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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Anambra State Command, has deployed 275 officers ahead of the second-term inauguration of Gov. Chukwuma Soludo and his Deputy, Dr. Onyekachukwu Ibezim, scheduled for March 17.

The Sector Commander, Mrs Bridget Asekhauno, disclosed this while addressing officers and men of the command in Awka on Sunday.

Asekhauno said personnel were deployed alongside 29 operational vehicles, including motorcycles, ambulances, and tow trucks, across the state to ensure effective traffic management and safety during the event.

She urged the officers to exhibit a high level of discipline and professionalism in the discharge of their duties.

"The command, in collaboration with other security agencies, has intensified traffic control measures and public sensitisation efforts to ensure peaceful

and hitch-free vehicular movement during and after the event.

"A total of 275 officers and men, along with 29 vehicles, including bikes, ambulances and tow trucks, have been deployed across the state," she said.

Asekhauno appealed to residents, stakeholders and visitors to remain law-abiding and cooperate with security personnel to ensure the safety of dignitaries and members of the public.

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Minister Presents 18-Seater Buses To Tinubu Support Groups In Ondo

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The Minister of Interior, Dr. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, represented by Asiwaju Olumuyiwa Asagunla on Monday presented new 18-seater buses to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu support groups in Ondo State as part of efforts to strengthen grassroots mobilisation and enhance the operational capacity of groups championing the Renewed Hope Agenda across the state.

The buses were presented to two of the leading support groups actively engaged in promoting the achievements of the President and consolidating support for his continued leadership beyond 2027: the Asiwaju Mandate Group (AMG) and the Grassroots Movement for Tinubu (GMT).

Speaking during the presentation, Dr. Tunji-Ojo, noted that the gesture was aimed at encouraging the groups to sustain their mobilisation efforts, deepen grassroots engagement, and continue enlightening the public on the policies and programmes of the Tinubu administration.

He commended the dedication and consistency of the groups, describing their efforts as critical to strengthening public participation in governance and ensuring that the message of the Renewed Hope Agenda reaches every community.

Receiving the bus on behalf of the Asiwaju Mandate Group was the Director of Strategy and Communications of the group, Dr. Ayodeji Ologun, who was flanked by members of the executive council of the organisation. Also receiving a bus on behalf of the Grassroots Movement for Tinubu was its Director-General, Hon. Saka Yusuf flanked by his Secretary, Alhaji Yussuff Badmus who attended the presentation with other executives of the movement.

Both leaders expressed appreciation to the Minister for the thoughtful gesture, noting that the buses would greatly enhance their capacity to reach more communities, organise grassroots engagements, and further propagate the achievements and vision of President Tinubu across Ondo State.

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He added that no fatalities were recorded.

The corporation, is, however, silent on the number of passengers on the train and those injured.

The NRC MD noted that preliminary reports indicate that the rear locomotive made contact with the rear immediately next to it (rear) due to a coupling issue.

The statement reads: "The Management of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) wishes to confirm that an avoidable train incident occurred at about 10:30 a.m. today near Asham, involving a rear locomotive and a passenger coach.



The train collision

"Preliminary reports indicate that the rear locomotive made contact with the rear immediately next to it (rear) due to a coupling issue.

"Some passengers sustained injuries and were promptly attended to and taken to a nearby medical facility for proper medical care. No fatalities were recorded.

"Emergency response protocols were

immediately activated, and relevant technical teams have been mobilised to the location. The Safety Investigation Bureau (SIB) is also on site to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident in line with established safety procedures.

"The train arrived at Idu station at about 10.39am, 38minutes behind schedule due to the time allowed to remove the incident rear locomotive and coach Sp

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"The Corporation assures the public that safety remains its top priority, and all necessary measures are being taken to address the situation and ensure the continued safe operation of train services."

He noted that further details will be communicated as more information becomes available.

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NIMENA Urges Stronger Indigenous Research In Maritime Sector

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The Nigerian Institution of Marine Engineers and Naval Architects has called for stronger indigenous research capacity to support innovation, policy development and sustainable growth within Africa's maritime sector.

National Chairman of NIMENA, Eferebo Sylvanus, made the call in a statement on Sunday while announcing the establishment of two peer-reviewed academic journals designed to promote research and knowledge exchange among stakeholders in the marine and maritime industries.

"We must strengthen indigenous research capacity in order to develop home-grown solutions that can drive innovation and policy development within Africa's maritime space," Sylvanus said.

According to him, the journals—African Journal of Offshore, Marine Engineering and Naval

Architecture and the Journal of the Blue Economy & Sustainable Energy Development—will serve as scholarly platforms for researchers, engineers and policymakers to contribute knowledge that will support the development of the maritime sector.

"The establishment of these journals is part of our vision to create credible academic outlets for professionals and researchers working in marine engineering and maritime-related fields," he said.

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The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the state-owned transport company, Idowu Oguntona, disclosed this in a statement issued by the firm's Public Affairs Officer, Afolabi Olawale.

According to the statement, the incident occurred on March 10, 2026, and was brought to the attention of the company through a video recorded by a concerned member of the public. The footage reportedly showed the two bus captains siphoning fuel from one of the company's buses.

Oguntona said the individuals were immediately identified and apprehended following the report. They were subsequently handed over to security personnel for investigation.

The suspects were later arraigned before a mobile court on March 12 and remanded at the Kirikiri Correctional Centre pending further hearing in the case scheduled for April 22, 2026.

The LBSL boss condemned the alleged act, stating that the company would not tolerate any conduct that undermines the trust placed in its workforce or the public resources entrusted to it by the government and people of Lagos State.

"We strongly condemn any act that compromises the trust reposed in our workforce and the resources entrusted to us by the government and the people of Lagos State," Oguntona said.

He also commended the vigilance of the citizen who reported the incident, noting that public cooperation plays a vital role in maintaining accountability and efficiency in the state's public transport system.

Oguntona further reiterated that LBSL maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy toward fraud, theft and other forms of gross misconduct among its staff.

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The train identified as KA2, NSIB said, departed Rigasa Railway Station in Kaduna at the commencement of its scheduled journey to Idu Station in Abuja.

A statement issued on Monday by the Director, Public Affairs and Family Assistance, NSIB, Mrs Funke Arowojobe, said that the train operated within the scheduled service window of 07:15 to 10:01 and arrived at Jere Station at 08:52 before departing again at 08:59 to continue the journey towards Abuja.

"Upon arrival at Jere Station, a rear locomotive was attached to the train to



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provide additional operational support for the onward movement along the corridor. Shortly after departure from Jere station, the rear locomotive became detached while the train proceeded along the downward gradient towards the Asham section.

"The detached locomotive subsequently rolled forward and struck the rear portion of the train, resulting in a serious operational occurrence. At the time of

the incident, the train consisted of two locomotives positioned at the front and rear, one power car, two business class coaches, and six standard passenger coaches.

"The train conveyed a total of 429 passengers. Onboard personnel included 46 crew members as well as 24 security personnel assigned to the service. No fatalities were recorded but some passengers sustained injuries.

Immediate response actions were initiated by personnel of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) and security personnel onboard the train. Medical personnel provided first aid assistance to affected passengers.

"Following the occurrence, the train proceeded to Idu Station in Abuja where it arrived at approximately 10:39 hours, and additional assistance was provided to passengers. NSIB investigators have commenced evidence gathering and analysis to determine the circumstances surrounding the occurrence.

"The investigation will examine technical, operational and infrastructure factors, including train configuration, locomotive attachment systems, operational procedures, and relevant operational data," it said.

Commenting on the incident, the Director General of the NSIB, Captain Alex Badeh Jr., expressed concern over the affected passengers and reaffirmed the Bureau's commitment to uncovering the facts behind the occurrence.

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Ogun, FCT Lead States In Road Accidents In Q4 2025

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Ogun and FCT have recorded the highest number of road accidents in the fourth quarter of 2025, according to data provided by the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), and reported by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The report showed that road accidents remained a major safety concern across the country during the period, contributing to thousands of crashes and more than a thousand fatalities.

The NBS data showed that Ogun state and F.C.T recorded 237 and 197 crashes in Q4 2025, respectively, followed by Kaduna state (175), Oyo state (174), and Lagos state (141), out of the 2,731 road traffic crashes reported, highlighting persistent road safety concerns across major transport corridors.

The number of road accidents recorded during the period surged by 12.2 percent from the 2,434 crashes recorded in Q3 2025, and rose by 6.72 percent when compared to the 2,559 crashes reported

in Q4 2024.

Disaggregation by severity shows that serious crashes accounted for the highest proportion with 1,775 cases, followed by fatal crashes with 677 cases, while minor crashes recorded the least with 279 cases.

Analysis of fatalities by gender indicates that males accounted for the majority of deaths, with a total of 1,085 males killed, representing 78.97 percent of total fatalities, while 289 females were killed, accounting for 21.03 percent.

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Mohammed

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The process of disbursing the long-awaited Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund (CVFF) to Nigerian shipowners has commenced, the Deputy Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration, Uduak Odudoh, has said.

He credited the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Dr. Adegboyega Oyetola and the Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Dr. Dayo Moberola, for driving the milestone.

Odudoh made the disclosure during the committee's oversight visit to the Maritime Academy of Nigeria (MAN), Oron, Akwa Ibom State – a visit that also laid bare the institution's most ambitious one-year performance record in recent memory under Acting Rector Dr. Kevin Okonna.

“By the grace of God, and the wisdom of the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, and the effort of the Director-General of NIMASA, the processes of releasing those funds to shipowners in Nigeria has started,” Odudoh told cadets assembled at the parade ground. “In less than no

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time, those monies will be disbursed. Once they are disbursed, shipowners will now expand — if they were having one ship, they will go to two ships, more vessels.”

The lawmaker, who represents Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency in Akwa Ibom State, said the fleet expansion triggered by CVFF disbursement would directly benefit MAN graduates, describing the institution as the most efficient maritime training academy in West Africa, recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). “It is our wish that once you finish, like your predecessors who are today onboard vessels, you will also be onboard vessels when you leave,” he told the cadets.

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FRSC Deploys Personnel For Eid Special Patrol Nationwide

involve increased patrol visibility, strategic deployment of rescue teams, and intensified public enlightenment campaigns to guide motorists during the Sallah celebrations.

He said, “The Corps Marshal, FRSC, Shehu Mohammed mni, has ordered the nationwide deployment of personnel and logistics for the 2026 Eid-Ei-Fitri Special Patrol Operations scheduled to hold from 17 to 22 March 2026, as part of efforts to guarantee safe travels for motorists during the festive period.

“The special patrol, which is in line with the Corps' statutory responsibility of ensuring safer road use across Nigeria, is designed to reduce road traffic crashes, fatalities, and injuries while ensuring free flow of traffic on major highways.

“The operation will witness increased patrol visibility, strategic deployment of rescue teams, and enhanced public enlightenment campaigns to guide motorists and other road users during the Sallah celebrations.”

Mohammed noted that the Eid el-Fitr period is usually characterised by heavy vehicular movement as Muslim faithful travel to celebrate with families and loved ones, adding that the corps has mobilised its operational assets to manage the expected surge in traffic.

He explained that the FRSC will maintain 24-hour patrol operations along critical road corridors nationwide, supported by standby rescue teams, ambulances, tow trucks, patrol vehicles, and motorcycles to ensure prompt response to emergencies.

“The operation will also focus on the immediate removal of obstructions on highways and close monitoring of traffic situations to minimise delays for road users,” he added.

The corps said enforcement during the period would target major traffic violations such as speeding, dangerous overtaking, tyre infractions, lane indiscipline, road obstruction, overloading, mix-loading of passengers and goods, seat-belt violations, and the use of mechanically deficient vehicles. As part of the strategy, sector

commanders have been directed to ensure the full deployment of operational equipment, including patrol vehicles, advanced life support ambulances, tow trucks, radar guns, breathalysers, traffic cones, patrol motorcycles, and communication gadgets.

Special Marshals are also expected to support traffic control activities across commands during the operation.

Mohammed further said the corps would collaborate with other security and emergency agencies, including the Nigeria Police Force, Department of State Services, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Federal Fire Service, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, to ensure rapid response to emergencies and maintain order on the highways.

In addition, he said the corps would utilise its traffic broadcast platform, National Traffic Radio 107.1FM, to provide real-time traffic updates, travel advisories, and alternative route guidance for motorists throughout the operation.

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Mohammed

The Federal Road Safety Corps has ordered the nationwide deployment of personnel and operational logistics for its 2026 Eid el-Fitr special patrol operations, aimed at ensuring safe travel during the festive period.

The Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, said the operation will run from March 17 to March 22, 2026, as part of efforts to reduce road crashes and maintain smooth traffic flow on major highways across Nigeria.

In a statement on Monday, the Corps Public Education Officer, Felicia Kalu, quoted Mohammed as explaining that the special patrol aligns with the corps' statutory responsibility of promoting safer road use nationwide. It will



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The newly introduced platform is a centralized safety data management system designed to address gaps previously identified during audits by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), including fragmented safety data, weak reporting mechanisms, and inconsistencies in safety occurrence documentation across the industry.

Industry regulators say the system will significantly improve hazard reporting, safety data analysis, and regulatory monitoring, particularly as Nigeria prepares for the upcoming ICAO



Capt Najomo

validation mission Director General of Civil the platform would scheduled for April Aviation, Chris Najomo, support real-time safety 2026. described the SMS Pro data collection,

Speaking during the system as a critical occurrence reporting, inauguration ceremony technological tool for risk assessment, and held at the Authority's strengthening Nigeria's trend analysis across C o r p o r a t e aviation safety oversight the aviation ecosystem. Headquarters on architecture. According to him, the

March 16, 2026, the Najomo explained that system aligns with operators.

global aviation safety standards, particularly the requirements of ICAO Annex 19, which mandates the implementation of structured safety management systems by aviation authorities and service providers.

He noted that the deployment of SMS Pro would enhance the accuracy, accessibility, and timeliness of safety information within the sector, thereby enabling regulators to detect emerging risks early and respond more effectively to potential safety threats.

The NCAA boss further emphasized the importance of full implementation of the system ahead of the ICAO validation exercise, stressing that Nigeria must demonstrate strong compliance with international aviation safety standards.

The inauguration of SMS Pro marks a significant step in Nigeria's commitment to adopting modern digital tools to improve aviation safety oversight and regulatory efficiency. Aviation stakeholders say the platform will also strengthen coordination between regulatory authorities and industry operators.

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Delta Govt Approves N80bn Road Projects For Coastal C'tties



Governor Oborevwori

Delta State Commissioner in charge of the Directorate of Riverine Infrastructure, Mr. Ebikeme Clark, has hailed Governor Sheriff Oborevwori's approval of N80 billion road projects to open up coastal communities in the state.

He also commended the Governor for his continued commitment to the development of riverine communities across the state through large-scale infrastructure projects.

Clark made the commendation in a statement issued on Monday, praising the governor for the recent approvals granted by the Delta State Executive Council for the construction of several strategic roads in coastal communities.

He described the move as a clear demonstration of the administration's resolve to open up coastal areas and stimulate economic growth.

According to him, the projects, valued at over N80 billion, are expected to significantly improve accessibility, enhance socio-economic activities, and transform the rural economy of the benefiting communities.

Clark listed the approved projects to include the construction of the Macaulay/Mitubiri Roads in Bomadi, Bomadi Local Government Area; the construction of 2.45 kilometres of internal roads in Odimodi Community, Burutu Local Government Area; and the construction of 3.75 kilometres of internal roads in Ogulagha Community, also in Burutu Local Government Area.

Other projects include the construction of internal roads in Patani; the construction of the 9.463-kilometre Torugbene-Ojobo Road with a spur to Ojobo Town in Burutu Local Government Area (Section

Two); and the construction of the boundary road between Ogbinbri Community and Ogbudugbudu Community in Egbema Kingdom, Warri North LGA.

He added that the projects would help improve connectivity, boost commerce, and enhance the quality of life for residents in riverine areas of the state.

Clark also listed the rehabilitation and asphalt overlay of Oporoza township roads in Warri South-West LGA; the construction of the Ogbe-Ijoh Palace Road with a spur to the proposed King's Jetty in Ogbe-Ijoh, Warri South-West LGA; the construction of internal roads in Isaba, Warri South-West LGA; the construction of the Deghele-Bateren Road in Warri South-West LGA; and the construction of Old Koko Road from Koko Garage to Lagos Expressway, Phase I, in Warri North LGA.

The commissioner described the projects as "life-changing interventions" that would improve

connectivity, ease transportation challenges and promote commerce within the riverine communities.

He assured residents of the riverine areas that Oborevwori remained committed to ensuring balanced development across the state, particularly in historically underserved coastal communities.

Clark further expressed confidence that the people of the riverine communities would continue to support the governor's administration, noting that the ongoing infrastructural transformation would translate into massive electoral support for the governor and the All Progressives Congress in the 2027 general elections.

He also urged residents of the benefiting communities to continue supporting government initiatives and to cooperate with contractors to ensure the timely completion of the projects for the overall development of the region.

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Singapore Airlines Expands Taipei Route With Four Additional Weekly Flights



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Singapore Airlines is adding four supplementary flights to Taipei per week until May to meet increased tourist and business travel demand, the carrier said on Friday.

The addition would raise the number of weekly flights it operates to Taipei to 18, Singapore Airlines Taiwan general manager Timothy Ouyang (歐陽漢源) said.

The airline has recorded a steady rise in tourist and business travel to and from Taipei, and aims to provide more flexible travel arrangements for passengers, said Ouyang, who assumed the post in July last year.

From now until Saturday next week, four additional flights would depart from Singapore on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10:45am, with the return flight taking off from Taipei at 4:40pm on the same day.

From March 29 to May 31, the flights from Singapore would depart at 10am, while flights from Taipei would leave at 4:10pm.

As of January, the

airline's passenger network covered 136 destinations in 37 countries and territories, Singapore Airline North Asia regional vice president Lee Sek Eng

(李錫榮) said. The airline has also increased the number of weekly flights to Colombo, Sri Lanka, to 10 since January.

For the northern summer operating season from March 29 to Oct. 24, the airline would deploy its A380 aircraft on daily flights to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and add more flights to Bangkok;

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Barcelona, Spain; Cairns, Australia; Surabaya, Indonesia; and Yangon, Myanmar, subject to regulatory approval.

"We will adjust our network and capacity according to demand," Lee said.

In addition to an updated entertainment system and other new in-flight offerings, the airline said it plans to progressively introduce high-speed low Earth orbit satellite connectivity for enhanced Wi-Fi across its long-haul fleet.

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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

Nigeria's Reforms Boost Global Confidence, Strengthen Partnerships

Culled: Nigeria's Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, says Nigeria's ongoing economic and governance reforms under the administration of Bola Tinubu are strengthening global confidence in the country and opening new opportunities for trade, investment, and international cooperation,

The Minister stated this in London during a World Press Conference ahead of President Tinubu's official visit to the United Kingdom at the invitation of King Charles III.

In a statement signed by the Special Assistant (Media) to the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Rabiu Ibrahim, Idris noted that the visit highlights the historic and strategic relationship between Nigeria and the United Kingdom, a partnership built on deep diplomatic, economic, cultural, and democratic ties.

"the visit provides an opportunity to deepen collaboration between both countries in key areas, including trade and investment, security cooperation, climate action, education, and technological innovation", he said

He explained that Nigeria's



Mohammed Idris

democracy continues to grow stronger after more than two decades of uninterrupted democratic governance since 1999, supported by vibrant institutions, an active civil society, and a dynamic media environment.

According to the Minister, the administration of President Tinubu is committed to ensuring that democracy delivers real benefits to citizens through the Renewed Hope Agenda,

which focuses on stabilising the economy, expanding opportunities, strengthening social protection, and investing in long-term national development.

Idris also stressed that several landmark reforms undertaken by the government, including the removal of the petrol subsidy and the harmonisation of multiple foreign exchange regimes, both of which were designed to restore fiscal transparency, promote

economic sustainability, and improve investment predictability.

He said these reforms, alongside a series of presidential executive orders in the oil and gas sector, have made Nigeria Africa's most attractive destination for oil and gas investment for two consecutive years, attracting over eight billion dollars in Final Investment Decisions from major international companies.

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Nigeria's Plastic Recycling Sector Valued At \$10bn

Culled:

Nigeria's plastic recycling sector represents an estimated \$10 billion market, highlighting the scale of opportunity within the country's broader waste-to-value economy, according to the Green Cities Infrastructure and Energy Programme (GCIEP).

This opportunity was the focus of stakeholders from across Lagos' waste- to-value ecosystem gathered to discuss the sector's opportunities and the practical steps needed to unlock them through stronger collaboration.

The waste-to-value study was commissioned by the UK Department for Business and Trade and delivered under GCIEP. It involved extensive engagement with stakeholders in Nigeria and the UK to assess key market opportunities, gauge international investor interest, and identify the main barriers to investment in the sector.

Oluwatosin Adenuga, Energy and Technology Trade Adviser at the UK Department for Business and Trade, opened the session by noting that the waste-to-value study builds on the significant work already underway in Lagos to strengthen waste management systems and attract private investment.

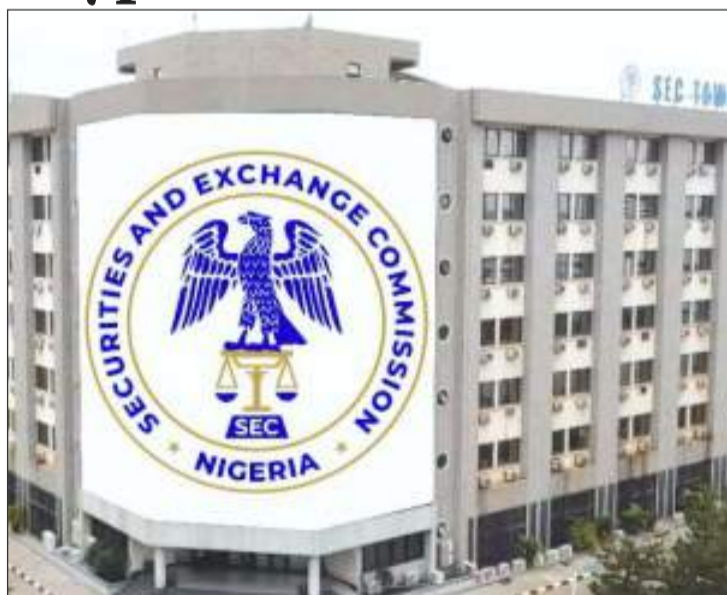
He said that the UK supported the initiative to help address practical barriers preventing viable projects from reaching financial close.

In his words, "Nigeria's waste challenge is often described as overwhelming." But from an investment perspective, demand is large, waste supply can be guaranteed, and pressure for better outcomes is growing.

Those are the conditions investors look for if the enabling environment is right. Today is about shaping that enabling environment together." He concluded by emphasising that the session was about sharing evidence, strengthening partnerships, and enabling Lagos-led action.

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Crypto Transactions Hit \$96bn In Nigeria, Says SEC



Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Culled: Nigeria's digital finance ecosystem has recorded about \$96 billion in virtual asset transactions, the Director-General of the Securities and

Exchange Commission, Emomotimi Agama, has said.

Agama disclosed this during a Citizens and Stakeholders Engagement Session organised by the Federal Ministry of Finance in Abuja on Monday, noting

that the size of transactions within the digital asset space makes regulation necessary in order to protect investors and ensure transparency.

According to him, the regulatory framework for the sector was strengthened following the enactment of the Investment and Securities Act 2025, which gives the commission powers to regulate digital assets and other emerging financial technologies.

He said the law also confirms the SEC as the apex regulator of the capital market while introducing provisions aimed at monitoring systemic risks and aligning Nigeria's market operations with global standards.

Agama said the Nigerian capital market has continued to support

investment activities across the economy, adding that the commission approved ₦3.68 trillion worth of new capital market issues in 2024, covering both equities and fixed income instruments.

He added that the market played a major role in strengthening the banking sector during the recent recapitalisation exercise, with more than 31 banks raising funds through the capital market to meet new capital requirements.

The SEC Director-General said the performance of the market has improved significantly in recent years, with total market capitalisation rising from ₦55 trillion in 2024 to about ₦127 trillion currently.

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Teachers Critical To Building Nigeria's Digital Future, Says NITDA DG

Culled: Director-General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, has said teachers will play a decisive role in shaping Nigeria's digital future, stressing that classrooms remain the foundation for preparing a technology-ready generation.

According to a statement by the agency on Monday, Inuwa, who was represented by the agency's Director of Stakeholder Management and Partnerships, Dr Aristotle Onumo, spoke on the theme "Nigeria's Current Digital Landscape: Our Reality and Its Practical Connection to Education." He

said educators are central to the country's digital transformation, as the growing digital economy continues to redefine learning and workforce demands.

He noted that the rapid spread of digital technologies is transforming the education sector, making it necessary for teachers to adopt new approaches that align with modern learning environments.

The NITDA boss made the remarks at a stakeholders' dialogue organised by the Development of Educational Action Network Initiative (DEAN) in Abuja, where education and technology stakeholders discussed the link

between Nigeria's digital landscape and the future of learning.

"Teachers are no longer just instructors; they are now guides who help students identify credible information, avoid harmful online content, and develop responsible digital behaviour," he said, explaining that while digital tools have opened unprecedented access to information and opportunities for students, they also come with risks that require careful guidance.

According to him, teachers must help students develop critical thinking and responsible online behaviour while equipping them with the digital skills needed to thrive in a technology-driven

world.

Earlier, Executive Director of DEAN Initiative, Semiye Michael, said the dialogue was designed to strengthen teachers' capacity to meet the demands of the evolving digital economy.

He noted that improving teachers' digital competence and providing the necessary infrastructure would be crucial to enabling technology-driven learning across Nigerian schools.

"We need to strengthen teachers' competence and provide them with access to the necessary digital infrastructure," Michael said, describing the workshop as an awesome experience.

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Nigerians Urged To Support Women Empowerment Efforts

Nigerians, as well as global partners, have been urged to support national rebuilding efforts through expertise, skills, strength, and financial contributions to empower women, children, and vulnerable populations across the country.

The Chair of the Board of Directors of Women Radio, Toun Okewale-Sonaiya, made the call while speaking at the second edition of Nigerian Women's Day during the

70th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York.

Framing the dialogue around 31 years of progress, resilience, impact, and renewed hope for Nigerian women, she acknowledged the negative perceptions about the country but stressed that transformative change must come from Nigerians and friends of Nigeria. "There are many negatives about Nigeria at home and abroad. But no

one will make a change in Nigeria except for Nigerians and friends of Nigeria."

Describing national transformation as a collective responsibility, Sonaiya emphasized that every individual contribution represents a piece of a broader national effort.

"Your positive contribution is like a piece of a jigsaw. Bit by bit we will build a bigger positive Nigeria."

She highlighted the Renewed Hope

Social Impact Interventions and the nine-point "WomanAgenda" developed by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, aimed at empowering 50 million Nigerians, particularly disadvantaged women across the country's 774 local government areas.

Nigeria Showcases Women Empowerment Framework at Cairo Conference.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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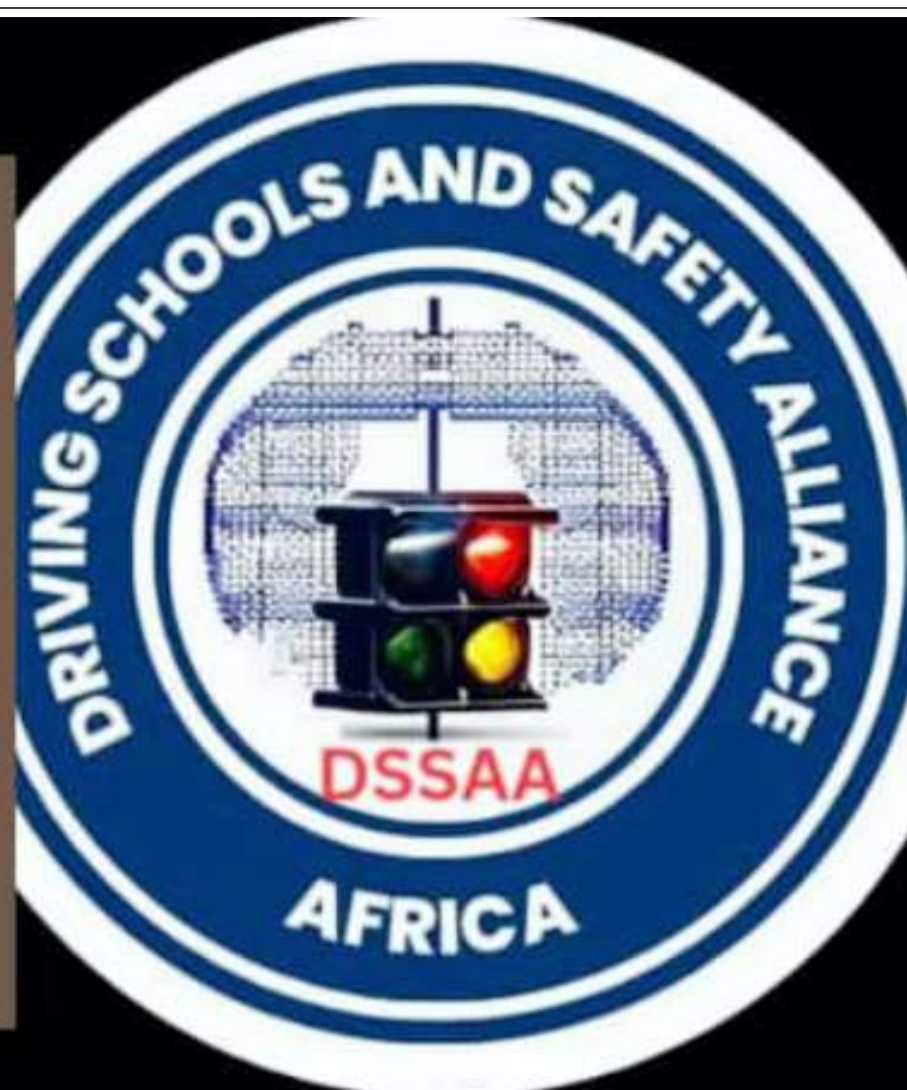


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