbah Approves Immediate Fencing Of ESUT Campus



Governor Mbah

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

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

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

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

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

chancellor stated.

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

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

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FG Seeks Collective Action On Nigeria's Global Reputation

Culled:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AVEVA Appoints Khaled Salah As Vice President Of Africa

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

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

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

He started his career at Schneider

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

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

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

In addition to his current role as AVEVA and Schneider Electric partnership Vice-President, Khaled now takes over the management of AVEVA's activities in Africa. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
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4. Africa Road Safety Partnerships and Research board (ARSPARB)- A hub for the advancement of partnerships with development agencies, National Governments and corporations as well as a Research Faculty for Road Safety Research Projects.

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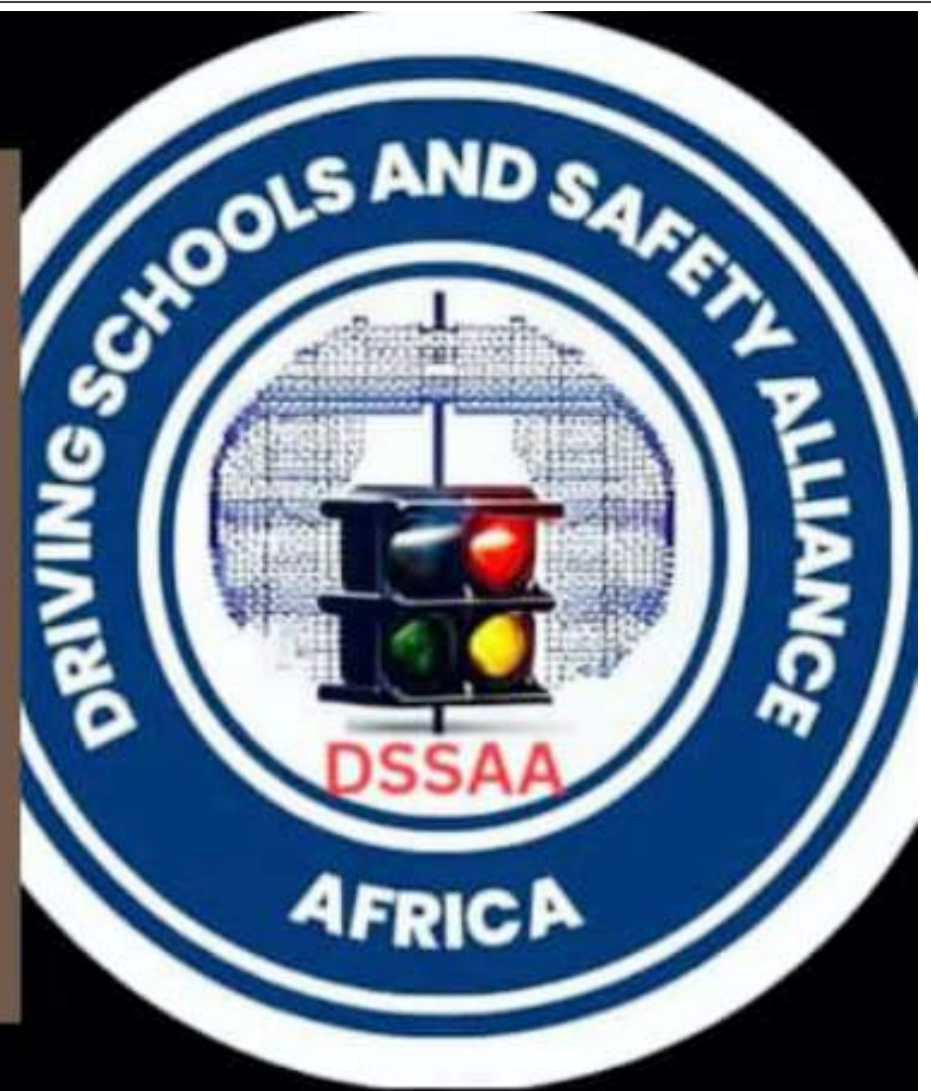


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