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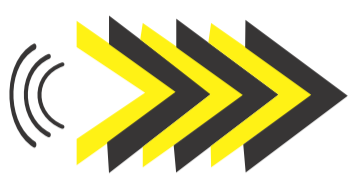
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# Residents Commend LG Over Road Rehabilitation

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Communities in Olorunda Local Government Area of Osun State have lauded the council Chairman, Hon. Mojeed Adekunle Kudayisi, for the ongoing grading of community roads across the local government.

Various roads at different communities under the Olorunda council area, including Ayekale, Olobedu, Oluomo, Akogun and Abidogun, Service, Ajisebiyawo, Ifelodun, Kojufoluwa, System and Agunbelewo, as well as Ilie Area Council, were graded by Olorunda LG.

The Chairman of Zone 5, Ifelodun Community, Agunbelewo, Osogbo, Prince Hameed Oyegbade, in a statement on Saturday, commended Olorunda LG for the grading of the roads.

Oyegbade said the roads in those communities were in deplorable conditions over the years to the extent that most of them were impassable, subjecting the residents to untold

hardship.

He commended the authorities of Olorunda LG for deeming it fit to grade the roads, saying that the road grading would enhance the social and economic life of the people of the area, with a significant impact on their well-being.

Oyegbade said: "This is the first time that our communities felt government impact. In fact, this road grading by Olorunda LG is demand-driven.

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Olorunda road rehabilitation

# NRC Prosecutes Suspected Railway Vandal In Lagos

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The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has arraigned a suspected railway vandal in Lagos as part of its intensified crackdown on attacks against the nation's rail infrastructure.

The suspect, 32-year-old Bashiru Hafeez, was apprehended by security personnel from Multi Eye Security Services at Mobolaji Johnson Train Station (MJS), Ebute-Metta, during a routine patrol. He was found in possession of 15 pandrol clips — iron fasteners crucial for track stability — believed to have been unlawfully removed from the narrow-gauge line at Alagomeji.

The removal of these components poses serious safety risks, including potential train derailments. Following his arrest, Hafeez was handed over to the Nigerian Railway Police Command for investigation and prosecution.

He was subsequently arraigned before a court in Lagos and remanded at the Ikoyi Correctional Centre, with the case adjourned to April 24, 2026, for further

hearing.

The NRC Managing Director, Dr. Kayode Opeifa, reiterated the Corporation's zero-tolerance stance on railway vandalism, describing such acts as "economic sabotage" that endanger lives and undermine national infrastructure. He commended the security personnel for their vigilance and swift action, promising that the NRC, in collaboration with security agencies, would continue to identify, arrest, and prosecute those involved in vandalism or dealing in stolen railway materials.

"Anyone found culpable in vandalizing railway infrastructure or trading in stolen railway assets will face the full weight of the law," Opeifa warned.

The NRC also urged the public to remain alert and report suspicious activities around railway corridors, emphasizing the strategic importance of the rail network to national development. Opeifa assured passengers and stakeholders of the Corporation's commitment to safe, secure, and efficient rail operations across Nigeria.

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The statement said the training brought together student leaders from secondary schools within the Orozo/Karshi axis, alongside principals, teachers, officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps, and Special Marshals.

"Participants were trained on key road safety topics, including pedestrian safety, proper use of seatbelts, and understanding road signs, as part of a broader effort to instil responsible road-use habits among students.

"The initiative forms part of the High Impact Phase of the programme, following the emergence of Government



Students empowered with road safety skills in Abuja

Secondary School, Orozo, as the national champion. This phase is designed to support the practical implementation of student-led solutions developed during the initiative.

"Launched in 2025 by TotalEnergies in collaboration with NNPC, the programme is implemented by GreenLight Initiative under a global framework and supported by the

TotalEnergies Foundation," the statement read.

Speaking during the training, GreenLight Initiative Manager, Star Okereh, highlighted the importance of empowering students to take ownership of road safety advocacy.

She said, "The transition from classroom learning to real-world action is one of the most powerful outcomes of the VIA

Programme.

"When young people are equipped with knowledge and given the platform to lead, they become strong advocates for safer school journeys and inspire positive change in their communities."

According to the statement, the 2025 edition of the programme engaged 600 students across 30 public secondary schools in Abuja, Lagos, and Rivers State.

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## Local Transport News

# Decaying Imala Road Sparks Outcry In Ogun Community

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The Imala ward 14 community located in the Abeokuta North Local Government area of Ogun State has expressed concern over the deplorable conditions of its 7.5 kilometres road, appealing to the Ogun State government to come to its aid.

They lamented that the road was nothing to write home and has affected the development of the community.

They made the appeal in a statement signed by Imala Development Coordinator, Mr Steven Adetomiwa and made available to journalists in Abeokuta on Sunday.

Adetomiwa urged Governor Dapo Abiodun to reconstruct the road, explaining that it was initially constructed by Chief Obafemi Awolowo and is long overdue.

The Statement reads "On behalf of Imala ward 14 community in Abeokuta North Local Government, we write to appreciate your elongated two-term

tenure as Governor of Ogun State and wishing you many more prosperous future endeavours.

"Imala the headquarters for regional Westerns administration in Abeokuta North Local Government hereby appeal to you for the construction of the 7.5 kilometres of the road that across the township.

"This constituency, ward 14 in Abeokuta North Local Government voted massively for your elections on the two terms for the Governorship.

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Imala road

# Delta Police Prosecute 68 Traffic Offenders In Asaba

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The Delta State Police Command has prosecuted 68 traffic offenders in Warri and Asaba as part of intensified efforts to enforce road safety regulations across the state.

The offenders were arraigned before mobile courts in Warri and Asaba, as well as the Magistrate Court in Okwe, following a joint enforcement operation involving designated judges and magistrates.

Police spokesman Bright Edefe said on Sunday that the arrests were made for various traffic violations, including unauthorised use of number plates, driving against traffic, and failure to register vehicles.

Breakdown of the offences, according to him, showed that seven persons were charged for unauthorised use of number plates, five for driving against traffic, and 15 for driving without registration numbers.

He said two others were prosecuted for unlawful use of sirens and revolving

lights, while 15 were charged with road obstruction.

Edefe added that 13 offenders were arraigned for driving with covered number plates, and 11 for driving without a valid driver's licence.

The spokesman noted that vehicles with unregistered or concealed number plates were often linked to criminal activities and used to evade security checks.

He stated that all offenders were fined in line with the Delta State Traffic Management Law and the National Road Traffic Regulations.

The Command's spokesman said: "We are strengthening collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Delta State Traffic Management Agency to sustain enforcement and improve road safety.

"We urge motorists to comply with traffic laws, properly register their vehicles, and carry valid driving licences."

The Command warned that it would continue to enforce a zero-tolerance policy on traffic violations in the state.

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He accused them of persistently lobbying for the release of motorcycles, popularly known as okada, and other vehicles seized for traffic violations, particularly for driving against traffic.

According to Akerele, the requests were denied in line with existing traffic regulations, prompting what he described as a coordinated campaign to discredit him and the agency.

He claimed to have evidence, including screenshots of Facebook conversations, allegedly showing



CSP Akerele

requests for favours and subsequent threats of blackmail and online smear campaigns when those requests were not granted.

"It is both sad and embarrassing that individuals who should be using their social media platforms to disseminate meaningful information have instead turned them into tools for blackmail, intimidation, and the spread of

falsehoods," he said.

The Taskforce chairman reiterated provisions of the Lagos State Road Traffic Law (2018), noting that vehicles caught driving against traffic are liable to forfeiture to the state government.

He stressed that strict enforcement of the law is necessary to address the dangers of one-way driving, which he said has contributed to accidents,

fatalities, and lasting trauma for victims' families.

Akerele urged the public to be cautious of information circulating on unverified platforms, describing such content as potentially misleading. He also reaffirmed the agency's commitment to enforcing traffic laws without bias.

He added that neither he nor the Taskforce would be deterred by intimidation, maintaining that the agency remains focused on ensuring safety and order on Lagos roads.

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## Local Transport News

# Transport Firm Pushes CNG Adoption With More Tricycle Rollout

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Enviably Transport has announced plans to deploy additional Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) tricycles across the country, a move aimed at reducing transportation costs and promoting cleaner, more sustainable alternatives to petrol and diesel.

A statement made available to journalists, signed by the Group Managing Director of Enviably Transport, Chief Chukwuemeka Ituma, highlighted the numerous benefits of the initiative, including reduced fuel costs, lower carbon emissions, and improved engine efficiency.

He emphasised that the drive CNG Initiative aligns with global efforts to embrace environmentally friendly energy solutions while addressing the rising cost of transportation.

According to him, "Drivers and fleet operators will significantly be forever grateful to us about the introduction of this initiative," adding that the switch to CNG will reduce operational

expenses and increase profitability.

Beyond economic advantages, Ituma stated that the initiative is expected to contribute positively to environmental sustainability by reducing air pollution and promoting cleaner urban living.

The introduction of the Drive CNG Initiative by Enviably Transport signals a forward-thinking approach to transportation, positioning the company as a key player in driving innovation and sustainability within the industry.

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Chief Ituma

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has promoted 120 senior officers to higher ranks in a move aimed at strengthening leadership capacity and enhancing institutional performance.

This was contained in a statement issued by the Acting Corps Public Education Officer (CPEO), Felicia Kalu, on Saturday in Abuja.

Kalu said that the promotion, approved by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, took effect from January 1, 2026.

She said that the development marked another step toward building a highly motivated, disciplined, and result-driven workforce committed to saving lives on Nigerian roads.

She said: "A breakdown of the exercise shows that 19 officers were elevated to the rank of Assistant Corps Marshal (ACM), 55 Deputy Corps Commanders (DCC) promoted to Corps Commander (CC).

"Others are 46 Assistant Corps Commanders (ACC) advanced to

# FRSC Promotes 120 Senior Officers Nationwide

Deputy Corps Commander (DCC)."

The FRSC spokesperson said the promotions were in recognition of the officers' exemplary service records, leadership competence, and sustained contributions to the advancement of the Corps.

Reacting, the Corps Marshal, Malam Shehu Mohammed, congratulated the newly promoted officers, describing the exercise as a reflection of the Corps' commitment to excellence, discipline and structured career progression.

Mohammed charged the beneficiaries to justify the confidence reposed in them by demonstrating higher levels of dedication, leadership, and professionalism in the discharge of their duties.

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# NPA Targets Export Expansion, Unveils Eastern Ports Upgrade

South-East, noting that its location presents vast opportunities for export expansion, particularly in agro-allied products.

"The strategic positioning of Enugu as the gateway to the South-Eastern hinterland presents huge opportunities for the expansion of export opportunities, which is the focal point of the Nigerian Ports Authority," he said.

He commended the Enugu Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture for sustaining the trade fair as a platform for enterprise development and international trade engagement.

As part of efforts to drive cargo traffic and improve capacity, Dantsoho disclosed that the NPA is investing in the rehabilitation of key eastern ports, including Onne, Warri, and Calabar, while also supporting the development of new deep-seaports across the region.

"In addition to our renewed investment in Eastern Ports infrastructure

renewal, we are providing bespoke technical guidance to proponents of deep seaports in a bid to drive vessel and cargo traffic to the Eastern flank on a sustainable frequency," he said.

He stressed that trade remains one of the most effective tools for achieving Nigeria's economic aspirations, adding that the NPA is committed to removing longstanding bottlenecks that have hindered export competitiveness.

Central to the reform agenda is the establishment of Export Process Terminals (EPTs), designed to simplify and streamline export procedures for Nigerian goods.

"As some of us are aware, we established the Export Process Terminals (EPTs) to simplify the hitherto burdensome process of exporting Nigerian goods," Dantsoho said.

He explained that the terminals serve as a one-stop shop for all export-related activities, significantly reducing delays and inefficiencies.

"The EPTs were conceptualised to serve as a one-stop shop for cargo

consolidation, stuffing, documentation, packaging, certification and onward shipment, thus eliminating the duplications and bureaucratic overlaps that previously rendered Nigerian exports uncompetitive."

To further enhance efficiency and align with the Federal Government's ease-of-doing-business agenda, the NPA is pursuing full automation of its processes through the implementation of the National Single Window (NSW) system.

"To achieve this, we are eliminating human interface, which encourages underhand dealings by pursuing the full automation of our processes, with the implementation of the National Single Window (NSW)," he said.

He described the NSW as a globally recognised system that enables seamless interaction among all stakeholders in the trade value chain.

"For the avoidance of doubt, the NSW is the global best practice connecting all stakeholders in the trade value chain for seamless interaction at the push of a button."

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Tinian island port

The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) at the weekend unveiled a comprehensive strategy to boost Nigeria's non-oil exports, anchored in infrastructure renewal, export process simplification, and the full automation of port operations.

Speaking at the 37th Enugu International Trade Fair, held recently in the state, the Managing Director of NPA, Abubakar Dantsoho, said the authority is repositioning the nation's port system to connect local producers, especially small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs), to global markets.

Dantsoho highlighted the strategic importance of Enugu as a commercial gateway to the



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# FAAN Seeks Support For Three Airlines As National Flag Carriers

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“Earlier today, at the Q1 Business Breakfast Meeting of the Aviation Safety Round Table Initiative, Kuku emphasised strategic support for 2–3 Nigerian airlines to become National Flag Carriers, a move



Mrs Kuku

expected to boost passenger and cargo traffic, the postread. She explained that

Kuku added that the initiative forms part of broader reforms being implemented by FAAN to enhance

international airport operations and plans to build modern cargo terminals and cold-chain systems to support air freight growth.

“We are also working to position Nigeria as a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul hub, so that more value is retained within the country,” she said.

She further noted that FAAN is planning to deploy advanced technologies, including upgraded airfield lighting and the Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (A-SMGCS), to enhance safety and operational efficiency.

“These initiatives are designed to strengthen Nigeria's aviation ecosystem and support growing demand across passenger and cargo segments,” Kuku added.

The FAAN boss stressed that sustained investment in infrastructure and local airline capacity would be critical to achieving a more resilient and competitive aviation industry.

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## Bird Strike Disrupts United Nigeria Airlines Flight



United Nigeria

United Nigeria Airlines has alerted passengers and the public to flight disruptions following a bird strike on one of its Airbus A320 aircraft on Sunday.

This was disclosed in a Sunday statement issued by the airline, stating that the incident occurred on Flight UN0509 from Asaba International Airport to Murtala Muhammed International Airport, scheduled for 12:00 hours.

“Due to a bird strike on one of the engines of its operating Airbus A320 aircraft during Flight UN0509, some flights across our network will not operate as scheduled,” the airline said in a statement.

In line with safety protocols, the affected aircraft has been withdrawn for a full inspection before returning to service.

“In adherence to our strict and uncompromising safety standards, the affected aircraft has been withdrawn from service for comprehensive inspection before returning to operations,” the statement added.

The airline also apologised to passengers for the inconvenience, assuring them of support during the disruption.

“We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this unforeseen development may cause to your travel plans and kindly appeal for the understanding and patience of our valued passengers and the general public,” it said.

PUNCH Online reported that United Nigeria Airlines aircraft has recorded the fourth in the past month, highlighting a growing challenge for operators in the country.

The most recent incident occurred at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport when an Airbus A320 on Flight UN0519 from Abuja to Lagos encountered birds during takeoff.

United Nigeria Airlines reaffirmed its commitment to upholding the highest safety standards and minimising disruptions to passengers.

“Our team is working diligently to minimise disruptions and provide support to all affected travellers,” the statement concluded.

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# Vietnam And China Lay The Tracks For Deeper Trade Connectivity



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On 19 December 2025, Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Bui Thanh Son pressed the ceremonial start button to launch the Lao Cai-Hanoi-Hai Phong railway. The 390-kilometre railway, backed by \$8.4 billion in funding, marks a move into the 'hard connectivity' phase of the 'China-Vietnam Community with Shared Future that Carries Strategic Significance' vision.

But the project also carries complex strategic considerations. While this route follows the historical footprint of the Yunnan-Vietnam railway, opened in 1910, the current project represents a critical upgrade within the 'Two Corridors, One Belt' Initiative, which is connected to China's Belt and Road Initiative. It is tasked with opening a major maritime gateway for

southwest China, updating the eastern route of the Pan-Asian Railway, and further integrating industrial and supply chains between China and Vietnam.

Developing an international railway hub oriented toward South and Southeast Asia — a strategy framed as 'moving from the plateau to the sea' — is central to

Yunnan's mission to secure maritime outlets. The completion of the railway will facilitate goods to travel directly from Yunnan to the Lach Huyen deep-sea port in

Hai Phong, Vietnam. This project is essentially a modernisation of existing capacity to enhance connectivity, one of the prioritised cooperation areas between China and

its neighbourhood, especially among the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member countries.

The Vietnamese government regards this railway project as critical infrastructure to help link international supply chains. Besides stimulating economic growth, the project will accelerate Vietnam's industrialisation and modernisation. The heavy reliance of Vietnam's manufacturing sector on Chinese supply chains is a key economic driver for railway cooperation.

Vietnam's balancing strategy for industrial development has become increasingly differentiated — collaborating with the West in high-tech sectors such as 5G, chips, and semiconductors, and partnering with China in transportation, agriculture, and cross-border e-commerce. *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

# President Tinubu Expresses Confidence In Nigeria's Economic Recovery

**Culled:** President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has expressed optimism that Nigeria will overcome its current economic difficulties, assuring citizens that the nation remains resilient despite the harsh impact of global developments, particularly the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The President gave the assurance on Sunday after a special prayer session held in his honour at the National Mosque, Abuja, as part of activities marking his 74th birthday. President Tinubu acknowledged that Nigerians are facing challenges, including electricity concerns, rising transportation costs and inflationary pressures, but maintained that the country would pull through.



President Tinubu at the National Mosque, Abuja

“There is that of electricity, there's a problem of transportation hike, there's a problem of expected inflation as a result of the war that we have no control of. But we will overcome it. We are a resilient nation that is very, very committed and resilient to the way of Almighty God, we will overcome all action.” President Tinubu highlighted that present hardship was not peculiar to Nigeria alone, he noted that the war in the Middle East has

contributed to global instability and placed additional pressure on economies across the world.

The Nigerian Leader further expressed confidence that with faith in God and collective national resilience, the country would surmount the difficulties.

Describing the occasion as solemn and reflective, the President said it was a moment to thank Almighty

Allah for preserving his life, family and members of his team, while also praying for peace and stability across the world.

He said the outpouring of goodwill and prayers from Nigerians across the country was deeply appreciated, describing the messages as overwhelming and encouraging.

“It's a solemn day, it is a day to give thanks to Almighty Allah, sparing our lives and

making things easy for me, family and all the team members, however, we are going through a very difficult period which is not our own making, as a result of the War in Middle East, we pray to Almighty Allah to bring peace and stability to the rest of the world.

“Best wishes Have been coming from across the country, from individuals. What do you say to them and the prayers given to you?”

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# Govt Urged To Prioritise Policy Stability For Growth

**Culled:** Stakeholders in Nigeria's economy have called for sustained policy consistency to anchor investor confidence and drive growth, warning that credibility and predictability remain critical to achieving sustainable prosperity.

Speaking at the recent public presentation of the WorldStage Nigeria's Macroeconomic Outlook 2026, titled 'Turning the Corner', in Lagos, the President of the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture, Engr Jani Ibrahim, said Nigeria must move beyond reforms to tangible results.

“Getting it right requires moving beyond stabilisation to structural transformation. Policy consistency must anchor investor confidence, as credibility and predictability remain fundamental to economic growth,” Ibrahim said.

Represented by Dr Abina Praise, he added that the country was at a transition point. “Nigeria is at a critical transition point from reform to results, and from stabilisation to sustainable prosperity. Recent economic reforms, including exchange rate liberalisation and subsidy removal, have begun to stabilise key indicators.

“Growth is strengthening, with projections in the range of 4 to 5 percent, while inflation, though easing, remains elevated at approximately 15 percent, continuing to exert pressure on households,” Ibrahim said.

He stressed that while stability was emerging, prosperity had yet to be fully realised. “Stakeholders now expect greater fiscal clarity, particularly around the evolving tax regime, exchange rate management, and the broader policy direction shaping the 2026 macroeconomic outlook,” Ibrahim said.

The NACCIMA president urged a shift from a consumption-driven economy to a production-led model, noting that productivity challenges persist despite the dominance of the non-oil sector.

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# Nigeria, Mexico Set To Deepen Bilateral Ties



Nigeria and Mexico set to deepen bilateral ties

**Culled:** Nigeria and Mexico are set to strengthen their diplomatic and economic relations through a renewed commitment to high-level ministerial exchanges, as both countries explore new avenues for cooperation

across key sectors. This development emerged during a valedictory visit by Mexico's outgoing Ambassador to Nigeria, Alfredo Miranda Ortiz, to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, following the completion of his nearly four-

year diplomatic tenure. The visit highlighted the growing partnership between Nigeria and Mexico established five decades ago. Both nations are now seeking to expand collaboration through structured ministerial visits aimed at boosting trade, cultural exchange, and economic cooperation. A statement issued by the Minister's Special Assistant on Communication and New Media, Magnus Eze, noted that Odumegwu-Ojukwu commended Ambassador Ortiz for his strategic role in strengthening bilateral relations, enhancing trade diversification, and fostering economic partnerships between the two countries. During his tenure, Ambassador

Ortiz facilitated the establishment of the Nigerian-Mexican Chamber of Commerce and oversaw the inauguration of a Mexican honorary consulate in Lagos—both seen as key milestones in deepening diplomatic and commercial ties. He also championed cultural and social initiatives, including advocacy for inclusive development and the empowerment of women and girls, while promoting dialogue across multiple sectors. Speaking during the meeting, Odumegwu-Ojukwu emphasised the shared cultural values between both nations and underscored Nigeria's interest in learning from Mexico's tourism sector.

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Q & N Sports Development

# Group Restates Commitment To Grooming Young Nigerian Athletes

**Culled:**  
 A grassroots sports initiative, Q & N Sports Development, has launched a programme aimed at training secondary school students in sports, where Nigeria has limited international representation.

The competition, dubbed, Waves of Champions Football Tournament 2026, focused on identifying promising young athletes from Remo-land particularly, in track and field and helping them reach their full potential through structured training and mentorship in sports activities.

Speaking ahead of the upcoming tournament scheduled for March 28, at

the Gateway International Stadium, Shagamu, Ogun State, the Founder, Adewale Adebite, said the initiative was inspired by Nigeria's limited representation in athletics at the Olympic Games.

He noted that Nigeria's size and population should be able to field a strong presence in global track and field competitions.

He noted that the turnout for the first edition of the competition, which was held last year November exceeded expectations, adding that, "By the end of this year's event, we aim to officially identify and establish our first set of 'Waves of Champions' athletes."

He noted that the Waves of Champions was created to address this gap by focusing on grassroots talent discovery, particularly among underprivileged and underserved youth.

He said: "When you look at the current situation, many young people don't even realise the talents they have because of their environment.

I strongly believe this initiative will make a difference. If successful, it will reduce the number of young people roaming the streets without direction. By identifying their talents and guiding them, we can help them not just in sports, but academically and in life. They will learn discipline, respect, and

structure." He further emphasised that his long-term goal is to identify athletes, train them rigorously with qualified coaches, and prepare them to compete at high levels both within Nigeria and internationally.

Adebite announced that the competition, which would be featuring football tournament for local clubs, had over 50 schools in participation in the track and field segment. He said that for the football tournament, a cash prizes of ₦1,000,000 would be distributed among the first three winners, while track and field winners will also receive financial rewards.

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# Kwankwaso Announces Resignation From NNPP

Rabiu Kwankwaso, a former governor of Kano, has resigned his membership of the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) — the platform on which he ran for president in the 2023 poll.

Kwankwaso announced he is leaving the NNPP in a statement issued on Sunday.

The ex-defence minister said his decision takes immediate effect.

Kwankwaso, who was national

leader of the NNPP, said the decision to quit was not an easy one and thanked the party for the opportunity to serve.

"I wish to formally announce my resignation from the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) with immediate effect," he said.

"I seize this opportunity to express my profound gratitude for the honour and privilege of serving as the Party's National Leader and its Presidential

Candidate in the 2023 General Elections.

"As a committed and bonafide member of the party, this was not an easy decision to make."

Kwankwaso said the current political climate in the country left him with no other choice.

He said he would align with another political platform that offers an opportunity to change the nation's trajectory.

"However, considering the current trajectory of the nation's political landscape, which calls for strategic realignment, I have found it necessary to identify with another political platform that offers the best opportunity to effectively change the nation," he said.

Kwankwaso thanked Ajuji Ahmed, national chairman of the party, and members of the national working committee (NWC).  
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