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P'Harcourt City Bans Road Trading, Unauthorised Vehicle Operations

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Port Harcourt City Local Government Council has warned vehicle owners, commercial drivers, traders, business operators, among others, against illegal trading and unauthorised vehicle operations across major roads and junctions in the city.

The Mayor of Port Harcourt City, Allwell Ihunda, lamented that roadside trading, unauthorised motor parks, mechanic activities, loading and offloading on road shoulders and indiscriminate display of goods had continued to obstruct free flow of traffic, degrade the city environment and create security risks.

He ordered end to trading and commercial activities, roadside motor parks and mechanic, loading/offloading of vehicles, display of goods and building of structures/barriers within two metres from the edge of any public road or drainage channel.

He said: "Defaulters will be subjected to immediate enforcement measures, which may include the removal or

demolition of illegal structures, confiscation of goods, shutting of affected premises, arrest, prosecution and other sanctions as provided under the Port Harcourt City Local Government Bye-Laws and applicable laws of Rivers State."

Ihunda said the Council's Task Force on Traffic Decongestion and Environmental Sanitation had been activated and would begin enforcement operations.

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During an attempt by private operators to recover the faulty truck, the operation went wrong, causing the vehicle to overturn and the containers to fall onto the roadway.

The incident resulted in a partial obstruction of the carriageway, disrupting traffic movement along the busy corridor.

LASTMA officials said no casualties were recorded, noting that the situation was quickly brought under control following the prompt intervention of the agency's operatives in collaboration with other emergency response teams.

Upon receiving a distress alert, the LASTMA Rescue and Recovery Team immediately mobilised to the scene alongside personnel from the agency's Zone 2 Command.

The team initiated coordinated traffic control measures to safeguard motorists and prevent secondary accidents.

To enable swift clearance of the obstruction, the authority temporarily closed the main carriageway of the expressway inbound Lagos.

A high-capacity tow truck was deployed to the scene, while a heavy-duty crane was engaged to lift and reposition the fallen containers, allowing for a safe and organised recovery operation.

The incident triggered a traffic backlog that stretched beyond the Kara Bridge area as motorists approaching the axis encountered congestion.

However, LASTMA personnel were actively engaged in traffic diversion, vehicle regulation and crowd control, which helped ease the congestion and restore order to traffic movement within

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Speaking at the sensitisation programme, which was supported by the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy on Wednesday, Ipinmoroti also warned against the intake of alcohol before paddling their boat, overloading, over-speeding and also working at night, as indulging in any of these behaviours could hamper their safety while on waterways.

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each year due to preventable accidents, often caused by negligence.

The NIWA area manager emphasised the importance of wearing lifejackets on waterways, calling it the first line of defence against drowning.

According to him, compliance with waterway regulations is mandatory, and anyone found violating the rules

will face penalties.

"Tragically, many lives are lost each year due to preventable accidents, often because individuals neglect to wear lifejackets. A lifejacket is the first line of defence against drowning. It keeps you afloat, allowing you time to signal for help.

"Wearing a lifejacket is not just wise; it's mandated by law in many jurisdictions.

Awareness and Responsibility: By adopting the principle of One Man, One Lifejacket, we advocate for personal responsibility. Each person must take ownership of their safety," he said.

Ipinmoroti asserted that before going on the water, they must comply with all the regulations guiding the waterways, adding that any infraction would be penalised.

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Construct Benin-Lagos Railway To Ease Traffic, Reps Urge FG

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The House of Representatives on Wednesday called on the Federal Government to commence the construction of the Benin-Lagos railway corridor as part of efforts to address the growing insecurity and traffic congestion along the busy highway linking the two cities.

The resolution followed the adoption of a motion moved at plenary by the member representing Ovia North-East/Ovia South-West Federal Constituency of Edo State, Omosede Igbinedion. The session was presided over by the Speaker of the House, Tajudeen Abbas.

Moving the motion, Igbinedion described Lagos and Benin City as major economic and population centres with heavy daily movement of people, goods and agricultural produce between them.

She noted that the strategic highway linking the two cities has become overstretched and increasingly unsafe

for commuters.

She said, "The Lagos-Benin highway is currently overburdened, plagued by traffic congestion, dilapidation and rising incidents of armed robbery, kidnapping and accidents.

"We are concerned that the absence of a railway alternative on this critical route puts strain on the national economy, endangers lives, delays supply chains and stifles regional integration.

"We note that developing a modern railway line between Benin and Lagos

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The Executive Chairman of the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas (Pi-CNG), Ismaeel Ahmed, disclosed this after meeting with the president at the State House, Abuja.

Ahmed said the president is keenly monitoring global developments and their impact on Nigeria's energy costs, particularly the effect of the Middle East conflict on fuel prices and transportation.

According to him, Tinubu has mandated the Pi-CNG initiative to accelerate the rollout of CNG infrastructure and alternative mobility solutions nationwide.

Ahmed said the kits would enable vehicle

owners and tricycle operators to convert their engines from petrol to CNG.

He added that the deployment would begin within the next two to three weeks.

The Pi-CNG chairman explained that the government is already developing a network of refuelling stations and charging facilities to support the transition to gas-powered and electric vehicles, noting that about 77 CNG refilling stations are currently at various stages of development nationwide.

He referenced Kano, where two Liquefied Compressed Natural Gas (LCNG) stations are already operational, while several "daughter stations" are under construction.

The government, Ahmed stated, plans to establish a chain of refuelling points along major transport routes stretching from Lokoja through Abuja, Kaduna, Zaria and Kano up to Maiduguri.

Ahmed further revealed that the Pi-CNG initiative is working with local and international manufacturers to support vehicle conversion and the local assembly of CNG-powered and electric vehicles.

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) have trained 59 officers drawn from various security agencies in Osun State on coordinated rescue operations.

The efforts by the two agencies aimed at strengthening inter-agency collaboration and enhance emergency response to road crashes and other disasters in the state.

The operatives selected from security agencies include; 28 operatives of FRSC, Gbongan Unit, two officers of the Nigeria Police Force, two personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), a representative of the Department of State Services (DSS) and two personnel of the Osun State Fire Service.

Also, four members of the FRSC Unit 29 Special Marshals, three tow-truck operators, 4 personnel of Osun Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Systems, and representatives of partnering hospitals and medical practitioners within



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Gbongan and its environs.

In his opening remarks, the Chief Route Commander, Jude Odingo, emphasized on the importance of inter-agency collaboration in modern emergency response operations, noting that effective rescue operations depend largely on timely coordination, disciplined scene management, clear communication, and rapid medical intervention.

Odingo said, "I want to encourage participants to leverage on the workshop as an opportunity to strengthen operational relationships and improve the efficiency of joint rescue operations across the Command's jurisdiction."

He added that the training tagged 'Strengthening Emergency Rescue Response Systems, Scene Management, and Inter-Agency

Coordination' was designed to enhance operational synergy, strengthen communication frameworks, improve collaborative response capacity, and renew the collective commitment of emergency stakeholders to safeguarding lives on the highways.

Also, Director-General of NEMA represented by Assistant Head of Operations, NEMA Operations, Mr. Olanrewaju Kazeem, highlighted disaster management cycle and prevailing operational challenges with legal framework as he unveiled SAPEEP document, lead agencies, and assigned roles of various organizations during emergency situations.

He underscored the principles of coordinated emergency rescue operations and the importance of rapid casualty stabilization, safe evacuation procedures, and proper referral of victims to medical facilities, particularly during major crash incidents.

Subsequently, emergency materials were presented to the FRSC Command.

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Yusuf Inspects Progress On Singa Market Road Project

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Kano State Governor, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf, on Wednesday conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing construction work on the Singa Market Road.

The governor's visit provided an opportunity to assess the quality of work and ensure that the project is progressing according to schedule.

Daily Independent reports that during the inspection, Governor Yusuf engaged with engineers, contractors, and local stakeholders to understand the challenges and milestones of the road construction.

In an address, Governor Yusuf emphasized the administration's commitment to enhancing the state's infrastructure, particularly road networks, to facilitate business activities and reduce traffic congestion in busy commercial areas.

"Our focus is on delivering projects that directly improve the lives of our citizens and boost economic activities," he stated.

He urged contractors to maintain high

standards and ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated timeframe. The Singa Market Road is being constructed in a 4+4 lane design, which is expected to accommodate increased vehicular movement, reduce bottlenecks, and provide safer, more efficient transportation for traders and residents. Local traders and community members welcomed the governor's visit, expressing optimism that the new road would not only enhance the flow of goods but also attract more business to the area.

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Governor Kabir Yusuf

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Road traffic crashes in Nigeria increased in the fourth quarter of 2025, with 2,731 incidents recorded nationwide, according to new data released on Wednesday by the National Bureau of Statistics.

The statistics office said the figure represents a 12.20 per cent rise compared with the 2,434 crashes recorded in the third quarter of 2025. It also shows a 6.72 per cent increase relative to the 2,559 crashes reported in the corresponding period of 2024.

A breakdown of the crashes by severity shows that serious crashes accounted for the largest share of incidents during the quarter.

The report indicated that 1,775 cases were classified as serious crashes. Fatal crashes followed with 677 cases, while minor crashes accounted for the least number with 279 cases.

The data further revealed a gender disparity in road crash fatalities during the period under review.

A total of 1,085 males lost their lives in road traffic crashes in the fourth quarter

Nigeria Records 2,731 Road Crashes In Q4 2025 - NBS

of 2025, representing 78.97 per cent of total fatalities. In comparison, 289 females were killed, accounting for 21.03 per cent.

Similarly, males accounted for the majority of persons injured in road crashes across the country.

According to the report, 6,561 males sustained injuries during the quarter, representing 75.19 per cent of the total number of injured persons. By contrast, 2,165 females were injured, accounting for 24.81 per cent.

The number of vehicles involved in road traffic accidents also increased during the period.

The NBS said 4,059 vehicles were involved in crashes in the fourth quarter of 2025.

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FG Urges Aviation Unions To Shun Strikes



Dr. Kofarmata

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Dr. Yakubu Kofarmata, urged aviation unions against embarking on strikes during disputes.

He said the workers should explore consultations, cooperation, and collaboration, noting that they were key to achieving success in the aviation sector.

He charged the workers to be selfless in their duties, noting that they are crucial to the daily activities of any country.

Speaking on Wednesday in Abuja at the 12th Edition of the Aviation Workers Week organised by the Joint Consultative and Negotiating Council (JCNC), Kofarmata said:

"Please, I want us to know that the question or thought of even going on strike in this sector should not exist. We should not even think about it. Thinking about it is devilish. It's evil. Our parents, ourselves, our children, brothers, neighbours, friends, they all use this sector.

"So if we go on strike, what message are we sending? That they are not safe".

He stressed that workers' welfare was crucial to the industry's success, adding that whoever is at the helm of affairs of the ministry must know that workers' welfare matters.

"The welfare of the workers is what makes us what we are. If you are a minister or you are a permanent secretary and you think you are the only human being, you'd better think twice."

Kofarmata also urged the workers to avoid self-destruction and promote unity.

He said: "The greatest enemy of civil servants is the civil servants

themselves. Civil servants are fond of writing petitions against themselves. In a relationship, be it an office relationship or a personal relationship, the three C's should be applied. The Cs are consultation, cooperation, and collaboration. War doesn't solve any problem. Why do we need to destroy?"

The Chairman of the JCNC, Comrade Hector Nnadi, called for job security and protection of staff during the ongoing concessioning of some airports.

Nnadi also called for collaboration and partnerships between the union and the ministry to ensure the protection of the staff.

While acknowledging the efforts of the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Nnadi said there is a need to work together to ensure that workers' rights are protected and the industry remains attractive to potential and existing investors.

According to him, "As labour leaders, we recognise the critical role we play in maintaining workforce morale and advocating best practices and

seamless operation of the industry. We are committed to working with management to address issues concerning safety, productivity, and workers' welfare.

"The recent developments in the industry, including the push by the aviation unions to protect workers in the ongoing airport concession and your concurrence on major demands by the unions, highlight the need for continuous collaboration and synergy.

"We must work together to ensure that workers' rights are protected and that the industry remains attractive to potential and existing investors.

He called on all stakeholders to collaborate for a safer, productive, and sustainable aviation industry.

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LAMATA Reacts To Viral Video, Promises More Buses For Lagos Commuters

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The Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA) has addressed a viral video posted by a content creator darksinned.ella, highlighting challenges faced by commuters, including an encounter with a bus supervisor.

The video, which showcased the girl's frustrating experience with a bus supervisor, has sparked widespread attention online.

In a statement on Wednesday, LAMATA appreciated the feedback and reaffirmed its commitment to improving service delivery.

The authority acknowledged the growing demand for more buses, citing the affordability and reliability of regulated public transport.

LAMATA, through its Head of Communication, Kolawole Ojelabi, said the organisation is working with private partners to increase fleet capacity.

LAMATA clarified that the supervisor involved is employed by a private Bus



LAMATA

Operating Company, not Area Transport Authority supervisor. We LAMATA. (LAMATA) is aware of the appreciate the feedback

The authority also urged videos currently provided, as it helps seriously and continues to engage with content creators to circulating online posted strengthen our regulatory operators to ensure that service standards and respect passengers' by @darksinned.ella, oversight and improve commuter experience are maintained.

The statement reads: commuters and a specific transport system. "The Lagos Metropolitan encounter with a bus "LAMATA recognizes the

increasing demand for additional buses across the network. This surge is largely driven by the relatively affordable and reliable services available within the regulated public transport system. In the context of global economic pressures and rising fuel costs, regulated transport has become an essential mobility lifeline for many Lagosians. To address this growing demand, LAMATA is actively working with private sector partners to accelerate the introduction of more buses into the system.

"Regarding the incident referenced in the video by darksinned.ella, we wish to clarify that the individual involved is a supervisor employed by a private Bus Operating Company (BOC) and is not a direct employee of LAMATA. Nevertheless, as the regulator of the system, LAMATA takes such concerns seriously and continues to engage with operators to ensure that service standards and commuter experience are maintained.

"LAMATA also wishes to advise content creators to be mindful of existing privacy laws when producing and sharing content on public transport.

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FAAN F'fighters Reject Online Tr'ing, Warn Of Aviation Safety Risks



FAAN Firefighters

Airport firefighters under the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), have rejected a proposed online basic firefighting training programme for the staff of the agency.

The firefighters under the aegis of the Nigerian Aviation Fire and Safety Association (NAFSA), warned that the move could compromise aviation safety standards and potentially weaken Nigeria's global aviation safety standing.

The opposition comes amidst plans by FAAN to introduce a four-week e-learning course followed by two weeks of practical training for over 200 airport firefighters across the country. NAFSA in a protest letter, signed by its

President, Sunday Ugbeikwu, dated March 9, 2026, specifically addressed to the Managing Director of FAAN, Olubunmi Kuku and obtained by The Guardian on Wednesday, described the programme as an "aberration and travesty."

Ugbeikwu insisted that aviation firefighting training could not be effectively conducted online.

He warned that replacing extensive practical drills with virtual learning would significantly weaken the competence of firefighters responsible for responding to aircraft emergencies at Nigerian airports.

According to the association, the proposal also contradicted global aviation safety standards prescribed by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA).

Ugbeikwu cited ICAO Annex 14, which stipulates that airport rescue and firefighting training must include hands-on practical exercises and live simulations.

The association said core components of aviation firefighting training such as aircraft rescue operations, live fuel fire suppression, breathing apparatus drills and emergency response procedures, could not be effectively delivered through virtual platforms.

The letter read in part: "The national leadership of NAFSA at this juncture cannot stand aloof and watch the colossal damage that is about to happen to FAAN firefighters, hence this important letter to draw your attention to the matter and to notify you that the firefighters are distraught and disgruntled.

"The leadership of NAFSA has taken a strong stance against the proposal to conduct e-learning initial (Basic) Firefighters Course for FAAN firefighters. This move is contrary to the NCAA/ICAO standards and best practices."

NAFSA warned that firefighters trained under a predominantly online model may not meet the operational

requirements expected of airport rescue and firefighting personnel.

Ugbeikwu expressed confidence that the NCAA, led by its Director-General, Chris Najomo, would insist on strict compliance with internationally recommended standards for aviation firefighting training.

He declared that airport firefighters remained one of the most critical safety components of aviation operations and must undergo rigorous physical training to effectively handle aircraft emergencies.

The association also warned that attempts to shorten training duration and replace physical exercises with online learning could reduce the preparedness of firefighters during real-life aviation emergencies.

He pointed out that the initial training for aviation firefighters lasted about three months before it was recently reduced to six weeks of intensive physical training by FAAN. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

Turkish Airlines Begin Istanbul-Yerevan Flights As Ties Case

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Turkish Airlines on Wednesday launched direct flights between Istanbul and Yerevan, a fresh sign of gradual normalization between Armenia and Türkiye, which still lack formal diplomatic relations.

The move comes as Yerevan and Ankara cautiously pursue normalization after decades of strained relations stemming from historical disputes over the events of 1915 and Türkiye's backing of Azerbaijan in its long-running conflict with Armenia.

"Flights on the route Istanbul-Yerevan-Istanbul will be operated daily," Armenia International Airports company said after the inaugural flight of the Turkish flag carrier landed at Yerevan international airport.

The frequency of flights will gradually increase in the coming months, the



statement added.

Armenia and Türkiye have no diplomatic ties, and their land border has remained closed since 1993.

In 2021, the two

countries appointed special envoys to explore a path toward reconciliation.

Direct commercial flights between the two countries resumed in

2022 after a two-year suspension.

Since then, Ankara and Yerevan have taken several limited steps aimed at improving ties.

They agreed to allow

direct air cargo trade and to open the land border to third-country nationals, though the frontier has yet to reopen in effect.

In another modest confidence-building

move, the two governments announced in December simplified visa procedures for holders of diplomatic, special and service passports.

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Morocco is preparing a major shift in how people move across its cities and regions. The government has committed USD 7.8 B to build a cleaner, more connected public transport system by 2029, marking one of the country's biggest mobility investments to date.

The announcement came during a COP30 side event in Belém, where Abdellatif Maâzouz, president of the Casablanca-Settat regional council, detailed the scale and structure of the national plan.

Officials said the goal is to push public transport to the center of

Morocco Commits USD 7.8bn Plan To Green Its Public Transport By 2029

daily travel and cut reliance on private cars. The strategy puts heavy emphasis on cleaner technologies, modern infrastructure, and stronger coordination between regions.

A large share of the funding, roughly USD 1.1 B, will support the purchase of 3,750 new buses designed to meet modern efficiency and environmental standards. The rest, about USD 6.7 B, will go into long-term infrastructure, including new tram corridors, regional express trains, and expanded rail links that connect fast-growing cities.

The Ministry of Interior and regional councils describe the initiative as a "clean, multimodal system" intended to ease movement across Morocco while cutting transport emissions, one of the country's most persistent environmental challenges.

Casablanca-Settat has stepped in as the main driver of the transition. The region has committed USD 2.5 B, nearly 40% of its updated development plan, to modernizing mobility across both urban centers and rural zones.

Its model relies on a non-polluting train-tramway backbone, expanded with a fully modernized

bus network. A new digital multimodal platform will tie the system together, offering real-time passenger information, smarter traffic management, and simpler transfers between transport modes.

Officials say the platform could become one of the most advanced in Africa, designed to reduce congestion and make public transport more predictable for commuters.

Several parts of the country have already seen early changes. Road expansions in and around major cities have eased traffic pressure, and monitoring stations have recorded better air quality between 2023 and 2025. Local councils attribute these improvements to a steady shift toward shared transport, helped by more reliable services and better regional planning.

Speaking at COP30, Maâzouz stressed that Morocco's ecological transition is being driven by the country's advanced regionalization policy. Regions now design and execute their own mobility strategies while aligning with national climate targets.

He said this regional approach has accelerated the rollout of major projects, improved coordination between institutions, and encouraged innovation in both planning and service delivery.

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General News

Kano, Lagos Lead As JONAPWD Estimates 35m Nigerians Living With Disabilities

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The Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD) has estimated that about 35 million Nigerians are living with disabilities, with Kano State and Lagos State recording the highest numbers in the country. The figures were unveiled on Wednesday in Abuja during a press conference organised by JONAPWD for the public presentation of its Assumptive Disability Disaggregated Data, a report aimed at providing a clearer demographic picture of persons with disabilities across Nigeria.

According to the data, Kano State has the largest estimated population of persons with disabilities at about 2.5 million, followed by Lagos State with approximately 2.1 million.

Speaking at the event, the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Special Needs and Equal Opportunities, Mohammed Abba Isa, described the report as a major step toward addressing the long-standing challenge of inadequate and fragmented data on persons with disabilities in the country.

Isa said the absence of credible



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statistics had for years made it difficult for policymakers and development partners to design effective programmes and interventions targeted at persons with disabilities.

“For many years, different figures have been cited regarding the population of persons with disabilities in Nigeria, with estimates ranging between 25 million and 40 million. However, most of these numbers

were based on speculation or incomplete information,” he said.

He noted that the new dataset provides a structured and disaggregated overview of the disability community across the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory, which will support evidence-based planning and policy formulation.

The report also provides a breakdown of disability clusters across the country.

According to the findings, physical disability constitutes the largest group, accounting for about 8.2 million persons, while the deaf community represents approximately 7.7 million people.

In terms of gender distribution, the report indicates that male persons with disabilities number about 17.6 million, while female persons with disabilities account for roughly 17.2 million.

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NIN Registration Opens For Nigerians Overseas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is also required for passport applications and renewals.

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

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Tinubu Nominates Lamido Yuguda As CBN Deputy Gov



Yuguda

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has nominated former Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Lamido Abubakar Yuguda, as Deputy Governor of the Central

Bank of Nigeria (CBN), subject to confirmation by the Senate.

The nomination, announced in a statement issued on Wednesday by the Special Adviser to the President on Information and Strategy, Mr. Bayo Onanuga, is in accordance with Section

8(1) of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007.

According to the statement, Yuguda's nomination follows the recent appointment of the former Deputy Governor, Mr. Bala Bello, as Special Adviser to the President on Political Economy. President Tinubu urged the nominee to bring renewed dedication, professionalism, and commitment to the responsibilities of the office if confirmed by the Senate.

“The President charges them to discharge their responsibilities with renewed dedication, professionalism, and commitment to Nigeria's economic stability and growth in their respective roles,” the statement said.

Yuguda is a seasoned financial

sector professional with decades of experience in banking regulation, international finance, and capital market administration. He most recently served as Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission from 2020 to 2024, where he oversaw regulatory reforms aimed at strengthening Nigeria's capital market and improving investor confidence.

An alumnus of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Yuguda graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy.

He later obtained a Master's degree in Money, Banking and Finance from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom in 1991.

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Agricultural products

Nigeria Imported Agricultural Products Worth N1.44trn In Q4 2025

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This represents a 31.74 per cent increase compared to N1.09 trillion recorded in Q4 2024, and a 30.24 per cent increase relative to N1.10 trillion recorded in Q3 2025.

This was contained in the fourth quarter 2025 Nigeria's foreign trade statistics released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The massive import of agricultural products during the period explains the drastic drop in food inflation in January to 8.89 per cent from 10.84 per cent in December 2025.

The report also shows that Nigeria's merchandise trade balance for Q4 2025

remained positive at N1.71 trillion, even though it showed a drop from the previous figure.

It said the total merchandise trade stood at N36.21 trillion in Q4, 2025, representing a decrease of 1.07 per cent from N36.60 trillion recorded in the corresponding period of 2024; and a decrease of 8.94 per cent compared to the value recorded in the preceding quarter, which was N39.77 trillion.

The NBS said this is majorly attributable to a decline in crude oil exports.

In the quarter under review, exports accounted for 52.36 per cent of total trade with a value of N18.96 trillion, showing a decrease of 5.25 per cent

over the value recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024, N20.01 trillion and a decrease of 16.88 per cent compared to the value recorded in Q3, 2025, N22.81 trillion.

Analysis shows that crude oil remained Nigeria's major exported commodity in the fourth quarter of 2025 with a value of N9.70 trillion, representing 51.17 per cent of total exports, despite a sharp 29.60 per cent decrease from the N13.78 trillion recorded in Q4 2024, and a 24.24 per cent drop from Q3 2025.

The report shows that the value of non-crude oil exports stood at N9.26 trillion, accounting for 48.83 per cent of total exports; of which non-oil products

contributed N3.15 trillion or 16.59 per cent of total exports.

The value of total imports stood at N17.25 trillion during the period, representing a 3.98 per cent increase from the value recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024 which was N16.59 trillion and a 1.73 per cent increase compared to the value recorded in Q3, 2025, N16.96 trillion.

The report shows that during the period, Nigeria imported raw material goods value at N2.35 trillion, representing a 11.50 per cent increase from N2.11 trillion in Q4 2024, and a 16.59 per cent increase compared to N2.02 trillion in the preceding quarter, Q3 2025.

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ADC Unveils Movement To Unseat APC In 2027

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

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

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

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

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

"This Movement was created to strengthen the bonds within the

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

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

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

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