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The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), has issued Air Operator Certificate (AOC) to Binani Air Global Services to commence scheduled flight operations.

Speaking in Abuja during the presentation of the certificate, the Director-General of Civil Aviation, Capt. Chris Najomo commended the airline's resilience and determination, describing the certification as a historic milestone and a significant breakthrough, marking the emergence of a female-led airline in a sector long dominated by men.

Capt. Najomo lauded the airline's owner, Sen. Aishatu Dahiru Binani and the management team for their persistence throughout the certification process, stressing their determination and consistency in addressing every requirement and obstacle until the certification was finally achieved.

Najomo, however noted that obtaining

the AOC marks only the beginning of a more demanding phase, advising the airline's management to prioritise proper planning, professionalism, and continuous adherence to safety and operational standards as there is no room for shortcuts in the industry.

Sen. Binani expressed gratitude to the NCAA for its guidance and professionalism throughout the process, describing the journey as both challenging and rewarding.

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The FRSC Corps Marshal, Malam Shehu Mohammed said this in a statement by Acting Corps Public Education Officer (ACPEO), Mrs Felicia Kalu on Thursday in Abuja.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the Corps Marshal had recently constituted a high-level tactical team to critically assess and address the recurring incidences of RTCs along the AYA-Nyanya-Kugbo axis.

Mohammed said that the ongoing enforcement drive was a direct outcome of that intervention, reflecting

the Corps' commitment to translating strategic assessments into impactful actions.

He said that the initiative, driven at the Sector level by the Sector Commander, Corps Commander Felix Theman, was in line with the provisions of the National Road Traffic Regulations (NRTR), particularly Section 223, as well as the FCT Traffic Regulations.

"It also aligns with the Corps' 2026 Corporate Strategic Goal One, which prioritises safer road environments through proactive and preventive measures.

"The operation focuses on restricting the movement of articulated vehicles and heavy-duty trucks during peak traffic hours to mitigate congestion and associated risks.

"On Day One of the exercise, Wednesday, March 18, the Unit Commander of Nyanya, led a combined enforcement team comprising personnel from FCT command and Unit command in Nyanya.

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The Corps Marshal of LAGESC, popularly known as KAI, disclosed the development in a statement issued at the agency's headquarters in Bolade, Oshodi. He said the incident occurred on Friday during an enforcement operation targeting illegal highway crossing.

According to the Corps Marshal, the suspect allegedly poured fuel on a KAI operative with the intent to ignite it after being apprehended for crossing the highway unlawfully instead of using the designated pedestrian bridge.

"We must reiterate the need for Lagosians to prioritise safety while accessing major highways by making use of pedestrian bridges. During enforcement in the Cele area, a



KAI

defaulter doused one of our operatives with fuel in an attempt to set him ablaze while resisting arrest," he said.

The suspect was subsequently arraigned before Senior Magistrate Adefuloye at the Oshodi Mobile Court on charges including breach of peace, obstruction of lawful duty, and unlawful assault, contrary to relevant provisions of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State. He

pleaded not guilty but was convicted and sentenced to six months in prison.

The Corps Marshal described the judgment as a deterrent to others who might consider attacking government officials carrying out lawful duties. He added that the ruling aligns with the state government's efforts to maintain order and environmental standards under its development agenda.

He also urged residents to cooperate with law enforcement officers, warning that resistance to lawful arrest could escalate minor infractions into criminal offences with severe consequences.

The agency further cautioned street traders against displaying goods on road setbacks, medians, and other restricted areas, stressing that such practices violate environmental laws.

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## Local Transport News

# NAMA Deploys Mobile Control Tower At Lagos Airport After Fire Incident

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The Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) has deployed a Mobile Control Tower at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, in a swift response to the recent fire incident that affected critical air-ground communication infrastructure at the old terminal.

Speaking during an on-site inspection, the Director of Safety Electronics and Engineering Services, Engr. Terese Ihenacho, described the deployment as a major operational milestone, underscoring the agency's commitment to maintaining safe and efficient air navigation services at Nigeria's busiest aviation hub.

She commended NAMA personnel for their technical expertise and dedication, noting that their efforts ensured the timely delivery and readiness of the facility.

"As you can see, the Mobile Tower is fully operational and serviceable. All necessary test runs have been

successfully completed, and air traffic controllers are ready to commence operations at any moment," she said.

Ihenacho disclosed that the tower had been reconfigured to meet local operational demands, incorporating innovations to enhance efficiency and safety, including the integration of a smart strip system alongside the conventional manual system.

"The way it was manufactured is not the way we are using it. We have restructured it to suit our local peculiarities.

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# Taskforce Denies Bribery Allegation In Viral Video, Faults Objectv Reporter

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The Lagos State Taskforce has dismissed allegations of bribery levelled against its officials in a viral video circulated by Objectv reporter, Mr. Segun Adewoye, describing the report as misleading and lacking factual basis.

In a statement issued on Thursday by the agency's Director of Public Affairs, Gbadeyan Abdulraheem, the Taskforce said the claims made in the video were inaccurate and stemmed from a failure by the reporter to properly verify facts before publication.

According to the agency, preliminary observations indicate that the individual captured in the video was not a Taskforce official but a regular police officer, noting that a basic assessment of uniforms would have clarified the distinction.

The statement explained that while the Taskforce includes police personnel, its officials wear a distinct uniform, black-on-denim attire with jackets

clearly marked "Taskforce" on both the front and back, alongside identifiable serial numbers and the agency's insignia. It added that none of these features were visible in the video in question.

The Taskforce further criticised Adewoye's approach to reporting, accusing him of repeated inaccuracies. It cited a previous incident in which the reporter allegedly misidentified Taskforce officials as members of the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority's Bus Rapid Transit Monitoring and Enforcement Unit.

Describing the latest report as reckless, the agency warned against attempts to tarnish its reputation, insisting it remains committed to enforcing traffic laws without bias or compromise.

The statement also suggested that the recurring reports may be linked to dissatisfaction over the agency's refusal to grant waivers to individuals who violate traffic regulations.

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The meeting, held at the Skating Ground in Panseke, brought together key players in the transport sector, security agencies and community leaders to deliberate on strategies for safer roads and improved traffic management within the metropolis.

In her welcome address, the Unit Commander, Cmdr. Ogunsola Jumoke, commended participants for their attendance and underscored the importance of collaboration in maintaining order on the roads.

She urged stakeholders to actively contribute to discussions, noting that achieving traffic discipline requires collective responsibility.

Also speaking, the Area Commander, Abeokuta Metropolis, Cmdr. Yakub



Omonayajo

Azeez, sensitised participants on traffic rules and regulations.

He outlined essential guidelines for road users, stressing that adherence to traffic laws is critical to reducing accidents and ensuring public safety.

Stakeholders at the meeting included representatives of the Nigeria Navy School, Adigbe; the Divisional Police Officer, Adigbe; the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC); and

officials from the state ministries of transportation and environment.

Road transport unions such as RTEAN, NURTW, AMORAN and TORAN, as well as community leaders including the Sarkin Hausa of Egbaland and Panseke, were also in attendance.

In their goodwill messages, participants urged motorists and transport operators to remain law-abiding and support enforcement agencies in maintaining

order on the roads.

Delivering the closing remarks, the most senior TRACE Commander overseeing the agency's daily administration and duty schedule, Cmdr. Adedayo Elias Omonayajo, reaffirmed the agency's commitment to enforcing traffic laws.

He warned that TRACE would soon shift from sensitisation to full enforcement, maintaining a zero-tolerance stance on traffic violations.

"Now that adequate enlightenment has been carried out, enforcement will follow, and no stone will be left unturned in ensuring compliance," he said.

The event also featured an interactive session, during which transport union members sought clarifications on operational and regulatory issues.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Supt. Oyetola Moruf, followed by a closing prayer and a group photograph.

The engagement forms part of TRACE's ongoing efforts to strengthen collaboration with stakeholders and improve road safety across Ogun State's major traffic corridors.

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## Local Transport News

# Fubara To Inaugurate 33.5km Rivers State Road In May

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Rivers State Governor, Siminalayi Fubara, has said the 33.5km Elele-Umudioga-Egbeda-Ubimini-Ikiri-Omoku Road has reached 90 per cent completion.

He said the road will be ready for the inauguration in May.

Fubara stated this on Wednesday after inspecting the dual carriageway traversing Ikwerre, Emohua and Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni local government areas, adding that the project would bring to an end years of hardship and insecurity experienced by travellers along the corridor.

In a statement issued by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Onwuka Nzeshi, on Wednesday, Fubara described the project as critical to unlocking the economic potential of Omoku, popularly known as the 'Gas City' of Rivers State.

Fubara said the road is not just a landmark achievement, but one of the signature projects of his administration,

designed to expand the road network and enhance economic activities across the state.

"From my assessment, about 90 per cent of the job is already done, and what is remaining will be delivered before the end of April.

"I feel very happy because this is not just a road but a signature project of our administration. It is a road corridor that connects Ikwerre, Emohua and Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni local government areas," he said.

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Governor Fubara

### Culled

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited has intensified efforts to ensure a steady crude oil supply to the Dangote Petroleum Refinery as part of moves to stabilise fuel availability across the country, especially with Brent hitting \$108 per barrel.

This comes amid heightened global oil market volatility occasioned by tensions in the Middle East and growing reliance on local refining to meet Nigeria's petroleum product demand.

Speaking during a webinar hosted by the Major Energies Marketers Association of Nigeria, the Managing Director of NNPC Retail Limited, Hubb Stokman, said the national oil company remains central to ensuring supply security through its statutory role.

"NNPC remains committed to its statutory role, of course, as supplier of last resort, making sure of the stability and continuity of supply of petroleum products across the country," he said.

Stokman explained that the company is working closely with the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum

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Regulatory Authority and other stakeholders to guarantee an uninterrupted supply of crude and refined products nationwide.

"But to be very clear, the NNPC does that by working very closely with the NMDPRA and all the other relevant agencies because it is important. We're not a regulator, but we have this role to play," he added.

He noted that with established supply channels, including domestic production and imports where necessary, the NNPC is positioned to maintain stable product availability.

"We're confident that with established supply channels, both with production and imports functioning effectively in line with the Petroleum Industry Act, we can

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# Barge Operators Lament Over Lack Of Berthing Space At Apapa Port



Apapa port

Indigenous barge operators in Nigeria have raised a loud alarm over what they describe as a systematic and deliberate plot to push them out of business at the Apapa Port, fingering terminal giant APM Terminals (APMT) as the chief architect of their woes.

Speaking with maritime journalists on Thursday in Lagos, the National President of the Barge Operators Association of Nigeria (BOAN), Hon. Olubunmi Olumekun, alleged that APM Terminals has effectively cornered barge operations at the Apapa Port by denying indigenous operators' access to berthing windows, acquiring GMT Shipping as a preferred barge partner, and now manoeuvring

to extend its grip to another terminal, GDNL Terminal.

According to the BOAN National President, "The APM Terminal is taking over the barge operations and not allowing local content to thrive. They are trying to determine the price by bringing their barges and take over every aspect of business at the port. This would affect the common man on the streets and the price of goods at the market."

Olumekun explained that having been shut out of APM Terminals' berth, operators had turned to Eko Support Terminal as an alternative, dropping containers there and trucking them down to APM Terminal. But that lifeline, he alleged, has now been severed.

"They went and have a kangaroo agreement with Eko Support Terminal. Normally, they have refused to give us a window at the berth for our barges to berth and discharge and pick containers, so we went to Eko Support Terminal who permits us to drop containers at their yard and truck it

down to APMT, but now APM Terminal have gone ahead to truncate that agreement."

The BOAN President further alleged that APM Terminals acquired GMT Shipping, a barge operating company, and is exclusively using GMT barges at its berths, effectively locking out all other indigenous operators.

"They have gone ahead to acquire GMT Shipping, a company that operates barges, as their partners, so they are now using GMT barges only to load at their berths. Now Eko Support have danced to the tune of APMT, and they are pushing us out," Olumekun said.

Beyond exclusion from berths, Olumekun said a crippling escalation in terminal handling charges has made barge haulage economically unviable. According to him, charges have jumped from N50,000 to nearly N300,000, an increase of approximately 300 percent, rendering operators unable to compete with road transportation.

"The road transportation is competing with us. If you are transporting cargo from Apapa Port to Oshodi, it's around

N250,000 for a 40-foot container, but for barges now, due to numerous costs from terminal charges, bunker, crew, and labour at the destination jetty, we are looking at between N700,000 to N800,000. Looking at this, how can we compete? How are we going to decongest the road with this kind of arrangement?" he asked.

Olumekun also raised concerns about the common user finger jetty in Apapa, which he noted was not concessioned to either APMT or Eko Support Terminal but has effectively been taken over by GMT Shipping.

"The common user finger jetty in Apapa which was reserved by the Federal Government was not concessioned, neither to APMT nor Eko Support, and we as barge operators have written to government several times that we cannot allow foreigners to start chasing us out of the finger jetty and be making money from it," he said, adding that BOAN members possess the necessary equipment and cranes to operate the jetty themselves should access be granted.

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Speaking during an on-site assessment of ongoing works on the Ago Are-Saki road, Babatunde Longe, Zonal Director Southwest 1 of FERMA, said the intervention was prompted by the identification of sectional failures along several federal highways in the region.

He noted that the rehabilitation aligns with the policy priorities of the



FERMA workers

Bola Ahmed Tinubu led federal government to ensure all roads across the country are motorable.

"I am satisfied with the level of rehabilitation works

done so far on the Ago Saki road. We have decided to intervene there because of the sectional failures and motorists are unhappy about it.

"We have intervened on this project and we have another project

that is between Ogbomoso and Igbeti road that we are waiting for the contractor to report and commence work. Also, rehabilitation works will soon commence on Ijebu Ode and other roads in the region."

Commending intervention of Federal government on the road, residents of Ago Are community said rehabilitation of the bad portion would reduce road accident being witnessed on the daily basis

They lamented that the section of the road has become a death trap for a long period of time.

"We thank the Federal government through FERMA for the intervention. This particular spot has claimed many lives in the past.

"We want the Federal government to assist us with the construction of wall drainage as well speed breakers on this road. If you check our market, that is the second Cattle market in Oyo state. That is Ago Are cattle market."

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## Reps C'ttee Warns Of Looming Fuel Scarcity, Return Of Queue



House of Representatives

The House of Representatives Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) has warned of a possible return of fuel scarcity and rising pump prices if urgent measures are not taken to address challenges in crude oil supply to domestic refineries.

Chairman of the committee, Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere, who spoke with journalists in Abuja on Thursday, described the current fuel supply situation as a serious threat to economic stability and the welfare of Nigerians.

He cautioned that unless the issues are resolved within 48 hours, the country could experience a resurgence of fuel queues, supply disruptions and increased hardship driven by higher fuel

prices.

Ugochinyere noted that findings from the committee's oversight activities indicate a likely increase in the price of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), attributing the development not to deliberate government policy but to inefficiencies within the supply chain.

He specifically linked the situation to inadequate crude oil supply to the Dangote Refinery, which he described as critical to stabilising fuel availability in the country.

According to him, while the refinery is allocated about 21 cargoes of crude oil and requires at least 15 to operate optimally, it is currently receiving only five cargoes—far below the minimum threshold needed to sustain production.

According to him, "This shortfall is already undermining refining capacity and poses a direct risk to fuel availability across the country".

He also expressed concern over the quality of crude being supplied, describing it as substandard for a

refinery of such scale and national importance, adding that domestic refineries, particularly the Dangote Refinery, must be prioritised for high-grade crude sourced from the Niger Delta to ensure efficiency and optimal output.

He said that another major issue highlighted is the rising cost burden on local refineries due to international trading intermediaries, stressing that domestic refiners are now paying a premium of over \$18 per barrel to foreign trading companies, a sharp increase from the previous \$2-\$4.

"Crude oil produced in Nigeria is being sold to our refineries through middlemen based in London and Dubai, who add no value but collect huge fees," he said. "For every barrel priced at \$100, refineries pay \$118, with the additional \$18 going to intermediaries."

He described the practice as exploitative, warning that the additional costs are ultimately transferred to consumers through

higher fuel prices and reduced supply stability.

To avert a looming crisis, the committee called on the Presidential Technical Committee on the Crude-for-Naira initiative to reconvene within 48 hours to resolve the supply bottlenecks.

It also urged the immediate restoration of adequate crude supply to domestic refineries, strict enforcement of the Domestic Crude Oil Supply Obligation under the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) 2021, and an urgent review of crude quality standards.

The chairman further appealed to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to issue a stronger executive directive to ensure compliance and safeguard Nigeria's domestic energy supply chain.

While urging Nigerians to remain calm and avoid panic buying, he warned that failure to act swiftly could lead to widespread fuel scarcity, a return of queues at filling stations, and increased transport and living costs.

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# Etihad Extends Free Rebooking To 15 May And Scales Up Phased Flight Restart

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Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways has widened its customer-protection measures in response to ongoing regional security concerns, granting travellers with tickets issued on or before 28 February and travel dates up to 31 March a fee-free rebooking window until 15 May 2026. The carrier's 'Latest Travel Updates' page, refreshed on 17 March, also confirms that a limited commercial schedule—first restarted on 6 March—will be expanded “carefully and responsibly” as conditions permit. Meanwhile, travellers juggling new flight dates may also need to revisit entry-visa validity or apply for fresh permits; VisaHQ's dedicated UAE platform (<https://www.visahq.com/United-Arab-Emirates/>) streamlines this process with quick online applications, status alerts and expert



guidance, ensuring compliance headaches don't add to the current scheduling turmoil. For corporate mobility programmes the extension is significant:

employees forced to postpone March trips now have an additional six weeks to substitute travel without triggering fare-difference charges, easing budget strain in

sectors such as energy and professional services where Gulf shuttle travel is routine. Etihad says refunds are likewise available through its self-service

portal, though call-centre wait times remain longer than usual. Operationally, Etihad continues to prioritise repatriation sectors to London-Heathrow,

Mumbai and Chicago, while cautiously adding continental European points. Some routes are flying longer detours along Saudi and Omani airspace to avoid restricted zones, increasing block times and pushing crews to maximum duty limits; this, in turn, limits how quickly the airline can add frequencies. Online check-in is suspended until 21 March, so passengers must allow extra time at Abu Dhabi's Zayed International Airport for manual document checks and secondary security screening. The airline advises customers not to travel to the airport unless they have a confirmed seat and has warned that slots for pets and unaccompanied minors may be unavailable on certain days. Travel buyers should therefore reconfirm all special-service requests and consider booking premium-economy cabins, which have *Find Full Story In The Link*

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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. *Find Full Story In The Link*

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## General News

# NALDA Pledges To Move Millions Of Nigerians From Poverty To Prosperity

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He, therefore, urged the Directors and Heads of Departments to renew their commitment to continuous

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## Nigerians Free To Record Police On Duty

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The Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State, has ruled that Nigerians have the constitutional right to record police officers while performing their duties in public, in a judgement seen as a boost for accountability and civil liberties.

Delivering the ruling on Tuesday in suit No. FHC/WR/CS/87/2025 obtained by Premium Times, Justice H.A. Nganjiwa held that police officers must wear visible name tags, display their force numbers, and refrain from harassing, intimidating, arresting, or confiscating devices from citizens recording their activities.

The court also awarded the applicant, Maxwell Uwaifo, N5 million in damages for the violation of his fundamental rights, alongside N2 million as cost of litigation.

All the reliefs sought by the applicant were granted, reinforcing the right of citizens to document police conduct in public spaces without fear of reprisal.

Reacting to the judgement, Uwaifo described it as far-reaching.

"This judgement has significant implications for policing standards, civil liberties and public accountability across Nigeria," he said in a statement to Premium Times.

"The court made far-reaching pronouncements on police accountability and citizens' constitutional rights."

The suit, filed as a public interest litigation, challenged the legality of police stop-and-search operations carried out without officers displaying proper identification.

Respondents in the case included the Nigeria Police Force, the Police Service Commission, the Inspector-General of Police, and the Attorney-General of the Federation.

Filed under the Fundamental Rights (Enforcement Procedure) Rules, 2009, the action cited several provisions of the 1999 Constitution, including Sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 46, as well as relevant articles of the African Charter on

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## Saudi Arabia Confirms Eid-el-fitr On Friday



The full moon

**Culled:**  
The Nigerian government had already declared 19th and 20th of March as public holidays to mark the Islamic festival.

Muslims in Nigeria will continue the Ramadan

Ramadan on Thursday after the crescent moon marking the beginning of Shawwal 1447 was not sighted on Wednesday evening. This confirms that the Islamic festival, Eid-el-Fitr, will be observed on Friday, 20 March.

This was confirmed by the Sultan of Sokoto and head of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) on Wednesday night.

However, the Nigerian government had already declared 19th and 20th of March as public holidays to mark the Islamic festival.

Earlier on Wednesday, Saudi Arabian authorities also announced that the new moon was not seen anywhere in Saudi Arabia, meaning the month of Ramadan will continue on Thursday to complete 30 days. PREMIUM TIMES reported that the Sultan of Sokoto had directed Muslims across Nigeria to begin the search for the new moon from Wednesday.

Mr Abubakar gave the directive in

a statement issued on Tuesday in Sokoto and signed by the Chairman, Advisory Committee on Religious Affairs, Sultanate Council, Sambo Junaidu.

The statement provided the following telephone numbers: 0803 715 7100, 0806 630 3077, 0803 596 5322, 0803 594 5903, and 0706 714 6900—through which credible sightings could be reported directly to the Sultan's office.

Eid-el-Fitr signifies the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting, prayers, and reflection observed by Muslims worldwide. Worshippers are expected to gather in mosques and open prayer grounds on Friday for special prayers, marking the beginning of the

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# UK, Nigeria Deepen Trade Ties To Boost Jobs, Expand Operations

In a press statement on Tuesday, companies from both countries expressed their commitment to new investments across key sectors such as financial services, technology, education, and manufacturing.

The investments are driven by ongoing cooperation under the UK-Nigeria Enhanced Trade and Investment Partnership.

The statement noted that Nigerian banks, fintech firms, and creative

industry businesses are scaling up their presence in Britain, while British companies are also increasing investments in Nigeria, strengthening economic ties between the two nations.

The development comes as President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mr Bola Ahmed Tinubu, alongside the First Lady, Mrs Oluremi Tinubu, prepares to begin a State Visit to the UK on Wednesday.

Several Nigerian financial institutions are at the forefront of the expansion.

According to the report, Zenith Bank has opened a new branch in Manchester, expected to create about 30 direct jobs. Fidelity Bank has also strengthened its UK presence following the acquisition and rebranding of Union Bank UK, with plans to increase its workforce.

Other banks, including FCMB, are

expanding digital financial services to support cross-border payments between Africa and global markets. In total, about seven Nigerian banks now operate in the UK, supporting at least 1,000 jobs.

Nigerian fintech companies are also making significant investments. LemFi plans to invest £100 million over the next five years and has designated London as its global headquarters.

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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

## DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

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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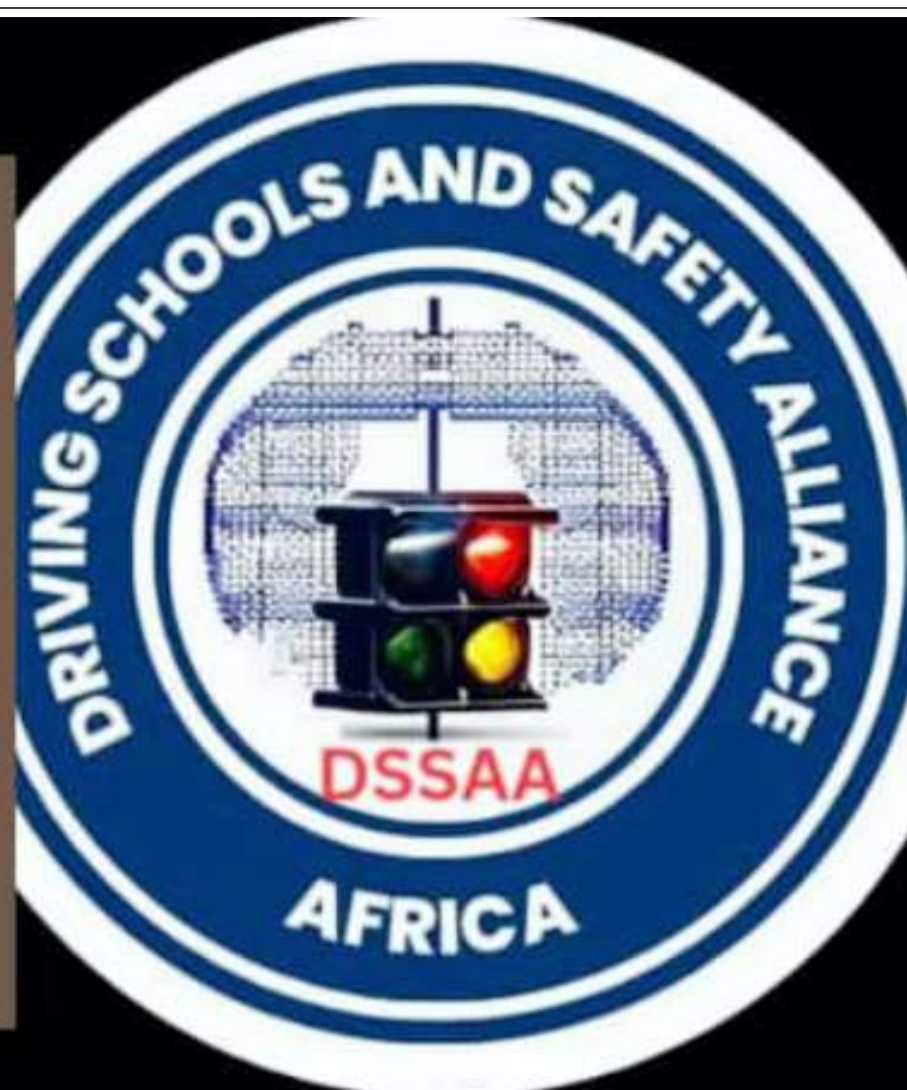


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