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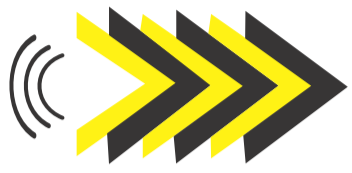
The Managing Director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Mrs. Olubunmi Kuku, has clarified the circumstances surrounding President Kuku described the Bola Ahmed Tinubu's presidential decision as an opportunity for the cashless payment the authority to review the policy at airport toll gates nationwide.

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FG Plans Aviation Investment Summit To Expand Aircraft Acquisition

The Federal Government has concluded plans to expand Nigeria's aviation market and create new opportunities for aircraft acquisition and infrastructure investment. As part of the initiative, the government is establishing a Special Purpose Window known as the "Nigeria Aircraft Acquisition and Investment Summit (NAAIS)."

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ICPC, NRC Deepen Partnership To Boost Transparency In Railway Sector

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has pledged to

strengthen its collaboration with the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) in a

renewed push to enhance transparency and accountability in Nigeria's railway sector.

The commitment was made by the Resident Anti-Corruption Commissioner (RAAC),

Lagos Office, Mr. Alexander Chukwumah, during a

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ICPC partners NRC on railway sector

Dapo Abiodun Commissions Phase II Of Imashayi-Igan-Okoto-Ayetoro Road

The Ogun State Governor, Prince Dapo Abiodun, on Thursday commissioned Phase II of the Imashayi-Igan-

Okoto-Ayetoro Road in Yewa North Local Government Area of the state, reaffirming his administration's commitment to

completing the final phase of the project. Speaking during the commissioning ceremony, Governor Abiodun assured

residents that the last phase of the road would be completed to fully connect the corridor to Ayetoro, thereby improving transportation and economic

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Yusuf Hails Tinubu As FEC Approves N334bn Kano Road

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Kano State Governor Abba Yusuf has applauded Bola Tinubu following the approval of the review and upgrade of the Kano–Kongolom Road project valued at N334bn by the Federal Executive Council.

The governor's commendation was contained in a statement issued on Wednesday by his spokesperson, Sunusi Dawakin-Tofa.

Yusuf described the approval as a historic breakthrough that would transform Kano's road network and reposition the state as a commercial and logistics hub in Northern Nigeria. He said the redesigned project would span 132 kilometres and be constructed as a three-lane concrete carriageway equipped with solar-powered street lights and modern CCTV surveillance systems.

According to him, the Kano–Kongolom corridor links Kano with Jigawa and Katsina states, making it a strategic economic route in the North-West and

a gateway for trade, agriculture and industrial growth.

"The scale of this investment shows President Tinubu's strong commitment to the development of Kano State and the wider North-West region.

"This project will open new economic frontiers for our farmers, traders and transporters. It will also reduce travel time and improve safety for road users," the governor said.

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Governor Abba Yusuf

FRSC Deploys Team To End Extortion, Abuse By Officers

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The leadership of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has launched a nationwide offensive against indiscipline, extortion and abuse of authority within its ranks, deploying senior officers across commands in what it describes as a decisive clean-up operation.

At a sensitisation programme in Rivers State, Corps Marshal Shehu Mohammed warned that rising cases of misconduct and reckless enforcement have dented the image of the corps and eroded public trust.

Represented by Deputy Corps Marshal Hygienus Omefe, Mohammed did not mince words, declaring recent operational reports "disturbing" and the behaviour of some personnel "unacceptable."

"Such behaviours violate our regulations, betray our training, contradict our core values and ultimately endanger the credibility and reputation of the Corps," he said.

According to him, acts of extortion, unethical practices, and abuse of power by a few officers have overshadowed the sacrifices of thousands of disciplined personnel, making it harder for the corps to fulfil its primary mission of saving lives on Nigerian roads.

The Corps Marshal emphasised that the deployment of senior officers is not a witch-hunt but a strategic move aimed at restoring discipline, strengthening command and control, and rebuilding public confidence.

This is not about fear but responsibility; not about punishment but restoration," he said, adding that the officers sent to various commands would act as mentors and standard-bearers to reorient personnel and reinforce ethical standards.

Mohammed emphasised that professionalism is non-negotiable, urging officers to be "firm but fair, authoritative yet humane," and to enforce traffic laws without fear, favour or personal gain.

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The commitment was made by the Resident Anti-Corruption Commissioner (RAAC), Lagos Office, Mr. Alexander Chukwumah, during a courtesy visit to the Managing Director of the NRC, Dr. Kayode Opeifa, at the corporation's headquarters.

Chukwumah said the ICPC would support the corporation through targeted training programmes aimed at equipping staff with the knowledge to identify and avoid practices that could expose them to corruption-related offences.

He noted that the initiative aligns with the Commission's public education mandate, which seeks to promote integrity across public institutions.



ICPC partners NRC

He also urged the NRC management to strengthen its collaboration with the corporation's Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU), explaining that members of the unit have been trained to detect early warning signs and red flags that could prevent minor infractions from escalating into major institutional crises.

According to him, the visit was also

designed to reinforce the cordial relationship between both agencies and reciprocate the goodwill earlier extended by the NRC.

"ICPC is committed to ensuring that NRC workers stay out of trouble. There are ways we can guide you and your team to avoid actions that could expose them to corruption risks," Chukwumah said.

In his response, Opeifa welcomed the partnership and expressed the corporation's readiness to work closely with the anti-corruption agency to deepen transparency within the railway system.

He observed that the railway sector could have recorded greater milestones if corruption had not historically impeded its growth.

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Senator Secures Presidential Approval For 5km Access Road In Osun

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The lawmaker representing Osun Central Senatorial District and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment, Olubiyi Fadeyi, on Wednesday announced that he secured presidential approval for the construction of a five-kilometre access road spanning key parts of his constituency.

The development, disclosed in a statement issued by his Special Adviser on Digital Media and Publicity, Adekanola Desmond, marks a significant infrastructure intervention expected to boost healthcare access and rural connectivity across the district.

Fadeyi explained that a major component of the project is a one-kilometre access road leading up to the Federal University of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital, Ila-Orangun.

The hospital, which serves residents across Osun and neighbouring states, has in recent times grappled with poor

road access, posing serious challenges to patients, medical personnel and surrounding communities.

The senator explained that the remaining four kilometres will link other districts within Osun Central, opening up rural corridors that are vital to farmers, traders and daily commuters.

The intervention is expected to ease the movement of agricultural produce, improve emergency response times and stimulate economic activities in underserved areas.

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Fadeyi

Tinubu Meets FAAN DG Over Airport Toll System Suspension

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Wednesday met with the Director-General of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Dr Olubunmi Kuku, at the State House, Abuja, shortly after ordering the suspension of the recently introduced cashless payment system at airport toll gates nationwide.

The meeting came barely an hour after the President directed the immediate halt of the policy following widespread gridlock at major airports, particularly in Lagos and Abuja.

Our correspondent observed that the FAAN Director-General arrived at the Presidential Villa at about 5:45 p.m. in the company of the Minister of Education, Dr Tunji Alausa, who had earlier addressed State House correspondents after the Federal Executive Council (FEC) meeting. Although the official agenda of the meeting was not disclosed, it was gathered that discussions were connected to the operational challenges that led to the suspension of the cashless toll gate

system.

The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, had earlier announced that President Tinubu ordered the suspension of the system following complaints from travellers who were caught in long queues at airport toll gates and risked missing their flights.

According to Keyamo, the President acted out of concern for the welfare of Nigerians affected by the gridlock.

"Mr President was very concerned about the welfare of Nigerians and the fact that most Nigerians were losing their flights, missing their flights," the minister said after the FEC meeting.

"So Mr President, out of empathy, directed today that we should suspend the present system because it creates a lot of gridlock."

The cashless payment system, introduced less than a week ago, was designed to eliminate corruption and improve revenue collection at toll gates and other payment points operated by FAAN at airports nationwide.

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FG Approves Reconstruction Of Ibadan-Ife-Ilesa Road, Others

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The Federal Executive Council on Wednesday approved the reconstruction of the Ibadan-Ife-Ilesa Road, a 103-kilometer dual carriageway at a cost of ₦427 billion.

Minister of Works, Dave Umahi disclosed this at a briefing with State House correspondents after the FEC meeting chaired by President Tinubu.

The Ibadan-Ife-Ilesa Road, formed part of six major infrastructure projects approved by the Council.

The Minister recalled that the project awarded by previous administrations recorded little progress.

He told journalists that the Oyo state government had already done to standard, about five kilometres of the road as part of the state's infrastructure development programme.

The Minister also disclosed that FEC equally approved a cost of ₦5.6 billion for the design and costing of a new Carter Bridge project in Lagos.

He hinted that the Carter Bridge would be demolished in line with recommendations of the technical



Engr. Umahi

evaluations and stakeholder consultations which observed that the existing bridge structure could no longer be rehabilitated.

He said: "The stakeholders' engagement and technical reviews showed that the Carter Bridge can no longer be rehabilitated. It has to be demolished and a completely new bridge constructed."

The Works Minister revealed that a firm,

Advanced Engineering Consultants has been engaged to carry out the detailed design and cost assessment ahead of the procurement process for the construction of the new bridge.

Engineer Umahi also disclosed to journalists that the Federal Government has re-awarded the Suleja-Minna Road, to China Geo-Engineering Corporation (CGC) at a cost of ₦91 billion, to complete the remaining 71

kilometres of the dual carriageway.

The Minister recalled that the projects initially awarded to Salini Construction Company was terminated due to poor performance.

The second carriageway, he told journalists has also received clearance from the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP).

Umahi added that President Tinubu instructed that for durability, the road be constructed using reinforced concrete.

The FEC also approved the reconstruction of the Abuja-Lokoja Road at a cost of ₦146 billion.

Umahi declared that following the termination of contracts awarded to two underperforming contractors, the affected 86-kilometre section would now be handled by five contractors, including Julius Berger, which is already executing other segments along the corridor.

The Council also approved Phase Two of the Keffi-Nasarawa-Abaji Road rehabilitation project, covering 129.3 kilometres at a cost of ₦203 billion.

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Gov Mbah To Construct Access Road For FEDPOLY Ohodo

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Governor Peter Mbah recently hosted members of the governing council and management of Federal Polytechnic, Ohodo, Igbo-Etiti LGA of the state, pledging his government's support for the institution's infrastructural development.

He promised to construct the seven-kilometre road leading to the polytechnic from the Otukpo-Obollo-Afor-9th Mile-Enugu Road, promising that his administration would support the institution in becoming a citadel of excellence in technological, engineering, and skills training.

Members of the governing council and management, led by the Chairman, Senator Emmanuel Ocheja, had on February 12 visited the governor for the first time since the institution's establishment to inform him of the progress and challenges facing the institution.

The visit was facilitated by the member representing Nsukka Igbo-Eze South

Federal Constituency at the National Assembly, Hon. Chidi Mark Obeta.

In his response to Ocheja's requests, the governor further directed the Commissioner for Education, Prof Ndubueze Mbah, to liaise with the polytechnic's authorities to determine critical areas of need where the state government could render support. He also promised to resolve the lingering issue of non-payment of compensation to landowners who had donated hectares of land for the institution's permanent site.



the fire on the BRT bus

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Anambra State Command, says it will increase patrols at black spots following a spate of accidents along the Agulu Lake axis, which have resulted in 11 deaths in one month.

The Sector Commander, Bridget Asekhauno, said this on Tuesday, while leading a joint road audit to the black spot, located along Agulu Lake in Anaocha Local Government Area of Anambra.

Mrs Asekhauno said the tour was necessitated by four consecutive crashes recorded at the same location, resulting in the loss of 11 lives within one month.

According to her, the visit aligned with the Corps' strategic goal of reducing road crashes and strengthening stakeholders' engagement on road safety activities.

"The frequency of crashes at this spot is worrisome, and this is mainly caused by the recklessness of some drivers. The crashes are avoidable, despite existing structural defects on the road.

"We commiserate with the families of the victims and the affected community,

"We have identified other black spots

FRSC Decries Frequent Road Crashes In Anambra

requiring urgent road infrastructure improvements, including the installation of barricades as a temporary measure," she said

Meanwhile, during the inspection, Anambra State House of Assembly member representing Anaocha Constituency, Nkechi Ogbuefi, condemned the recurring crashes and sympathised with her constituents.

Mrs Ogbuefi pledged to liaise with the state government to ensure possible redesign of the road and adjoining lake area.

On his part, the Director of the Anambra Road Traffic Management Authority, Okonkwo Emeka-Konti, ordered the immediate installation of recommended road furniture, directing that work should commence without delay.

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NNPC Leads In Fuel Price Increase Amid Fear Of Scarcity In Nigeria

Today, March 4, 2026, NNPC has increased to N937 while Jezco increased to N915, Javy increased the product to N930 per litre and Petrocam increased to N935.

The National Publicity Secretary of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria, Chinedu Ukadike, confirmed the likely retail price following the increase by Dangote, the pump price will likely range between N980 and over N1,000 per litre, depending on location and logistics.

It's said that the increase is being driven by volatility in the international crude oil market and changes in global crude fundamentals and replacement costs.

Checks by petroleumprice.ng also showed that the revised rate had been reflected across the downstream value chain, indicating a shift in pricing benchmarks. In a notice to marketers, the refinery stated:

"Dear Valued Customer, we are pleased to inform you that PMS is

currently available for purchase. Please be informed that the current price is N874 per litre. Thank you for choosing Dangote."

The increase followed a temporary suspension of petrol loading operations at the refinery effective midnight on March 2, 2026, after global crude oil prices surged above \$80 per barrel. While petrol loading paused, Automotive Gas Oil (diesel) continued to be supplied.

Several depot owners also suspended petrol sales to reassess replacement costs.

JPMorgan Chase has projected that Brent crude could climb to \$120 per barrel if a prolonged Middle East conflict continues to disrupt oil flows through the strait. The bank noted that Gulf producers could maintain normal output for only about 25 days before storage facilities reach capacity, forcing a broader production shutdown.

Responding, Nigerian activist, Deji Adeyanju criticized Aliko Dangote for the sharp increase.

He said Dangote hiked the pump price of fuel by over 100%, due to the war in Iran. Yet, the Dangote Refinery purchases crude oil domestically from Nigeria, and the President even approved that the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) sell crude oil to the Dangote Refinery in naira.

"What I find even more troubling is the fact that the products currently being supplied were refined long before the recent escalation of hostilities in the Gulf region. Why then should Nigerians bear the burden of a price increase tied to events that did not affect the cost of already-refined stock?"

"Sadly, because the refinery operates in a near-monopoly position, the government appears either unwilling or unable to call it to order. This amounts to unprecedented wickedness, as the Dangote Refinery appears to be profiting from the misfortune of war at the expense of already impoverished Nigerian citizens."

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Fuel Station

The price of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) has jumped in the last 24 hours as analysts predict more hike and scarcity of the product in Nigeria.

As of early March 2026, the Dangote Petroleum Refinery has increased its petrol (PMS) gantry price to ₦874 per litre from ₦774, citing volatility in global crude oil markets. This adjustment follows a period of reductions earlier in 2026 and late 2025 aimed at providing competitive pricing, including a drop to ₦699 in December 2025.

In some filling stations monitored by The Guardian, the product is being sold between N915 and N930, while others sell above.



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FEC Approves Major Road Projects, Carter Bridge Demolition

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The Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved several major road and bridge projects across the country, including the reconstruction of key highways and the redesign of the Carter Bridge in Lagos.

Minister of Works, David Umahi, disclosed this while briefing journalists at the State House, Abuja on Wednesday after the FEC meeting presided over by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Umahi said the council approved six major infrastructure projects aimed at improving connectivity and strengthening the nation's transport network.

Among the projects approved is the completion of the long-delayed Suleja–Minna Road, which was originally awarded to Salini Construction Company but later terminated due to poor performance.

According to the minister, only about 10 kilometres of the road had been



Carter Bridge

completed before the Engineering Corporation Umahi noted that contract was cancelled. (CGC) at a cost of ₦91 billion. He said the government directed that the road be completed using reinforced concrete to enhance durability. The council also approved ₦5.6 billion for the design and costing of

a new Carter Bridge project in Lagos.

The minister explained that technical evaluations and stakeholder consultations concluded that the existing bridge structure can no longer be rehabilitated and must be demolished and replaced.

“The stakeholders’ engagement and technical reviews showed that the Carter Bridge can no longer be rehabilitated. It has to be demolished and a completely new bridge constructed,” Umahi said.

He added that Advanced Engineering Consultants has been engaged to carry out the detailed design and cost assessment ahead of the procurement process for the construction of the new bridge.

On another project, Umahi said FEC approved the review and rescoping of the Kano–Kongolam Road, a tax credit project originally awarded in 2022.

The 132-kilometre corridor linking Kano, Jigawa and Katsina states was initially planned as an asphalt road but has now been redesigned as a three-lane concrete carriageway.

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Ibom Air Adopts Directive On Power Bank



Ibom Air

Ibom Air has fully adopted the recent safety directive from the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) regarding the carriage and use of power banks on commercial flights, reaffirming the airline's unwavering commitment to passenger and crew safety.

The NCAA directive, issued in line with global aviation safety standards, according to a statement by the airline introduces a critical new restriction: passengers are prohibited from placing power banks in the overhead bins – hat racks.

According to the carrier, all power banks must now be carried in cabin luggage and stored either in the seat pocket in front of the

passenger, under the seat, or in a carry-on bag kept within easy reach throughout the flight.

The statement added that the prohibition of power banks in checked baggage remains in effect, consistent with the airline's long-standing policy on lithium battery devices, similar to laptops and other electronics.

According to the NCAA Safety Directive, “Power banks must not be placed in the overhead luggage bins during flight. They must be carried in the cabin and stored either under the seat in front, in the seat pocket, or in a carry-on bag that remains accessible to the passenger at all times.” This measure ensures that in the event of overheating or fire, cabin crew can respond immediately.

Under the new regulations, power banks with a capacity of up to 100 watt-hours (Wh) are permitted without restriction. However, power banks ranging from 100Wh to 160Wh require prior approval from the airline

before travel.

Devices exceeding 160Wh are strictly prohibited on board aircraft. Passengers are advised to check their power bank's watt-hour rating before travel, which is usually printed on the device.

The directive follows a series of global incidents involving lithium battery fires that have highlighted the potential dangers of power banks in the aviation environment. Lithium-ion batteries, when overheated or damaged, can enter a state known as “thermal runaway,” causing them to ignite fires that are extremely difficult to control, particularly at 35,000 feet where emergency response options are limited.

Storing these devices in overhead bins delays detection and access, increasing the risk of catastrophic fire spread before cabin crew can intervene.

These incidents, the airline said reinforces the critical need for strict adherence to safety protocols

governing lithium battery devices.

Safety being one of its core values, Ibom Air fully supports the NCAA's directive on power bank carriage. The statement added: “The safety of passengers and crew remains the airline's highest priority. Ibom Air continues to work closely with regulatory authorities to ensure full compliance with all safety directives.” The NCAA directive, issued in line with global aviation safety standards, according to a statement by the airline introduces a critical new restriction: passengers are prohibited from placing power banks in the overhead bins – hat racks.

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Airlines Suspend Middle East Flights As US-Israel Strikes Shut Regional Airspace

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Several airlines across Asia and Europe have cancelled flights and suspended operations following the widespread closure of Middle East airspace.

Reuters reported on Saturday that flight maps showed virtually empty skies over Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Israel and Bahrain as carriers halted services and rerouted aircraft amid mounting security concerns.

The disruptions follow United States and Israeli attacks on Iran and Iran's subsequent retaliation, triggering sweeping airspace restrictions across the region.

According to Reuters, major Gulf hubs were among the hardest hit by the widespread suspension of flight operations. Airports and airlines across the region were forced to temporarily halt services as security concerns mounted.



“Airlines suspended flights across the Middle East on Saturday, including to and from the world's busiest travel hub, Dubai, after the United States and Israel

launched strikes on Iran, plunging the region into a renewed military confrontation.

“Flight maps showed airspace over Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Israel and

Bahrain virtually empty as Israel said it struck

Iran and the U.S. military initiated a series of strikes against targets in the country. Iran retaliated with a salvo of

missiles,” the report read in part.

Major airports, including Dubai International Airport and Al Maktoum International Airport, suspended operations

until further notice and advised passengers not to travel, while airlines such as Emirates and flydubai temporarily halted services to and from Dubai.

Preliminary data from aviation analytics firm Cirium showed a sharp spike in cancellations across the region on Saturday. The figures suggest that disruptions could deepen if airspace restrictions remain in place.

Airlines cancelled nearly 40% of flights to Israel and about 6.7% of flights to the wider Middle East region.

European carriers, including British Airways, Lufthansa, Air France, Iberia and Wizz Air, suspended or cancelled services to Tel Aviv, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Amman and Bahrain.

Regional operators such as Qatar Airways, Kuwait Airways and Turkish Airlines also temporarily halted select routes.

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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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NYCN Diaspora Adopts 2026 Constitution, Unveils Nigeria Diaspora Youth Day

Culled:
The Diaspora arm of the National Youth Council of Nigeria, NYCN, has formally adopted its 2026 Constitution, strengthening its mandate as the umbrella body and statutory mouthpiece for Nigerian youths and youth organisations outside the country.

The new constitutional framework, enacted on February 23, 2026, in London, is designed to entrench transparency, accountability and structured global coordination of Nigerian youths in the Diaspora.

NYCN Diaspora President, Amb. Collins Osazee Idahosa, said the development marks a significant milestone in consolidating the Council's role in advocating for the rights and interests of Nigerian youths abroad, while promoting inclusive participation in Nigeria's governance process.

According to him, the Council remains committed to ensuring that Nigerian youths in the Diaspora realise their full potential through advocacy, consular and integration guidance, social enlightenment, mobilization and strategic partnerships.

Operating under the motto, "Build the Youth, Build the Nation," the Council,



Idahosa

he said, will leverage the new constitution to deepen youth development initiatives on a global scale.

The 2026 Constitution establishes a comprehensive governance structure with clearly defined organs to drive its international operations.

At the apex is the Diaspora Youth Congress, designated as the highest decision-making organ of the Council. The framework also provides for a Diaspora Board of

Trustees, empowered to function as the internal conscience and legal supervisory body of the organisation.

In addition, a Diaspora Advisory Council has been constituted to provide expert guidance, mentorship and policy oversight, while the Diaspora Executive Council will serve as the administrative and executive authority responsible for implementing and interpreting the Council's

global vision.

Speaking on the significance of the new constitutional order, Idahosa said: "As we operationalize this new Constitution, our focus remains squarely on our vision, to empower Nigerian youth in the Diaspora toward global impact, national pride and individual excellence."

Meanwhile, the Council has announced the institution of "Nigeria Diaspora Youth Day," slated for August 22, 2026, in London.

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NITDA, Abia Partner On Enterprise Architecture Reform

Culled:
In alignment with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's priority areas of economic reform, digital innovation, and improved governance, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) has reiterated its commitment to supporting sub-national governments in building integrated, data-driven systems that enhance service delivery and drive sustainable growth.

This commitment was reinforced at the Future Enterprise & Data Architecture of Abia State workshop themed "One Citizen, One Identity: Unlocking Data-Driven Governance." The high-level engagement brought together policymakers, technocrats, and development partners to chart a pathway toward a unified digital public sector anchored on interoperability and citizen-centric governance.

The workshop, organised by the state's Ministry of Budget and Planning and declared open by Governor Alex Otti, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Engr Ikechukwu Emetu, focused on strengthening interoperability among Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to enhance revenue generation and improve service delivery across the state.

Speaking during a panel session titled "Breaking Silos, Building One Government," the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa CCIE, who was represented by the Agency's Director of Stakeholder Management and Partnership, Dr Aristotle Onumo, emphasised that collaboration remains the cornerstone of successful digital transformation.

"One thing that is very clear is partnership and collaboration. If you want to take advantage of collective intelligence, then partnership is the key. If you want to succeed in building a unified government system, collaboration is the way to go,"

He stressed that digital transformation is not merely about deploying technology but about transforming people and culture.

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Services Drive Nigeria's GDP To 4.07% In Q4 2025



National Bureau of Statistics

Culled:
The services sector has continued to dominate the Nigerian economy as its contribution drove the country's real gross domestic product to 4.07 per cent year-over-year.

fourth quarter 2025 GDP figures released over the weekend, noted that the services sector continued to dominate overall output, accounting for more than half of aggregate GDP. According to the NBS, the sector's share rose marginally to 55.92 per cent in Q4 2025,

compared with 55.87 per cent in the same quarter of the previous year.

In 2023, the GDP grew by 4.1 per cent, in 2024, the rate was 3.38 per cent, and in 2025, it grew by 3.87 per cent.

"On an annual basis, the growth rate in 2025 stood at 3.87 per cent from 3.38 per cent in 2024," NBS said.

The report shows that in the first three quarters of 2025, Nigeria's GDP growth was 3.19 per cent in Q1, 4.23 per cent in Q2 and 3.98 per cent in Q3.

The data from NBS showed that the Q4 performance surpassed the 3.76 per cent growth recorded in the corresponding period of 2024, reinforcing signs of broad-based economic resilience.

According to the report, agriculture

recorded stronger growth during the period, with 4.00 per cent, an improvement from the 2.54 per cent recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024.

Industrial activities also gained momentum, reflecting improved performance across manufacturing and related sub-sectors, while services remained the largest driver of economic expansion. The growth of the industry sector stood at 3.88 per cent from 2.49 per cent recorded in the fourth quarter of 2024, while the services sector recorded a growth of 4.15 per cent from 4.75 per cent in the same quarter of 2024.

On a full-year basis, economic growth strengthened in 2025, reflecting steady gains across key sectors of the economy.

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Mohammed Idris

Fake News Major Threat To Nigeria's Future, Says Information Minister

Culled: The Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, on Saturday warned that fake news and digital disinformation pose a grave threat to Nigeria's moral foundation and long-term stability, urging citizens, especially the youth, to embrace verification and responsibility in the digital space. Idris spoke in Kaduna on Saturday, at the 20th Joint Ramadan Lecture organised by the Nigerian Television Authority, Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, and the Voice of Nigeria in Kaduna, describing the digital age as a defining moment for Nigeria's unity

and moral direction. The lecture, held at Lumana Hall, Zamani College, Kaduna, had as its theme: Digital Technology and the Moral Future: Navigating the Fitna of Our Time with Faith and Purpose. According to the minister, while digital technology has unlocked unprecedented opportunities for learning, enterprise and innovation, it has also "unleashed forces that threaten our moral fabric," with misinformation spreading faster than truth. "We live in an age where a single smartphone can broadcast lies before truth can respond," Idris said, warning

that algorithms often amplify divisive content because "anger spreads faster than reflection." He noted that disinformation has evolved into a subtle tool of political warfare capable of eroding public trust in institutions, deepening suspicion among citizens, and undermining national cohesion. Citing Surah Al-Hujurat (49:6), he urged Nigerians to adopt a culture of verification, stressing that Islam provides a timeless framework for navigating information disorder through investigation, accountability, and unity. He outlined what he described as key

ethical safeguards: the obligation to verify information, discipline of intention before sharing content, consciousness of accountability before God, humility in admitting limited knowledge, and prioritizing societal harmony over sensationalism. Addressing the youth directly, Idris said Nigeria's predominantly young population must deploy digital tools as instruments of nation-building rather than weapons of division, stressing that "a nation that fails its youth has no future." He maintained that the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is

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Nigerians Pilgrims Safe In Israel, CAN Chairman

The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Kaduna State chapter, has assured Nigerians that pilgrims from the state currently in Israel are safe despite rising tensions in the Middle East amid reports of possible military action involving Israel, the United States and Iran. Speaking from Israel via a WhatsApp call on behalf of the Kaduna delegation, the State Chairman of CAN, Rev. Maaji Caleb, dismissed

concerns over the safety of the Nigerian pilgrims, stressing that there was no cause for alarm. "We are safe and praying fervently for Kaduna State and Nigeria. There is no cause for alarm here. Every pilgrim from Kaduna is safe," he said. Rev. Caleb explained that the pilgrims have continued their spiritual exercises without disruption, adding that adequate security measures are in place to guarantee their safety.

He noted that although recent developments in the region have sparked global concern, the situation has not affected the Christian holy sites being visited by the delegation. The cleric further disclosed that the pilgrims have devoted time to praying for peace and stability in Nigeria, particularly in Kaduna State. "We are praying for our peace-loving Governor, Senator Uba Sani, and President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for

God's guidance and protection. Nigeria will be great; Kaduna State will be great and enjoy the peace of God all round," he stated. Rev. Caleb urged families and loved ones back home to remain calm, assuring them that the delegation is in constant communication with relevant authorities and tour coordinators. He reaffirmed the commitment of Kaduna Christians to national unity and peaceful coexistence, noting that

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