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The Delta State Police Command has declared an immediate intensification of traffic law enforcement across the state, warning that violators will face swift prosecution in newly operational mobile courts.

The command said the move "follows official confirmation from the Delta State Judiciary that designated Mobile Courts are operational across various jurisdictions in the State."

In a statement signed on Tuesday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Edefe Bright, said these courts are empowered to summarily try traffic offenders and other violators in accordance with extant laws.

"Consequently, the Command will strengthen surveillance, patrol, and enforcement operations across major roads and urban centres, including Asaba, Warri, Effurun, Sapele, Ughelli, Agbor, and other locations within the State.

"Offences such as reckless driving,

driving against traffic, use of unauthorised number plates, driving without registration numbers, unauthorised use of sirens and revolving lights, obstruction, and other traffic violations will attract immediate arrest and prosecution before the Mobile Courts," the statement read in part.

SP Bright warned members of the public to desist from violating traffic regulations, noting that the command will not tolerate impunity.

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Delta State Police Command

### Plateau Flags Off CNG Conversion Training For 120 Youths

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The Plateau State Government, in collaboration with the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) and Thermolinks Ltd., has flagged off a five-day training programme on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) conversion, safety, and maintenance for 120 youths in Jos.

The initiative, which kicked off on Monday, at the Federal Secretariat, Jos, aligns with the Federal Government's National Gas Expansion Programme to promote cleaner, safer, and more affordable energy options nationwide.

Declaring the programme open, Plateau State Deputy Governor, Josephine Piyo, who represented Governor Caleb Mutfwang, described it as a strategic move that supports the state's priorities in youth empowerment, skills acquisition, and environmental sustainability.

"Youth development remains a top priority of our administration."

"This training goes beyond gas conversion; it equips our young people

with practical, market-driven skills that open doors to entrepreneurship and active participation in Nigeria's evolving energy economy," she said.

Piyo commended the NCDMB for extending the programme to non-oil-producing states like Plateau, calling it a demonstration of national inclusion and commitment to indigenous capacity building.

Project Director of Thermolinks Ltd., Mr. Tonye Briggs, revealed that Plateau is the fifth state to benefit from the programme, praising the exceptional support from the state government compared to others.

He explained that the training is highly practical, combining theoretical sessions with real-time vehicle conversions.

Each participant will receive a starter toolkit and two certificates, one backed by the Federal Government and another by the programme partners."

"Their names will also be uploaded to a national database of certified CNG technicians," Briggs stated.

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Umahi, who spoke through Mukaila Danladi, the Benue Controller of Works, Federal Ministry of Works, said the contractor had achieved the binder level up to 2.5 kilometres. "From 2.5 kilometres to 12 kilometres, they have achieved sub-base level and are ready to receive the base course."

He also lamented the Benue Government's ban on blasting of rocks, which he said has grossly affected the progress of the contract,



Katsina-Ala-Takum road project

apart from the security challenges. James Igba, Project Coordinator, Gerawa Global Engineering Nigeria Limited, disclosed in a welcome address that the company took over the site on November 27, 2023, but had to stop work at a point due to security challenges around the road corridor.

The project coordinator told the FMW

team led by Mohammed Abdullahi, Director of Information and Public Relations, that the project was to be completed in December 2025, but due to the challenges faced, they have applied for an 18-month extension.

Abdullahi, the FMW team lead, said the tour was to gauge the perception of the Federal Government's interventions in road infrastructure to

ease the plight of commuters and boost the transportation system of the rural dwellers.

He said that the enhancement of roads network to ease transportation is one among the eight pillars of the administration's Renewed Hope Agenda, saying the tour was to inaugurate completed emergency projects and inspect the ongoing ones.

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## Local Transport News

# Six Killed In Fatal Multi-Vehicle Crash At Ota Tollgate

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No fewer than six persons have lost their lives in a fatal road crash involving a truck, a commercial tricycle and a mini-bus at the Ota Tollgate area.

The incident, which occurred on Monday morning, involved a truck loaded with groundnut oil, a tricycle popularly known as "Marwa," and a mini-bus, also known as "Korope." The Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE) confirmed that six lives (five males and a female) were lost in the accident.

In a traffic alert issued shortly after the crash, TRACE stated that the accident significantly affected traffic flow in the area.

Emergency responders, including officials of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), and the Nigeria Police Force, were immediately deployed to the scene to manage the situation and

restore normalcy.

According to an update by Cdr. Babatunde Akinbiyi, the TRACE P.R.O, injured victims were rescued and transported to the State Hospital, Ota, for medical attention, while the deceased are being moved to the Ifo State Mortuary.

Officials said efforts are ongoing to evacuate the wreckage, including the truck and other affected vehicles, from the roadway and shoulder to ease traffic congestion.

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The accident scene

# Oborewori Demands Speed, Quality As He Inspects Key Delta Road Projects

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Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborewori, Governor of Delta State has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to quality infrastructure and timely project delivery during inspection visits to the ongoing Ugbolu–Okpanam and Phase 2 of Oko-Anala – Oko-Ogbele – Oko-Odifili Road projects.

Speaking during the inspection of the 12.12 kilometre Ugbolu–Okpanam Road, Rt. Hon. Oborewori said his visit was aimed at personally assessing the progress of work rather than relying solely on reports from engineers.

The Governor said, "I did not just come here casually, I came to personally inspect and see for myself the level of work. This follow-up is as important as groundbreaking and commissioning ceremonies".

Governor Oborewori recalled that he began giving serious consideration to the project around July last year due to the persistent movement challenges experienced by residents along the

corridor. The groundbreaking ceremony was performed in October.

The Governor disclosed that although the original timeline for the project is 18 months, the contractor has assured the state government of completion by December this year.

The road, he explained, is designed with 7.7-metre-wide concrete drains on both sides, with an overall width of approximately 11 metres and an 8-metre main carriageway.

According to him, the extensive drainage system is critical given the flooding challenges in the area, adding that Okpanam sits on higher ground, causing water to flow into surrounding lower areas, which has over the years led to severe flooding.

The ongoing construction of comprehensive drainage channels, he said, would redirect water safely to the river and significantly address flooding concerns.

Rt. Hon. Oborewori added, "some of the previous drain systems were either

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The campaign, launched on Tuesday during a webinar under the foundation's "Not in My Country" project, convened policymakers, security officials, academics and advocacy groups.

Speaking at the ceremony, the foundation's founder, Akin Fadeyi, questioned why road accidents remain commonplace despite decades of public awareness and government interventions.

Mr Fadeyi cited figures indicating over



Akin Fadeyi logo

10,000 crashes, nearly 39,000 casualties and more than 5,000 deaths within a reporting period, describing them as "unfinished stories and extinguished potentials."

"These are not accidents in many cases. They are behavioural infractions, speeding, drunk driving, overloading, illegal parking, masquerading as fate," he said.

He linked the problem to broader

governance and corruption concerns, noting that Nigeria has earned hundreds of billions of dollars from oil since independence, yet continues to struggle with infrastructure deficits, including deteriorating roads.

Mr Fadeyi argued that while the government must be held accountable, citizens also have a responsibility to act responsibly.

"Why do we keep holding the

government accountable without reminding ourselves that we have a role to play in our own safety?" he asked.

The foundation's campaign includes a one-minute audio message aimed at discouraging drunk driving and other risky behaviours. It plans to distribute the material across social media and is seeking broadcast support to widen its reach.

Mr Fadeyi also disclosed that the organisation has previously worked with international partners, including the MacArthur Foundation, the European Union, the United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, on governance and behavioural change initiatives.

During the interactive session, participants challenged the foundation to clarify how the campaign would achieve measurable impact, noting that similar corporate road safety campaigns have often failed to translate into behavioural change.

One participant questioned whether

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## Local Transport News

# LAMATA Unveils Award For Most PWD-Friendly Bus Operators

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The Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority has unveiled a new award initiative to recognise bus operating companies that demonstrate outstanding responsiveness to Persons with Disabilities, aiming to improve accessibility across Lagos State's public transport system.

In a statement obtained from LAMATA's X handle on Tuesday, the announcement was made during a courtesy visit by the Lagos State Office for Disability Affairs with both agencies discussing strategies to enhance inclusion.

LAMATA's Managing Director, Mrs. Abimbola Akinajo commended LASODA for its advocacy on disability inclusion, while LASODA's General Manager, Mrs. Adenike Oyetunde-Lawal, emphasised the importance of priority seating and the integration of sign language video translations for public announcements.

"The award is part of LAMATA's broader effort to incentivise bus operators to prioritise accessibility, ensuring a more

inclusive, equitable, and user-friendly transport system for all residents of Lagos State," Akinajo said.

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Air Peace has reinforced its commitment to comfort and service excellence with the unveiling of a new Executive Lounge at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport Terminal 2 (MMIA2), Lagos.

A statement on Monday by the Communications Manager, Air Peace, Efe Osifo-Whiskey, said the facility, inaugurated on February 14, 2026, signalled an enduring dedication to elevating premium travel experience across its expanding domestic, regional and international network.

The statement hinted that the Valentine's Day launch ceremony attracted senior management of the airline and first and business class passengers, including travellers on its London route.

A former governor of Anambra State, Peter Obi, who was at the event, commended the airline's steady growth and investment in quality infrastructure.

He stated that the executive lounge was designed to deliver an enhanced pre-flight experience and provide a modern

# Air Peace Opens Executive Lounge At MMIA2

and serene environment tailored to premium passengers.

With a seating capacity of over 39 guests, the cream-toned facility features six ergonomic recliner chairs aimed at ensuring comfort and relaxation before departure.

"The lounge also integrates productivity and leisure. It boasts a dedicated workspace equipped with computer monitors and printing facilities, alongside two private meeting areas furnished with tablets and headphones for virtual conferences or personal use.

"An entertainment section with a large television complements a fully stocked bar offering pastries, soft drinks and assorted beverages," the statement added.

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The federal government has resumed rehabilitation works on the Maiduguri-Monguno road corridor after eight years of delay caused by insecurity.

The Director of Information, Federal Ministry of Works, Muhammad Ahmad, who disclosed this shortly after the tour of the project and the inauguration ceremony heralding the Kaga-Gubio road work in Maiduguri on Wednesday said the road project was first awarded in 2018. According to him, the office of the National Security Adviser and the military has assured of adequate security for workers on the road. Ahmad said, "The project manager has explained today that they had security issue all

these while. However, as we speak, the NSA and the military are trying to give them cover so that they can work.

This issue is not only on this alignment. We have it all over Northern Nigeria."

Also speaking on the 105.5-kilometre Monguno-Maiduguri road rehabilitation, the Federal Controller of works in the state, Salisu Adamu, explained that it was initially awarded to QUMEVS Nigeria Limited on July 3, 2018, at the cost of N21.7 billion but has since undergone major adjustments in design and funding.

According to Salisu, the project was reviewed from a flexible pavement with surface-dressed shoulders to asphaltic concrete shoulders, pushing the current contract sum to N28.35 billion, funded through 2025 Appropriation and Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited.

"The project length is 105.6km. When the contract was awarded on July 3, 2018, the completion date was set on the 3rd of March 2021. The initial contract sum is N21.729, 573,500.23,

the project has been rescope, and the current contract sum is N2bn,365, 277, 397.15," he said.

However, he stressed that only 5.85 kilometres of binder course have been completed so far, while 24.15 kilometres remain outstanding under Phase I, with a certified amount of N9.54 billion, which is yet to be paid.

He added that the project stands at 5.46 per cent completion, with 19.44 per cent time lapse, and a projected completion date of June 10, 2028.

Highlighting major challenges, Salisu said materials for the work were transported from long distances, including stone-base from Shira in Jama'are LGA, about 450 kilometres away, and laterite from Ngamdu near Yobe State, over 150 kilometres from the site.

He also blamed insecurity and frequent attacks along the highways for delays.

"We are forced to use longer routes to procure materials as a result a lot of time and resources are wasted in the haulage. We are also compelled to

mobilise and demobilise equipment from the site on a daily basis for the security of the equipment," he further explained.

On solutions taken to remedy the situation, the Controller called for special security arrangements involving the Nigerian military and the Borno State Government, as well as special funding to cover extra security costs.

He noted that the takeover of the project by Nigerian National Petroleum Company under the Federal Government Tax Credit Scheme has improved progress.

"With the takeover of the project by the NNPC under the Federal Government Tax Credit Scheme, the contractor has made a remarkable progress of work at the site," he stated.

While speaking on the Kaga-Gubio road, Adamu described the project as a critical road, linking rural dwellers and farmers to markets in urban areas.

He said, "This project is named the Limited Rehabilitation of Kaga-Gubio roads, sections 1 and 2."

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The deal will support the expansion of the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals from its current capacity of 650,000 barrels per day to 1.4 million barrels per day — a scale that would position it as the largest refinery in the world once completed.

The company said the new equipment will strengthen construction capacity across its refining, petrochemical, agricultural, and infrastructure projects. It expects to complete the refinery expansion within three years.

The expansion programme also includes a major increase in petrochemical output. Polypropylene production will rise from 900,000 metric tonnes per year to 2.4



Dangote Refinery

million metric tonnes annually, while Nigeria's urea production capacity will triple from 3 million to 9 million metric tonnes per year. Combined with its 3 million metric tonnes annual capacity in Ethiopia, Dangote Group will reinforce its position as the world's largest urea producer. The group will also expand its production of linear alkyl benzene (LAB) to 400,000 metric tonnes per year, strengthening supply to detergent and cleaning product manufacturers and establishing Dangote as Africa's largest producer of the industrial chemical. The expansion plan also includes additional base

oil production capacity.

Dangote Group described the agreement as a strategic investment aimed at strengthening its construction capabilities and accelerating its long-term growth strategy.

“The additional equipment we are acquiring under this partnership will significantly enhance execution across our projects,” the company said. “With this investment, we are positioning ourselves to become the number one construction company in the world.”

The expansion forms part of Dangote Group's broader ambition to build a \$100 billion enterprise by 2030, driven by large-scale industrial projects and regional market expansion.

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The Niger Delta Development Commission has flagged off a six-week training programme for 400 Niger Delta youths on the Compressed Natural Gas, Autogas Conversion.

Speaking at the flag-off ceremony at the Dakkada Skills Acquisition Centre, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, the NDDC Managing Director, Samuel Ogbuku, described the programme as a strategic investment in human capital development and a deliberate effort to position Niger Delta youths at the forefront of Nigeria's energy transition.

This was contained in a statement issued in Port Harcourt on Tuesday by the NDDC Director of Corporate Affairs, Seledi

Thompson-Wakama and sent to newsmen

Ogbuku, who was represented by the Executive Director, Projects, Dr Victor Antai, noted that the training, which would run in two batches of three weeks each, was designed to equip participants with practical skills in CNG vehicle conversion, system maintenance, and safety standards, in line with global best practices.

He stated, “The CNG is a cleaner, safer, and more cost-effective alternative to conventional fuels and the growing adoption of CNG-powered vehicles across Nigeria has created a strong demand for skilled technicians.”

According to the NDDC boss, the training programme would reduce youth unemployment, promote entrepreneurship, support environmental sustainability, and create new economic opportunities in the Niger Delta region.

Ogbuku urged beneficiaries to approach the training with discipline

and dedication, cautioning them against selling their starter packs after graduation.

The Director of Commercial and Industrial Development, Mrs Lyna Okara, affirmed that 400 participants were selected for the programme and would be trained in two batches over six weeks. She encouraged the trainees to pay close attention and make the utmost use of the opportunity provided by the NDDC.

In his remarks, a representative of the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas (PI-CNG), Mr Olayinka Rufai, commended the NDDC for its forward-looking approach and alignment with the Federal Government's vision for clean energy.

He described the initiative as futuristic and praised the Commission for advancing the CNG agenda in the Niger Delta region.

Also speaking, the Akwa Ibom State representative on the NDDC Board, Apostle Abasiandikan Nkono, urged

youths to fully utilise the skills acquired from NDDC-sponsored programmes rather than continually seeking new training opportunities. He noted that the CNG conversion training would expose participants to endless economic possibilities.

The Head Trainer from Viedenburg Energy Resources, Mr Saidu Hamdullahi, encouraged participants to maximise the opportunity to improve themselves and prepare for emerging opportunities in the energy sector.

Compressed Natural Gas is a clean-burning, environmentally friendly fuel alternative to petrol and diesel.

It consists mainly of methane and is compressed to less than one per cent of its original volume at standard atmospheric pressure, making it easier to store and transport.

CNG is widely used to power vehicles because it is safer, more cost-effective, and produces significantly lower emissions compared to conventional fossil fuels. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

# 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 campaign, shared on 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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## 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.

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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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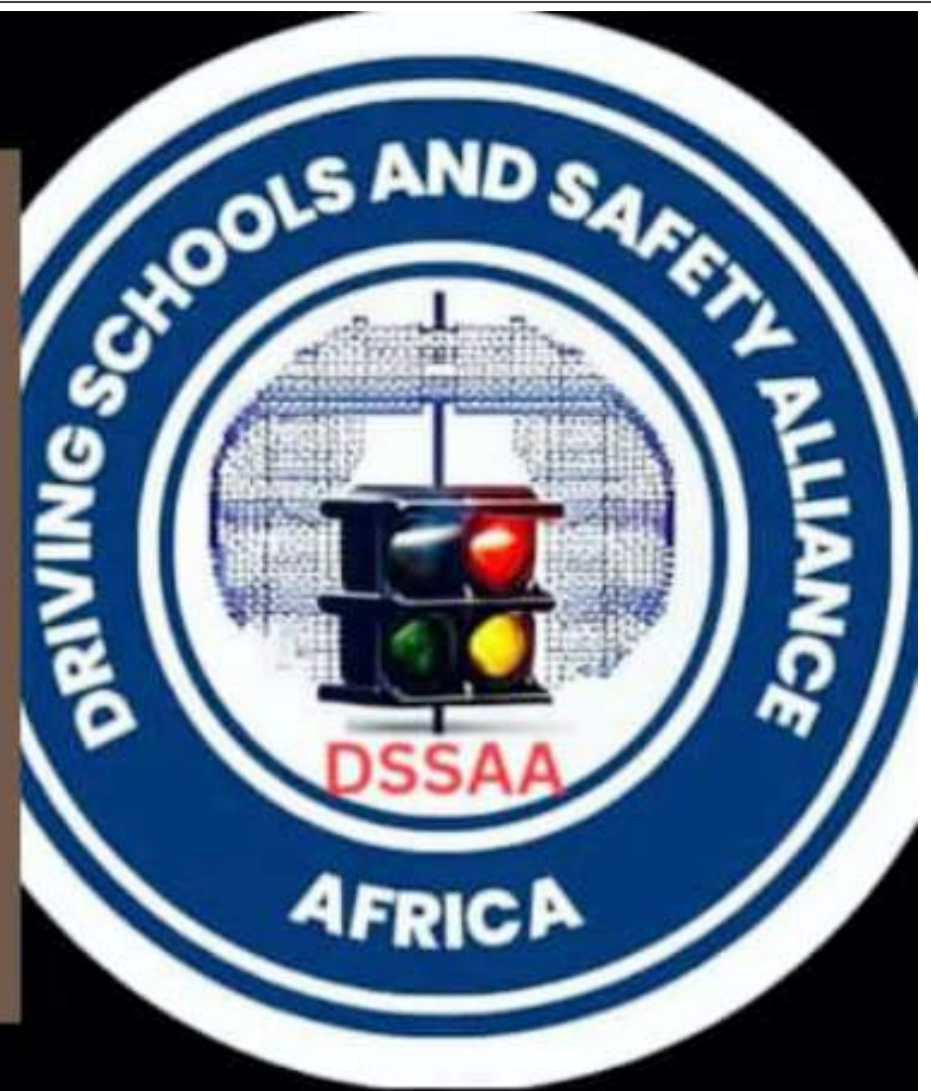


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