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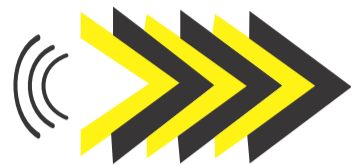
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ahead of Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's arrival for a state visit hosted by Charles III. Tinubu is expected to begin the visit on Wednesday, March 18,

accompanied by First Lady Oluremi Tinubu, with an official reception scheduled to be held at Windsor Castle. In a statement published on

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President Bola Tinubu with King Charles III ahead of his visit to the UK

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that hiked ticket prices during the December 2025 Yuletide to refund excess charges to passengers who were exploited.

The Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the FCCPC, Tunji Bello, revealed this when he briefed

State House correspondents on Thursday at the Presidential Villa, Abuja. Bello disclosed that the commission had concluded

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Airlines Rules Out Fare Hike As Aviation Fuel Hits N1,852/Litre

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United Nigeria Airlines (UNA), has ruled out an immediate increase in airfares despite the sharp rise in Jet A1 (aviation fuel) prices in the last one week.

The product now goes for between N1,803.19 per litre, N1,839.19 and N1,852.19 in Lagos, Abuja and Kano airports, respectively.

The prices of aviation fuel have surged by over 100 per cent in over one week, rising from N900 per litre as of February 28 when the crisis between Israel/U.S and Iran broke out.

As of Monday, a litre of the product was still sold for N1,500 and N1,600, depending on the airport and the major fuel marketer.

The Chief Operating Officer (COO), UNA, Mazi Osita Okonkwo in an interview with The Guardian, said that the sudden hike in the price of the product, the single largest cost component in airline operations, was placing significant pressure on

operators' finances.

Okonkwo, however, warned that increasing ticket prices at this time, could further reduce passenger traffic, which has remained at less than 16 million yearly despite all the projections for increased traffic.

Okonkwo said the airline was struggling to absorb the sudden increase in operating costs, but insisted that the management was yet to consider raising ticket prices.

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United Nigeria airline

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In a strategic initiative to enhance operational efficiency, strengthen institutional coordination, and reposition the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) for improved service delivery, Corps Marshal Shehu Mohammed has approved a major redeployment of senior officers.

The announcement, made on Wednesday by Assistant Corps Commander Agboola Olundegun, highlights the Corps' commitment to aligning its workforce with its statutory mandate and operational priorities.

As part of the redeployments, Olusegun Ogungbemide, former Corps Public Education Officer and one-time Sector Commander in Lagos State, has been appointed as the Assistant Corps Marshal in charge of Operations at the FRSC National Headquarters, Abuja. In his new role, ACM Ogungbemide will oversee nationwide enforcement coordination and strategic field operations, positioning him at the center

of the Corps' critical operational activities.

Felicia Kalu, previously Deputy Corps Public Education Officer, has been promoted to Acting Corps Public Education Officer. She will now lead the Corps' public communications, media engagement, and nationwide road safety advocacy campaigns.

Other notable postings include:

Corps Commander Maxwell Kaltungo Lede has moved from Sector Commander, RS1.3 Katsina Sector Command, to assume duties as Corps Intelligence Officer (CIO) at the National Headquarters.

Corps Commander HA Ibrahim has been redeployed from Corps Commander Manpower at the FRSC Academy to Sector Commander, RS1.3 Katsina Sector Command.

Corps Commander HA Ogundayo transitions from Corps Commander (National Traffic Radio) at the Public Education Office to Corps Commander (NTR) in the Corps Marshal's Office.

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The figures show a steady surge in imports over the past four years, highlighting the country's continued reliance on foreign vehicles, industrial machinery and spare parts to support transportation, logistics and industrial operations.

Data from the statistics agency indicates that transport equipment imports increased significantly from N4.77 trillion in 2024, N3.15 trillion in 2023, and N1.88 trillion in 2022.

Passenger vehicles accounted for a substantial portion of the import bill. The value of passenger car imports rose to N1.58 trillion in 2025, compared with N1.26 trillion in 2024. Earlier figures stood at N1.47 trillion in 2023 and N656 billion in 2022.



Transport Imports

Other transport equipment imports reached N3.39 trillion during the year, with industrial machinery dominating the category at N2.66 trillion, while non-industrial transport equipment contributed N729 billion.

Imports of spare parts and accessories also climbed to N1.57 trillion in 2025, up from N1.33 trillion in 2024 and N713 billion in 2023, reflecting the ageing

vehicle fleet and growing industrial activities across the country.

Analysts note that the rising import values are partly driven by exchange-rate pressures, as the weaker naira raises the local cost of imported vehicles even when volumes remain relatively stable.

Economists warn that Nigeria's heavy reliance on imported transport

equipment continues to place pressure on foreign exchange reserves and underscores the need to expand local automobile assembly and strengthen domestic supply chains.

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NURTW, Park Controller Lock Horns Over Umuahia Park

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The National Union of Road Transport Workers, Abia State chapter, has lamented that the control of Okigwe Park in Umuahia belonging to the union has been snatched from them.

The union consequently called on the state government to restore control to the NURTW, saying past state government gave the union the park.

Addressing journalists Monday, the Secretary, Umuahia Area chapter of the union, Uzoma Igbokwe said, "Last year, Governor Alex Otti advised us to go back and take control of the park, but the Mayoral Council has refused to allow the union to work."

He disclosed that instead, the control of the park was needed to someone else at a cost every six months, starting January, 2025.

"When we went to the Mayor of Umuahia North, he denied giving out the park to the fellow", he said.

Igbokwe noted that the Mayor later sent a personal assistant who assured the

union that after 31st December 2025, the control of the park will revert to the NURTW as ceded to them in several letters from the office of the state Commissioner for Transport.

"But as of today, we are out of the park", the transport union executive added.

Also speaking, the NURTW Okigwe Park, Owerri Sienna route chairman, Ifeanyi Ogbansiegbe, said the state chairman, Chukwuma Azodo had prevented the Umuahia branch members from going on protest, and

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NURTW

Ekiti Approves N6.2bn For Ado-Ekiti Township Road Rehabilitation

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Ekiti State Government has approved N6.29bn for the rehabilitation of key township roads in Ado-Ekiti as part of efforts to improve urban mobility and stimulate socio-economic activities in the state capital.

The approval of several decisions was contained in a statement by the Commissioner for Information, Taiwo Olatunbosun, after the State Executive Council meeting.

Olatunbosun said the road rehabilitation project forms part of the administration's commitment to infrastructure development, noting that the initiative would improve traffic flow and ease the movement of people, goods, and services within Ado-Ekiti and surrounding areas.

The roads approved for rehabilitation include the New Iyin-NTA Road, Onigari-Spotless Hotel-Egbewa Road, Ijigbo-Baptist High School Road, Okesa-Oke Ori Omi-Irona Road, Oke Iyinmi-Fajuyi-Police Headquarters Road, Ecobank-Mobil Filling Station,

Ajilosun Road, and Ile Abiye-Bisi Egbeyemi Crescent-Government House Gate Road.

The Council also approved additional works on the reconstruction and remodeling of the Oluyemi Kayode Stadium, bringing the total project cost to N2.67bn.

The additional works include a new administrative building, 1,500 extra spectator seats, a 250-capacity hostel, extension of the spectator stand canopy, a multipurpose court for volleyball and basketball, additional stadium lights, VIP toilets, and extension of the soccer pitch.

In a related development, the council approved N690.56m for the renovation of public secondary schools affected by the 2025 rainstorm across the state.

The projects include rehabilitation of classrooms, science laboratories, and administrative blocks in several schools, as well as the construction of a perimeter fence at All Souls' Grammar School, Ado-Ekiti, to enhance security for students and staff.

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The Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, on Thursday in Abuja, said it will compel airlines that hiked ticket prices during the December 2025 Yuletide to refund excess charges to passengers who were exploited.

The Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the FCCPC, Tunji Bello, revealed this when he briefed State House correspondents on Thursday at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

Bello disclosed that the commission had concluded investigations into price-fixing allegations against about five or six airlines and would issue a final report with penalties soon.

He revealed that airline tickets that ordinarily cost between N145,000 and N150,000 suddenly jumped to between N400,000 and N670,000 during the Christmas period, prompting widespread complaints from travellers.

"We investigated following the complaints that they fixed prices during



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the Christmas period. Prices of tickets, airline tickets, were around N45,000 to N50,000, and suddenly became N400,000 to N500,000, from N400,000 to N670,000 during Christmas period.

"So we followed up through our investigation, and we were able to conclude that it was a kind of price-fixing mechanism," the EVC stated.

He disclosed that the commission's preliminary report had already found the

airlines culpable of price exploitation, and a final report with specific penalties would be released shortly.

"The preliminary report already found them wanting in that regard, so the final report is going to be issued very soon.

"And what we are also considering is to look at a situation where we have to ask them to refund the excess to the passengers which they exploited.

"So those are some things we are

considering. By the time we come up with the final report, you will see that," the FCCPC boss said.

When pressed to name the airlines involved, he declined but confirmed that about five or six airlines were under investigation.

"I know about five or six, but I don't want to mention names," he stated.

The commission's action follows complaints from Nigerians who travelled during the Christmas and New Year period and were forced to pay exorbitant fares for domestic flights due to high demand and limited seat availability.

Many travellers had taken to social media to protest the sudden spike in ticket prices, which they described as exploitative and insensitive given the economic hardship facing Nigerians.

Bello said the FCCPC's preliminary findings suggest that airlines may have engaged in collective price-fixing, a practice prohibited under the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Act.

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NRC Rail Line Generate N7.77bn From 3.89m Passengers In 2025

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Rail services operated by the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) transported 3.89 million passengers across Nigeria in 2025, generating a total of N7.77 billion in passenger revenue.

According to data released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in its annual rail transportation report, the figures reflect the performance of all rail lines managed by the NRC throughout the year.

The report showed that 929,553 passengers used the rail system in the first quarter of 2025, generating N1.95 billion. Passenger numbers rose further in the second quarter to 989,793, with revenue increasing to N2.28 billion.

In the third quarter, rail services carried 1,028,839 passengers and generated N1.94 billion, maintaining the strong growth recorded earlier in the year.

However, the fourth quarter recorded a slowdown, with 940,476 passengers and N1.60 billion in revenue, representing declines of 9.32 per cent in ridership and

16.30 per cent in revenue compared with the same period in 2024.

Beyond passenger operations, the NRC also generated income from freight services. Rail lines transported 181,520 tonnes of cargo in the first quarter and 210,570 tonnes in the second quarter, before volumes declined to 130,540 tonnes and 110,480 tonnes in the third and fourth quarters respectively.

Freight operations generated N657.03 million in the first quarter and N775.75 million in the second quarter, before

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The Lagos State Government has arrested 25 individuals accused of harassing motorists along the Lekki axis of the state.

The Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab, disclosed this in a post on his official X account late Wednesday.

According to him, the suspects, described as "Omotaku," were apprehended during an evening patrol by enforcement teams monitoring activities along major corridors in the area.

"During our evening patrol today, 25 individuals {Omotaku} who were harassing motorists along the Lekki axis were arrested.

"Harassment of road users and other forms of disorderly conduct will not be tolerated," Wahab wrote.

He added that the state government would sustain monitoring and enforcement operations across key parts of the state to maintain order and ensure public safety.

"Our enforcement teams will continue to monitor key corridors across the State to

Lagos Arrests 25 For Harassing Motorists

ensure public safety and maintain order.

"Those apprehended will be handed over to the appropriate authorities for further action," he stated.

A short video accompanying the announcement shows the 25 young men, most appearing to be in their teens and early twenties, seated closely together on the ground inside a fenced compound or holding area.

The arrests form part of an ongoing series of enforcement drives targeting street urchins, beggars, and related nuisances.

This comes a day after Wahab announced on Tuesday the arrest of at least 86 street beggars during a clampdown operation in the Agege and Ketu areas of Lagos State.

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Refiners Urge Local Crude Pricing To Steady Fuel Prices

Secretary of CORAN, Eche Idoko, the group said the proposed pricing model had become more urgent in view of growing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, particularly involving Iran, which are already affecting global oil markets.

According to the association, adopting a pragmatic domestic pricing structure would help insulate the Nigerian economy from external shocks that often trigger spikes in the cost of refined petroleum products.

"The Crude Oil Refinery Owners Association of Nigeria believes that adopting a fair and pragmatic crude oil pricing framework for domestic refineries can significantly insulate Nigerians from the price volatility currently being triggered by the ongoing tensions in the Middle East, particularly the conflict involving Iran," the refiners said.

It explained that one of the key elements of the proposed framework would be the creation of a domestic crude pricing mechanism that

excludes freight and maritime insurance costs, noting that locally supplied crude does not incur such charges.

"A key element of such a framework would be the establishment of a domestic crude pricing mechanism that excludes freight and insurance components, similar to the structure under which benchmark crudes such as Brent and WTI are traded.

"Since locally supplied crude does not require international shipping, freight charges, or maritime insurance costs, removing these elements from the pricing formula would allow crude to be supplied to Nigerian refineries at a more competitive and realistic domestic price," CORAN advised.

The association noted that such an adjustment could significantly reduce the cost of crude feedstock for domestic refineries, making it easier for them to supply refined products to the local market at competitive prices.

"CORAN maintains that this adjustment alone could reduce the effective cost of crude feedstock to

domestic refineries by a significant margin, enabling local refiners to produce petroleum products, particularly diesel, petrol, and aviation fuel, at more stable and affordable prices for the Nigerian market," the body added.

The group also revealed that the issue featured prominently at the 2025 CORAN Refining Summit, where stakeholders discussed ways to improve crude supply terms for domestic refiners.

According to the group, the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission acknowledged the need for a workable domestic pricing structure during the summit and committed to facilitating further consultations among industry stakeholders.

"This issue was one of the major highlights of discussions during the 2025 CORAN Refining Summit, where the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission acknowledged the importance of developing a workable domestic crude

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Crude oil refinery

The Crude Oil Refinery Owners Association of Nigeria has called for the adoption of a domestic crude oil pricing framework that would allow local refineries to access crude at more realistic prices, saying such a move would help stabilise fuel costs and shield Nigerians from global oil market volatility.

The association said removing freight and insurance components from the pricing structure for crude supplied to Nigerian refineries would significantly lower feedstock costs and enable local refiners to produce petroleum products at more stable and affordable prices.

In a policy statement sent out by the Publicity



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Tinubu is expected to begin the visit on Wednesday, March 18, accompanied by First Lady Oluremi Tinubu, with an official reception scheduled to be held at Windsor Castle.

In a statement published on Wednesday, Thames Valley Police said it is working with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, the Royal Household, and other security partners to ensure a smooth and secure visit.

According to the police, the permanent airspace restrictions over Windsor Castle will be extended on March 18 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. as part of heightened security arrangements for the visit.

Chief Superintendent Adrian Hall of Thames Valley Police's Joint Operations



Tinubu with King Charles III

Unit said the airspace visit of Nigerian security during royal limitations are only one President Tinubu next events in Windsor and element of a broader week, with many that significant planning security operation measures you will see and preparation have planned for the event. and others you will not," gone into the operation. Members of the public have been urged to "The air restrictions are Hall said. Hall warned that remain vigilant and report any suspicious just one part of our He noted that the force authorities would strictly activity by calling 101 or speaking with robust security has extensive enforce the restrictions, officers on duty, while emergencies should be operation for the state experience in managing stressing that any reported via 999.

violation would constitute a criminal offence under the Air Navigation Order and could result in arrest.

"We will be taking a strong stance in enforcing the restrictions; anyone who breaches them will be committing a criminal offence under the Air Navigation Order and could be arrested," he said.

The police also disclosed that officers with specialised capabilities—including search teams, mounted units, road policing officers, and armed personnel—will be deployed across Windsor, alongside neighbourhood policing teams and Project Servator resources.

Authorities will further rely on Windsor's extensive closed-circuit television network, hostile vehicle mitigation barriers, and other security measures to ensure safety throughout the visit.

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Monday Okpebholo Orders 24hour Work On Edo Road Projects



Governor Monday Okpebholo

The Governor of Edo State, Monday Okpebholo, has directed contractors handling road construction projects across the state to work round the clock to mitigate the impact of the approaching rainy season, which could slow the pace of ongoing works.

The governor issued the directive during an inspection tour of ongoing road projects, including Mechanic Road in Egor and Catholic Charismatic Renewal Road in Ugbiyoko.

He was accompanied by the Special Adviser on Project Monitoring, Phoebe Williams-Bello.

In a statement by Okpebholo's Chief Press Secretary, Patrick Ebojele, on Thursday, the governor said the state government would

intensify monitoring of construction sites to ensure contractors accelerate work and meet stipulated completion timelines before heavy rains fully set in.

According to the governor, the rainy season has already begun, making it imperative for contractors to increase the pace of construction activities to avoid disruptions.

He said, "Although the rainy season is already here, our goal is to achieve significant progress on these road projects before the heavy rains begin.

"Take Mechanic Road, for instance. You can see the level of work ongoing there. We must move quickly; otherwise, residents may find it difficult to access their homes and businesses.

"The same urgency applies to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Road in Ugbiyoko. That is why I am urging contractors to work round the clock so we can complete a substantial portion of the work before the peak of the rainy season."

Okpebholo added that the road projects remain a top priority for his administration and assured residents that he would continue to inspect construction sites across the state to ensure contractors meet agreed deadlines.

Meanwhile, residents of Mechanic Road in Egor and Catholic Charismatic Renewal Road in Ugbiyoko trooped out in large numbers to welcome the governor and his entourage, expressing appreciation for what they described as long-awaited government intervention.

A resident of Mechanic Road, Mr Nosa Christopher, thanked the governor for addressing what he described as over two decades of neglect.

"We appreciate the governor for keeping his promises. This road has been in terrible condition and practically impassable for nearly 20 years, as previous administrations abandoned it. Governor Okpebholo has finally come to our rescue," he

said.

Another resident and landlord in the area, Mr Julius Adedoja, who hails from Osun State, said he had previously considered selling his property due to the poor state of the road.

"I was already thinking of selling my house because living here had become extremely difficult. But now, with the road construction, life has returned to the area. People are moving in again, so I have abandoned that plan," he said.

Other residents, including Mrs Blessing Ihaze, Helen Okunbor and David Endurance, also commended the governor for embarking on the project, noting that successive administrations had neglected the road for years.

They pledged continued support for the administration in recognition of what they described as a renewed commitment to delivering the dividends of democracy to the people of Edo State.

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Vinh-Thanh Thuy Expressway Moves Forward With Investment Approval

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Construction of the Vinh-Thanh Thuy expressway is being prepared as part of efforts to improve regional transport infrastructure.

On March 11, the government issued Resolution No. 42/NQ-CP on the implementation of Resolution No. 255/2025/QH15, in which the National Assembly approved the investment policy for the expressway project.

The government has assigned Vo Trong Hai, Chairman of Nghe An People's Committee, to exercise investment decision-making power and oversee the preparation, appraisal, and approval of the project in accordance with regulations. He has also been authorised by Minister of Agriculture and Environment Tran Duc Thang to appraise and



approve the project's environmental impact assessment report. Regarding contractor selection, the direct contracting method will be applied for packages

within the project, including packages related to compensation, support, and resettlement. The procedures for direct contracting shall comply

with the regulations of the law on bidding. The government assigned the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment to authorise the chairman of the

People's Committee of Nghe An province to organise the appraisal and approval of the results of the environmental impact assessment report, and

to issue environmental permits for the project and its subprojects in accordance with the law, meeting the required progress schedule.

The Ministry of Construction will lead coordination with the Ministry of Finance and relevant ministries, sectors, and localities to develop a plan for recovering investment capital and returning funds to central and local budgets that participated in financing. The plan must ensure data accuracy. The ministry will also regulate the maintenance, management, use, and operation of the completed works within its authority.

The Ministry of Public Security will direct its subordinate units to review projects requiring fire safety permits, and coordinate with local authorities on land clearance, security, and order throughout implementation and construction.

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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 Gets New Digital Platform To Track Peacebuilding Efforts

Culled:

The Conflict Research Network West Africa (CORN), a non-governmental organisation, has launched the Nigeria Peace Web (NPW), a digital platform designed to document structured data on peace initiatives and related events across the country. The NPW is an open-source digital platform developed under the Nigeria Peace Actors and Initiatives in Data (NPAID) project and is supported by the Strengthening Peace and Resilience in Nigeria (SPRING) programme.

Speaking at the launch of the NPW, the Executive Director of CORN West Africa, Dr. Timpreye Felix Allison, said the open-source digital platform was designed to help government institutions improve situational awareness and planning, while also supporting donors in the more strategic allocation of resources and reducing duplication.

“For civil society, it strengthens collaboration and increases visibility of local initiatives, and for researchers it enables systematic analysis of peacebuilding trends,” he said

Represented by Obinna Chukwuezie, an official of CORN West Africa, Allison said Nigeria's conflict landscape is extensively documented,



Nigeria Peace Web (NPW)

noting that violent incidents, armed actors and insecurity trends are routinely tracked by national and international monitoring systems.

“However, the same cannot be said of the peace landscape. Across the country, community mediators, faith leaders, civil society organisations, traditional authorities, women's networks, youth groups and state peace agencies work daily to prevent violence and manage

tensions,” Allison said.

“Yet there is no national system that systematically documents who is building peace, where these efforts take place, how they operate, and what lessons they generate.

“This gap creates a structural imbalance in the evidence base informing peace and security policy. Policymakers, donors and researchers often have detailed visibility of violent events but limited visibility of preventive and

peacebuilding activity.

“As a result, policy attention and funding tend to prioritise crisis response over prevention. At the operational level, organisations struggle to identify existing initiatives, potential partners or lessons from past interventions.”

According to Allison, this challenge was confirmed during research conducted with actors within the peacebuilding ecosystem, who said they often rely on personal networks, costly field

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NIN Registration Opens For Nigerians Overseas

Culled:

In a statement released on Tuesday, NIMC said Nigerians overseas can register for their NIN through approved enrollment centers in other countries.

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has announced that Nigerians living abroad can now get their National Identification Number (NIN) without traveling back to Nigeria.

In a statement released on Tuesday, NIMC said Nigerians overseas can register for their NIN through approved enrollment centers in other countries.

These centers are run by licensed Nigerian companies working with partner organizations in places across Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America.

At these centers, applicants will provide their fingerprints, facial photographs, and supporting documents.

The information is then sent to NIMC to complete the registration.

According to Ayodele Babalola, Technical Adviser on Media and Communications to the NIMC Director-General, this system is important because the NIN is now required for many official services.

Since March 2024, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) requires NIN for bank account operations.

It is also required for passport applications and renewals.

It is needed for SIM card registration under rules enforced by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC). Nigeria has a very large diaspora community.

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No More Naira Devaluation, Says Cardoso



Cardoso

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Olayemi Cardoso, governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), on Thursday declared that the era of persistent naira devaluation is over, saying the country's ongoing monetary and foreign exchange reforms

have restored confidence in the currency and strengthened the financial system.

“These reforms have restored pride in our currency and strengthened confidence in our financial system,” Cardoso said.

He spoke while delivering a

keynote address at the Annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture held in celebration of Founders' Day of the St. Gregory's College Old Boys Association in Lagos. Cardoso explained that the CBN remains focused on restoring price stability and bringing inflation down to single digits, noting that although the objective will take time to achieve, it remains central to the apex bank's policy direction.

“Our goal remains to bring inflation down to single digits. This cannot happen overnight. External shocks will continue to occur and global developments will always have some impact. But inflation is effectively a tax, and it disproportionately affects the most vulnerable members of society,” he said.

“That is why restoring price stability remains a central objective.”

He noted that the bank's commitment to transparency and well-governed markets is evident in the reforms carried out in the foreign exchange market, including the elimination of the multiple exchange rate system that previously benefited only a few. According to him, although some critics argue that the exchange rate appears higher today than it was before the reforms, the key difference lies in accessibility and transparency.

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FG Inaugurates Leaders For New Federal Tertiary Institutions

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The Federal Government has inaugurated principal officers for newly established federal tertiary institutions as part of efforts to strengthen Nigeria's higher education system.

The inauguration was carried out in Abuja by the Minister of Education, Maruf Tunji Alausa, who also installed the new leadership of the National Commission for Colleges of Education.

The development was disclosed in a statement posted on the Federal Ministry of Education's official page, on March 12, 2026.

According to the minister, the appointments cover key leadership positions for the Federal University of Science and Technology, Epe and the Bola Ahmed Tinubu Federal Polytechnic, Abuja.

According to the statement, Alausa said the move forms part of ongoing steps by the Federal Government to expand opportunities in tertiary education and strengthen the training of teachers across the country.

He further explained that the newly created institutions are expected to contribute to research and innovation in areas considered important to national development.

The minister identified fields such as food security, climate change, renewable energy and technological advancement as priority areas the institutions are expected to focus on.

Alausa also urged the leadership of the National Commission for Colleges of Education to improve oversight of colleges of education and ensure that academic standards within the teacher training system remain strong.

The Federal Ministry of Education said the appointments are part of broader efforts to strengthen institutional leadership, improve governance structures and enhance

the overall competitiveness of Nigeria's tertiary education sector.

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ADC Unveils Movement To Unseat APC In 2027

The African Democratic Congress (ADC) has unveiled a platform, 'One ADC Movement,' to unseat the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) in 2027.

The platform unveiled in Abuja on Wednesday, is designed to rally members around unity, discipline and shared political purpose.

Speaking at the unveiling, the National Coordinator of the movement, Mrs. Lauretta Onochie,

described the project as a deliberate effort to reinforce solidarity across the party's structures while discouraging actions that undermine collective progress.

According to her, the movement emerged from the conviction that the strength of a political party lies not in individual ambitions but in the unity of its members.

"This Movement was created to strengthen the bonds within the

African Democratic Congress, to encourage reconciliation where there are disagreements, and to remind every member that our collective future is greater than any individual ambition," she said.

She outlined the core objectives of the platform, stressing that the group would work to deepen loyalty within the party and heal internal rifts that sometimes trail primaries and internal contests.

"We will promote unity across all structures of the party. We will encourage loyalty to the collective decisions of the party. We will support reconciliation after primaries and internal contests. We will discourage anti-party activities that weaken our shared platform. And we will mobilize Nigerians who believe in democratic values to join and strengthen the African Democratic Congress," she said.

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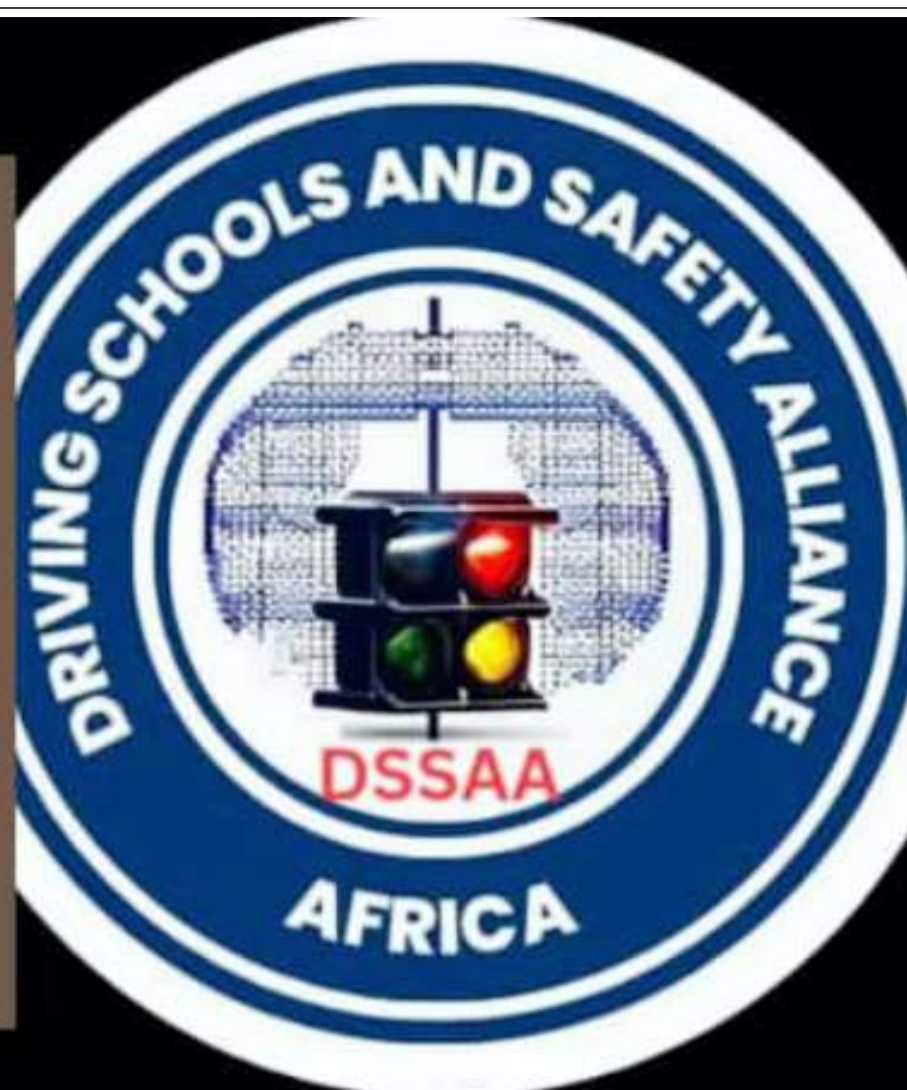


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