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Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, LASTMA, on Monday, confirmed a tanker fire at the T-Junction inward Temu Epe.

The agency assured the public that emergency responders were on the scene managing the situation.

In an official statement posted on the agency's X handle, LASTMA said: "There's a burning tanker at T Junction inward Temu Epe but nothing to worry about as the firefighters are already on ground to put out the fire. LASTMA and FRSC officers are also on ground to ensure free vehicular movement."

Footage shared by the agency showed the tanker engulfed in flames and thick smoke rising from the site, while traffic along the route came to a standstill.

Vehicles, trailers, tankers, tricycles and okadas were forced to divert to alternative routes as officers worked to maintain order.

In a follow-up video, fire personnel were seen successfully extinguishing the blaze, which had completely destroyed the tanker.

Authorities have not disclosed the cause of the fire as of the time of filing this report.

LASTMA urged motorists to remain calm and adhere to traffic instructions while emergency services continue to monitor and secure the area.

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The burning tanker

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The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has commended the Zamfara State government for the progress recorded in the ongoing construction of the Gusau airport.

The Director of the authority, Ahmad Abba, gave the commendation during an inspection visit to the project site in Gusau.

Abba, who was received by the state Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, Lawal Barau Bungudu, toured key sections of the airport project and was briefed on the level of work completed and ongoing construction.

Speaking during the visit, the NCAA director expressed satisfaction with the quality of work and the pace of development at the site, noting that the project shows a high level of compliance with national aviation standards.

He said the professionalism demonstrated at the construction site reflects the commitment of the

administration of Dauda Lawal to infrastructure development in the state.

Abba also commended the governor and the supervising commissioner for what he described as effective supervision and dedication to ensuring that the airport project meets the required aviation regulations.

According to him, the level of progress achieved so far indicates that the project is on course for completion and operational readiness.

The inspection team was accompanied by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, Haruna Dikko Gusau, the Special Adviser on Infrastructure, Ibrahim Musa Agigi, directors in the ministry and other government officials who provided technical briefings during the visit.

The NCAA director assured the state government of the authority's continued support and cooperation to ensure that the airport attains full operational status in line with established aviation regulations.

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Speaking at the meeting, the Commissioner for Transportation, Gbenga Dairo, said the airport has the necessary infrastructure, facilities, and management capacity to handle Hajj operations. He added that the facility has also been recognised by the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) for the purpose.

According to him, the airport is a key component of the state government's economic development agenda and has positioned Ogun State prominently on the global aviation map.



Hajj

Dairo affirmed that the airport is fully prepared for Hajj operations, noting that the NCAA had already certified the facility for domestic commercial flights after granting the required approvals.

"The intention is for Hajj operations to take place at Gateway International Airport this year. Representatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria

Immigration Service, Nigeria Customs Service, Department of State Services and the NCAA are here to outline the minimum requirements for a successful operation and assess the facilities available at the airport," he said.

He added that the agencies expressed satisfaction with the infrastructure and management capacity already in place.

"We have assured them that the state

government is ready to provide everything required to ensure seamless operations for pilgrims and for the benefit of the state and the country," Dairo said.

The commissioner further disclosed that a temporary camp would be established to process about 500 pilgrims expected to depart from the airport for the pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia.

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TCAN Rallies Transport Leaders For 2026 Summit

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Transport logistics efficiency will top the agenda at this year's Transportation Correspondents Association of Nigeria (TCAN) Annual Transport Summit, which will critically examine how an efficient logistics framework could accelerate sustainable economic growth, trade facilitation, job creation and regional integration.

TCAN noted that the summit, billed for September in Lagos, will also explore innovative strategies, digital transformation, infrastructure financing, public-private partnerships, and regulatory frameworks needed to optimise the sector in line with ongoing reforms and infrastructure investments across Nigeria's transport value chain.

In a statement, TCAN said the theme, "Unlocking Economic Growth through Transportation Logistics," reflects the urgency of strengthening Nigeria's logistics backbone during a season of wide-ranging reforms across aviation, maritime, rail and road transport. It said

the summit will draw top industry stakeholders, policymakers, regulators, financiers and development partners for what it describes as its most broad-based engagement yet.

TCAN chairman, Tola Adenubi, said transportation logistics remains the pillar of economic development and a key determinant of Nigeria's competitiveness. He noted that from cargo handling at the nation's gateways to inland freight operations and last-mile delivery systems, the efficiency of the logistics ecosystem

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They also averred that the work on the road had been slow due to the non-availability of the right equipment to execute a job of that magnitude.

Mr Augustine Adikwu, an interstate commercial driver who commutes between Abuja and Oturkpo in Benue State told our correspondent at the project site by the entrance to Nasarawa town close to the Federal Polytechnic gate that he has seen the workers using hand water sprayer instead of a motorised one, stressing that "in the 21 century

road construction, even a rural feeder road can't be handled this way," he stated.

"The only way is to get a competent contractor to handle the project. These people have been here for a long time yet they are at the same spot," he noted.

Also, a resident of the Gurki community, Aliyu Ismail said the contractor has not shown sincerity in the handling of the job, while wondering why the federal government engaged it in the first place.

"This road is an interstate connectivity linking this part of the North Central to the East, so you can imagine the volume of traffic that plies here every day even with its state. That is why it is necessary to give the contract to competent hands," he said.

In the same vine, the Federal Controller of Works, Nasarawa State Eng. Ishaku Mamri, who led the media team to expect the project also decried the slow pace of work and quality of the job.

"The work is not done the way it is supposed to be done. When I got the

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Disturbed by the reported cases of road crashes and other incidents attributable to the deplorable state of roads in Oyo State, the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) has commenced rehabilitation of roads in the Oke-Ogun area.

Maintenance of the federal roads in the area had been halted due to reported cases of kidnapping, banditry, and other criminal activities.

Meanwhile, the agency, at the weekend, kick-started rehabilitation works on Kishi and Ago-Are/Saki roads, much to the admiration of motorists and other road users.

The project is being carried out through direct labour.

According to some road users, the rehabilitation will reduce the reported carnage on the roads and lower the cost of transporting farm produce to various markets in the area.

"The state of the roads in the Oke-Ogun area is appalling. The situation has resulted in a geometric increase in the prices of commodities as well as in the



Rehabilitation of roads in Oke Ogun

reported cases of road crashes.

"The cost of transporting farm produce to neighbouring markets has witnessed a steep increase in recent times due to the deplorable condition of the roads. Most of the road crashes recorded in the area have been attributed to this poor condition. However, with the intervention of FERMA, there will be a drastic reduction in the reported cases," road users said.

Abdulraman Maruf Abiola described the intervention of FERMA as a welcome development. He added that if periodic rehabilitation is carried out on some of the roads in Oke-Ogun, there would be fewer reported cases of accidents, high transport costs, and other mishaps.

Abiola further noted that there are other bad portions of the Kishi/Igbeti road that need attention and appealed to FERMA and other relevant agencies at both

federal and state levels to address them.

In his remarks, Engr. Olutunde Adepoju of the Federal Road Maintenance Agency, Oyo State Field Office, blamed the neglect of the federal roads in the Oke-Ogun axis on insecurity.

He lamented that most of the roads being rehabilitated were constructed around 1979–1980 and have not been adequately maintained.

"Maintenance is one of the things that we are lacking in anything that we do. We need to return to the basics to ensure that these items are attended to at the appropriate time," he said.

He stated that the administration of President Bola Tinubu is already working on roads and ensuring that projects are implemented properly.

"The main constraint is finance, and I believe that the House of Representatives Chairman on FERMA, Hon. Remi Oseni, together with all other members of the Senate Committee on FERMA, are already working on how to increase the agency's allocation.

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NIMASA Applauds Women Powering Maritime Growth

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Women are playing a critical role in driving innovation, operational efficiency and sustainable growth across Nigeria's maritime industry, the Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Dayo Mobereola, has said.

Marking the 2026 International Women's Day (IWD), Mobereola commended female professionals across sea-going, regulatory, technical and administrative segments of the maritime sector, noting that their contributions continue to shape the industry's development and competitiveness.

In a goodwill message themed "Give to Gain," the NIMASA chief said the resilience, leadership and professionalism of women have helped strengthen the sector's capacity for innovation and progress.

He said: "I celebrate your strength, expertise, and invaluable contributions to our maritime industry.

"The theme #GiveToGain reflects your

daily impact. Through your professionalism, leadership, and resilience across sea-going, regulatory, technical, and administrative roles, you give excellence and our sector gains progress, innovation, and sustainable growth."

The NIMASA boss noted that women's expanding presence in maritime governance, safety regulation and technical operations reflects a gradual shift toward a more inclusive and productive industry.

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Residents of Jos, the Plateau state capital, have decried the sudden rise in transport fares across the city.

They described the development as an additional burden amid prevailing economic hardship.

Speaking during a vox pop conducted by Blueprint, some commuters said they woke up to discover that fares charged by commercial tricycle operators, popularly known as Keke Napep, had increased by about 50 per cent.

Ibrahim Usman said commuters from his community in Ali Kazaure, who previously paid N200 to the Jos city centre, are now being charged N300.

"From Ali Kazaure, which is our community, to the city centre used to cost N200, but today we are being asked to pay N300, otherwise you will not be allowed to board the Keke Napep," he said.

Similarly, Mr Nwachukwu Oke lamented that commuters travelling from Jenta Apata to the Terminus area now pay N300 instead of the usual N200.

"Each of us now pay N300 to come to

Commuters Lament 50% Rise In Transport Fares In Jos

Terminus from Jenta Apata. It used to be N200. We were told by the Keke Napep operators that the price of petrol has increased and they had to adjust their fares," Oke stated.

However, one of the tricycle operators, Malam Yahaya Sani, attributed the increase to the rising cost of petrol.

He said operators were left with no option but to add N100 to fares on most routes to cover operational costs.

"Two days ago we bought a litre of petrol at about N1,040. Yesterday the price changed again, and today we bought it at around N1,100. Because of this, we had to adjust our fares," he said.

Sani added that he now informs passengers of the new fare before they board in order to avoid arguments at their

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Shippers' Council Embarks On Digital Maritime Reforms

Officials said the initiative is designed to strengthen the council's operational effectiveness as the nation's port economic regulator, while aligning its institutional strategy with the Renewed Hope agenda of President Bola Tinubu and the national policy on Marine and Blue Economy.

The retreat, which had as its theme "Advancing Strategic Execution: Driving Collaboration, Innovation and Excellence for a Future-Ready NSC," brought together directors and

management staff for strategic recalibration, capacity development and policy alignment aimed at deepening reforms in Nigeria's maritime governance structure.

Executive Secretary of the Council, Dr. Pius Akutah, said digital transformation and institutional modernisation would be central to the next phase of the council's development as it seeks to deliver measurable results under its 2025–2029 Strategic Plan.

According to him, the theme of the

retreat reflects the council's determination to translate strategic vision into concrete institutional outcomes capable of strengthening the maritime regulatory environment. He said: "This theme highlights three strategic imperatives that must guide the next phase of the Council's institutional development. Collaboration because no regulatory institution can operate effectively in isolation within a complex maritime ecosystem.

"Innovation, because the dynamics of global trade and logistics require institutions that are adaptive, technology-driven and forward-looking. Excellence, because the credibility and authority of a regulator ultimately depend on professionalism, integrity and performance of its people.

"These three pillars must shape how we think, lead and execute our responsibilities as an institution.

Akutah stressed that policy frameworks alone cannot drive reform without effective execution by

management.

"In practical terms, this transformation requires stronger collaboration across departments and units, greater innovation in the way we deploy technology and regulatory tools, with an uncompromising commitment to excellence in service delivery and institutional performance," he said.

The NSC boss also expressed appreciation to Tinubu for supporting reforms in the maritime and logistics sector, while acknowledging the policy direction of the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy and the strategic guidance of the council's governing board.

Chairman of the NSC Governing Board, Dr. Ibrahim Shema, said Nigeria's maritime and blue economy sector holds enormous potential to drive economic growth, job creation and investment if properly harnessed.

He noted that the country could unlock significant value through targeted investments across maritime and coastal industries.

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Nigerian Shippers' Council

Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC)

Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) has intensified efforts to reposition the country's maritime sector as a key driver of the Federal Government's target of building a \$1 trillion economy by 2030, with digital transformation and institutional modernisation emerging as the central pillars of its reform agenda.

The renewed push was unveiled during a five-day strategic management retreat for senior management staff of the council in Abeokuta, Ogun State, where industry leaders outlined a roadmap to strengthen maritime regulation, enhance trade facilitation and improve efficiency across the country's shipping and logistics ecosystem.



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The sessions focused on responsible driving behaviour, compliance with traffic regulations, fatigue management, defensive driving techniques and the dangers of drunk driving. Participants also received guidance on speed limits, seatbelt use, overtaking rules and other safe driving practices.

Bolt said the programme forms part of broader efforts to strengthen safety awareness among professional drivers



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who operate on its platform. Bolt's head of regulatory and policy for Africa, partnership highlights the importance of combining technology

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to equip our driver-partners and couriers with practical knowledge to navigate Nigerian roads safely every day. Our goal is to ensure that both drivers and riders feel confident using the platform while

contributing to safer cities overall," Aghadiuno said.

The initiative also reflects findings from Bolt's safety perception survey released last year, which showed that about two-thirds of respondents believe ride-hailing services help reduce drunk driving by providing an alternative transport option.

FRSC officials welcomed the collaboration, noting that partnerships between regulators and private mobility companies can strengthen public awareness and improve compliance with traffic rules.

Felix N. Theman, FCT sector commander corps commander said continuous education for drivers remains essential to reducing road crashes.

"Road safety is a shared responsibility. Continuous education and compliance with traffic regulations are critical in preventing road crashes. We commend Bolt for working with the Corps to sensitize its drivers and couriers, and we encourage all road users to prioritize safe driving practices at all times," he added.

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Again, Dangote Increases Fuel Price, Third Time Within A Week



Fuel pump

For the third time within a week, the Dangote Petroleum Refinery has raised the gantry price of Premium Motor Spirit selling at N1,175 per litre.

The refinery announced the new price to marketers on Monday, raising the gantry price of Premium Motor Spirit by N180 to N1,175 per litre from N995 per litre announced on Friday, representing an increase of about 18.1 per cent within three days.

It also revised the gantry price of Automotive Gas Oil, commonly known as diesel, to N1,620 per litre.

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pump prices in several states above N1,000 per litre, even as some stations dispensed petrol at about N1,200/litre.

The company had suspended sale of petrol temporarily on Sunday, prompting speculations that a price increase was in the offing.

As at 12 noon on Monday, the revised rates had already been uploaded on the industry pricing platform, petroleumprice.ng, indicating a shift in the benchmark price used by downstream marketers.

There are fears across many sectors of the economy that the increasing price of petrol would lead to increase in the cost of goods and services, piling more economic pressure on Nigerians.

The latest hike is expected to trigger another round of increases at filling stations nationwide, as higher fuel costs typically translate into higher transportation, logistics, and production costs for businesses.

Many Nigerians who have watched

the recent developments with interest contend that the fuel price increase is a reaction to the brewing crisis in the middle-east, and the jump in the price of crude oil in the international market.

They contend that were it not for the Dangote Refinery, petrol would have been scarce and Nigerians would have once again faced long queues at filling station, and resorting to black markets to get petrol at exorbitant prices as was the case during such crises in the past.

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International Airlines Resume Limited Flights To Middle East After Disruptions

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Several international airlines have begun restoring flight operations following recent disruptions, with services resuming gradually on key routes linking the Middle East, Africa and other regions.

On February 28, Iran launched reprisal attacks on the United States (US) military bases in the Middle East, with multiple explosions reported in Abu Dhabi, Manama, Doha, and Kuwait, as well as in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The attack followed a joint missile strike by the US and Israel on Iran.

The development forced the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to close its airspace, with Qatar Airways suspending all flights and Dubai airports shutting down operations indefinitely.

Several global airlines also announced temporary suspensions of operations



to and from the Middle East.

AIRLINES ANNOUNCE PARTIAL RESUMPTION

In a statement on Friday, Saudia, Saudi Arabian carrier, announced a

partial resumption of flights to and from Dubai beginning Saturday, March 7.

The airline said it will initially operate a limited schedule, including

outbound flights SV596, from Riyadh to Dubai and SV588, from Jeddah to Dubai.

"Inbound flights: SV597 – Dubai to Riyadh, SV589 – Dubai to

Jeddah," the statement said.

"Flights will operate on a limited schedule initially, with additional services expected to be restored progressively."

Emirates has also resumed operations as the airline, on Saturday, asked passengers who have confirmed bookings for this afternoon's flights to proceed to the airport.

"This includes customers transiting in Dubai, if their connecting flight is also operating," the airline said.

"Customers can check the flight schedule for upcoming flights, as well as book seats to travel via [emirat.es/nowoperating](https://www.emirat.es/nowoperating).

"Emirates continues to monitor the situation, and we will develop our operational schedule accordingly."

Air Arabia has also resumed a limited number of flights to and from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The airline said customers whose flights were previously cancelled may also rebook if they have not yet used their modification or refund option. [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

Tinubu's Reforms Driving Nigeria's Mining Sector Growth - Alake

Culled: The minister of solid minerals development Dr Dele Alake has credited the rapid growth of Nigeria's solid minerals sector to President Bola Tinubu's reforms.

According to Alake, the gains include increase in the sector's contributions to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), more foreign direct investment and the country's rising profile as the best destination for mining.

Speaking through the director-general, Mining Cadastre Office, Engineer Obadiah Nkom at the just-concluded Prospectors and Development Association of Canada (PDAC) conference in Toronto, the minister emphasised Nigeria's readiness to partner with credible investors committed to responsible and sustainable mining in the country.

While addressing participants at the 27th Annual African Mining Breakfast, a high-level platform convening African ministers, industry leaders and global investors for sustained dialogue on unlocking the continent's mineral wealth, he also canvassed the need for synergy among African countries to unlock the vast potentials in the sector.



Dr. Alake

The ministry's delegation also participated at the International Mines Ministers Summit that had in attendance representatives from France, Chile, Saudi Arabia, DRC, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Canada, Egypt, Australia, IGF, World Economic Forum (WEF), amongst others.

Alake expressed the commitment of the federal government to promoting value addition within the solid minerals sector,

stressing that Nigeria has moved beyond merely exporting raw minerals to emphasising local processing in order to ensure maximum benefits for citizens and the nation's economy.

He also underscored the importance of stronger cross-border integration within the mining industry, adding that establishing structured agreements and coordinated policies would help unlock greater

opportunities for trade, investment and shared infrastructure development across borders.

"Integration does not fail because Africa lacks frameworks. It fails because projects stall between borders. A mine may be viable in one country, but the rail link, the power line, or the processing facility sits across the border. And no one institution takes responsibility for stitching these pieces together," he

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Egbin Power Commissions 80 New Staff Housing Units

Culled: In further demonstration of its unwavering commitment to its workforce, Nigeria's foremost power generation company, Egbin Power Plc, has unveiled 80 new residential housing units for employees within its plant premises in Egbin, Lagos State.

This comprises 40 fully furnished three-bedroom apartments and 40 furnished studio apartments, all designed to contemporary standards.

The units feature modern infrastructure and thoughtfully planned utilities, creating a safe, comfortable, and conducive living environment that supports both employee productivity and family well-being.

This strategic investment underscores the company's philosophy that a well-supported workforce is fundamental to sustained operational excellence.

The new housing units are part of a holistic strategy to cultivate a stable, motivated, and future-ready workforce.

This strategy extends beyond infrastructure to encompass robust career development and recognition. Over the past three years, Egbin Power has promoted 112 employees across various cadres, reinforcing a culture that rewards merit, performance, and long-term dedication.

"At Egbin Power, our people are our most valuable asset. Even amidst the prevailing liquidity and operational realities within the broader power sector, our focus on employee welfare has remained deliberate and consistent.

"This significant expansion of our residential estate is a tangible expression of that commitment.

"It is one of several key initiatives aimed at ensuring our employees feel genuinely supported, allowing them to thrive both personally and professionally," the chief executive of Egbin Power, Mr Mokhtar Bounour, said.

Initiated in 2025 and completed in January 2026, this project is the latest milestone in Egbin Power's structured and ongoing approach to enhancing employee welfare.

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FG Resolves OPL 245 Dispute To Stimulate Nigeria's Economy



Fagbemi

Culled: The Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Lateef Fagbemi, has said that resolving the longstanding dispute over OPL 245 will reposition the economy and strengthen the country's fiscal muscle.

He praised President Bola Tinubu's visionary leadership, which enabled the breakthrough.

Fagbemi, who spoke after the signing of the legal agreement that brought the dispute to an end in Abuja, described the development as a milestone in

repositioning Nigeria's economic landscape.

"The agreement marks a turning point for Nigeria's oil and gas sector after more than two decades of legal battles and international arbitration," he said.

The Federal Government reached this settlement with Eni and Nigerian Agip Exploration Limited (NAEL), effectively ending the protracted dispute over OPL 245. Fagbemi emphasised that resolving the dispute over OPL 245 will recalibrate the national economy and bolster the Federal Government's fiscal position.

According to him, early in the administration, Tinubu directed that all disputes over the oil block be resolved amicably in the best interests of the Nigerian people.

"The clear vision and deep

commitment of Tinubu provided the political will required to bring closure to this protracted dispute. The agreement demonstrates Nigeria's commitment to transparency, accountability, and the rule of law."

The Attorney-General explained that the settlement, which will culminate in a Consent Arbitral Award, not only resolves a complex international dispute but also restores Nigeria's credibility as a responsible partner in global business.

He further highlighted several strategic economic benefits expected from the resolution, including the removal of legal and fiscal uncertainties that previously hindered the development of the oil block.

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Commonwealth

Commonwealth Platform Opens Nigeria Oppor'tities To Global Investors

Culled:

The Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) is positioning Nigeria as a key destination for global capital by using its international platform to connect the country with investors, governments, and businesses across the Commonwealth and beyond.

As part of this effort, Samantha Cohen, Council's chief executive officer, visited Nigeria to promote trade and investment opportunities, strengthen partnerships with state governments, and advance plans for a major international trade event scheduled to hold in Lagos in June

2026.

Cohen said the initiative is aimed at bringing large delegations of investors from across Commonwealth countries to Nigeria, particularly Lagos, which she described as one of Africa's most dynamic economic centres.

According to her, the event will also coincide with plans to launch an International Financial Centre in Lagos, a development expected to further elevate the state's position as a global investment and financial hub. Cohen said: "I am here to meet with the governor of Lagos State and the Commissioner of Commerce,

Cooperatives, Trade and Investment and conclude our plans towards putting on a major trade event that will take place between June 09 -10, 2026, which I hope also will bring in the launch of the International Financial Centre that is going to be launched here as well. So that will greatly position the Lagos economy. I think Lagos' economy is the fourth largest in Africa. That will give Lagos state a great international platform because we will be bringing large delegations of investors from across other countries in the Commonwealth. So that's what we're working on.

There's also a state visit for the President of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, to the United Kingdom, as you probably know, March 14, and 15, 2026. So we are helping to feed into that event as well and to bring Lagos state to the table because Lagos is also one of our Strategic Partners."

She also mentioned that Nigeria is a vibrant hub and has about 25 members called Strategic Partners. She also co-hosted the Nigeria International Advisory Council meeting with the Nigeria Chairman, Olasupo Shasore SAN. She also visited some businesses that were invited to join as strategic partners.

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IGP Tasks DIGs On Integrity, Intelligence-Led Policing

The Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Olatunji Disu, has charged newly promoted and decorated Deputy Inspectors-General of Police (DIGs) to view their new responsibilities not merely as command roles but as a call to professional excellence and unwavering commitment to the ideals of policing in Nigeria.

Disu gave the charge on Monday in Abuja during the decoration ceremony of the newly promoted officers, noting

that their elevation marks the assumption of greater responsibilities in the leadership and strategic management of the Nigeria Police Force.

According to the IGP, the ceremony signified more than the decoration of new ranks.

"This ceremony represents far more than the adornment of new insignia.

"Your elevation to this highly strategic rank is a testament to your

professionalism, leadership capacity and consistent record of service to the nation.

"Promotion to the rank of Deputy Inspector-General of Police represents one of the highest levels of professional trust within our institution. It is both an honour and a call to duty that demands wisdom, integrity, courage and an unwavering commitment to the principles of justice and service," he said.

Disu reminded the newly decorated officers that, as members of the top strategic leadership of the Nigeria Police Force, they are entrusted with responsibilities that go beyond operational command.

According to him, they are expected to provide institutional direction, strengthen internal discipline, drive reforms and ensure that policing strategies remain responsive to Nigeria's evolving security landscape.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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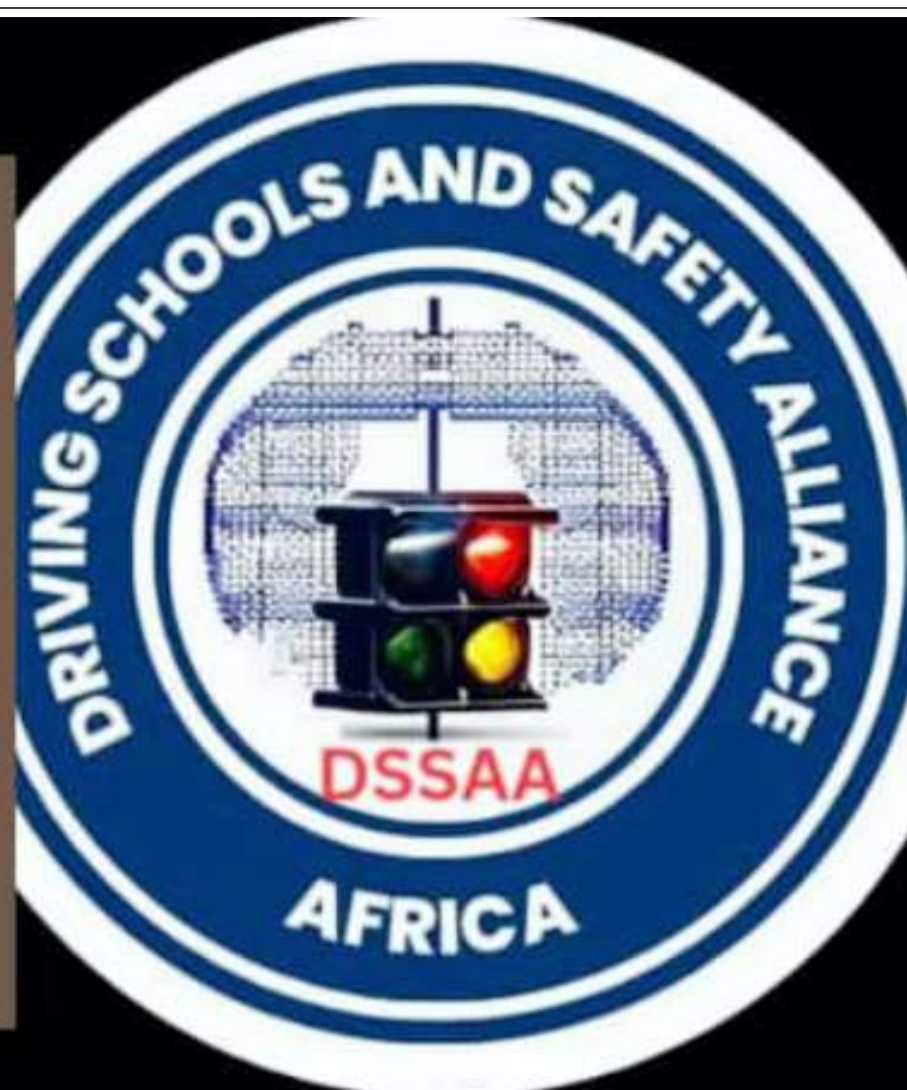


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