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A tragic accident struck Ibadan on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, after a truck reportedly lost control due to brake failure, leaving several people dead and others injured.

The incident occurred around the busy Oja'ba-Béèrè roundabout, a major route in the city. According to eyewitness accounts, the truck suddenly veered off course and rammed into multiple public transport vehicles, causing chaos and destruction within seconds.

In videos circulating online, distressed onlookers were seen crying and gathering at the scene, while others stood in shock as rescue efforts began. Victims were reportedly pulled from the wreckage, though the exact number of casualties has not yet been officially confirmed.

Authorities, including the Oyo State Road Traffic Management Authority, have yet to release a formal

statement as investigations continue into the cause of the crash. This incident adds to growing concerns over road safety in Nigeria, with many attributing such tragedies to poor vehicle maintenance, inadequate driver training, and weak enforcement of traffic regulations.

Residents are calling for stricter safety measures to prevent further loss of lives on the nation's roads.

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The meeting brought together key players across the cargo value chain, including freight forwarders, cargo agents, airlines, ground handling companies, courier operators, and truckers operating within airport cargo environments.

At the centre of discussions was the ongoing documentation process required for the development of the Integrated

Cargo Stakeholders Registry (ICSR), a new platform designed to capture and verify the identities and operational status of all cargo operators across FAAN-managed airports.

According to FAAN, the registry will serve as a comprehensive and centralised database aimed at sanitising the cargo space by ensuring that only duly registered and compliant operators are allowed to conduct business within restricted airport zones.

In a statement shared via its official X (formerly Twitter) handle, the authority noted that the initiative would significantly improve coordination among stakeholders, strengthen regulatory compliance, and promote operational transparency across the sector.

FAAN further explained that the registry would be integrated with enhanced access control systems, thereby restricting entry into sensitive cargo areas to only authorised and properly documented personnel and organisations.

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The Lagos State Environmental and Special Offences Enforcement Unit (Taskforce) has intensified its clampdown on illegal commercial motorcycle operators, impounding 70 motorcycles during a fresh raid along the Mile 2-Badagry Expressway.

In a statement released on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, the agency confirmed it conducted a cleanup exercise along the Iyana-Iba axis. This follows a similar raid carried out just last weekend, signaling the government's plan to maintain pressure on those breaking traffic and security laws.

The raid covered key locations along the Lagos-Mile 2-Badagry corridor, including Festac First Gate, Mazamaza, and Iyana-Iba.

During the operation, some commercial motorcycle operators were found riding on restricted routes and blocking traffic, while others were allegedly using their bikes to transport illicit drugs and flammable substances such as PMS to neighboring countries, creating



Lagos State Taskforce

disturbances on major highways and nearby roads.

"During the exercise, some commercial motorcycle operators were found plying restricted routes, obstructing traffic flow. Some of the operators were using okada to transport illicit drugs, flammable substances like PMS to neighboring countries, and generally constituting a

nuisance on major highways and adjoining roads," the statement said.

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"At the conclusion of the operations, a total of 70 commercial motorcycles were impounded, and sanity was restored across all affected areas," the statement added.

The Taskforce stated that all impounded motorcycles would be forfeited to the Lagos State Government through the courts, in line with the Lagos State Transport Sector Reform Law of 2018.

Chairman of the Taskforce, CSP Adetayo Akerele, reaffirmed the agency's commitment to sustaining the enforcement drive until full compliance is achieved.

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A'ibom Airport Soon To Commence International Flight Operations

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Governor Umo Eno has declared that Akwa Ibom State is on course to commence international flight operations at the Victor Attah International Airport, as part of his administration's effort to boost the state's aviation and economic prospects.

Speaking to Government House Correspondents Tuesday, after an inspection of the airport's neo-terminal and a review meeting, the Governor said his administration is fast-tracking critical requirements outlined by the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority to ensure seamless take-off of international operations.

He noted that while significant progress has been made, a few gaps identified during the inspection are receiving urgent attention to meet regulatory standards within the projected timeline.

"I assess that work is in progress. To open an airport, we need all of the details, and that is what we are doing

now. We are moving, as you can see for yourself. The gaps that have been identified, we are closing them," the Governor said.

Governor Eno acknowledged minor delays linked to the importation of specialised aviation equipment but maintained that such setbacks have not derailed the overall schedule.

"Some of this equipment is coming in from outside the country. There are a few delays due to several things, but generally, I can tell you we are on track,"

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Governor Eno

Ladipo Market Asks Lagos Govt For Pedestrian Bridge On Expressway

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The leadership of the automobile market association in Ladipo, Mushin, Lagos has urged the state government to build a pedestrian bridge at Toyota bus stop on the Apapa-Oshodi Expressway to avoid the accidents that their members face to and fro the marketplace.

The President-General of the market's association, Prince Africanus Ogudoro, made the appeal during the quarterly sanitation of the market last weekend.

He said many lives had been lost and others maimed while trying to cross the busy highway.

He said the appeal became imperative because other requests in the past to the government were not attended to.

Ogudoro said the life of one trader or customer is important to them.

He praised the members' compliance and the attendant impressive turn out during the sanitation.

"The sanitation is the first in the year. What is so special about it is in knowing that another is held every Thursday. It's an

important exercise. Here it is up to the people of Ladipo to maintain a cleaner and better environment. That's all I want them to do. It's a culture here anyway. The culture we hold is to make sure the market is environmentally-friendly for traders and customers alike," he said.

On the turnout, he said: "You can see for yourself, the turnout is very, very huge. People are responding to the call to make sure the place is environmentally-friendly and clean.

"We have done what we normally do, but we, as traders, and leaders, we make sure our people do the right thing by cleaning the environment.

"We will say it is 78 per cent compliance."

The president-general commended the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) for doing a good job in evacuating refuse from the market.

He added that the sanitation would continue in the second quarter.

"It is a quarterly exercise. We must ensure that the environment is always clean and to the best of our knowledge, it is," he said.

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The National President of the Petroleum Products Retail Outlets Owners Association of Nigeria, Billy Gillis-Harry, has proposed measures to cushion the impact of rising crude oil prices driven by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, Channels reports.

Global oil prices climbed again on Tuesday as Brent crude oil rose above \$100 per barrel, a day after plunging more than 10 per cent following comments by Donald Trump about delaying fresh strikes on Iran while praising "very good" talks with Tehran.

Brent crude rose 2.9 per cent to \$102.84 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate increased by 3.5 per cent to \$91.20.

Trump's remarks had earlier triggered a dramatic reversal in oil markets, with crude prices falling by as much as 14 per cent after initially rising by about one per cent on Monday. Iran, however, denied having any discussions with Trump.

In Nigeria, the impact of global market movements is already being felt.

The Dangote Petroleum Refinery recently announced a fresh increase in



Gillis-Harry

the price of Premium Motor Spirit from N1,175 to N1,245 per litre.

A notice issued to marketers by the refinery stated that its ex-depot price had been adjusted from N1,175 to N1,245 per litre, while the coastal price rose from N1,512,648 to N1,606,518 per metric tonne.

The refinery explained that the adjustment reflects prevailing global market conditions, including changes in crude oil

prices and rising shipping costs, which are outside its control.

Meanwhile, the President of the Dangote Group, Aliko Dangote, met with Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Monday to discuss the implications of the volatile global oil market.

Speaking after the meeting in Lagos, Dangote said Nigeria would inevitably feel the effects of the crisis despite not being directly involved in the conflict.

"It means quite a lot. We don't have much to do with it, but I know the world is a global village. And it definitely will affect us, unfortunately, but we pray this situation will be sorted out," he said after his visit to President Bola Tinubu in Lagos on Monday.

Dangote warned that a prolonged conflict could further strain economies, particularly in Africa, where many countries already face debt challenges.

"If it doesn't de-escalate, we'll end up paying big prices, like what I said earlier on CNN. Africa is very busy paying debt, and putting this again on top of us is going to add a lot of hardship on people, on the government, on the people, on everybody, for something that we have no involvement in."

He emphasised that energy prices influence virtually every sector of the economy and sustained increases could have far-reaching consequences.

Similarly, the Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, Fatih Birol, warned that the crisis could pose a major risk to the global economy.

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ValueJet To Launch Lagos-Accra Flights March 30

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Efforts to deepen intra-African air connectivity have gained momentum as ValueJet Airlines finalises plans to commence operations on the Lagos–Accra route next week.

The airline's Managing Director, Omololu Majekodunmi, disclosed this in an interview, describing the new service as a strategic move to strengthen seamless and affordable travel across West Africa.

He said the Accra route is central to ValueJet's broader objective of improving regional mobility and providing passengers with more travel options within the continent.

According to him, the expansion follows the successful launch of the airline's first international service to Banjul, The Gambia, and aligns with plans to extend operations to other regional hubs, including Cotonou and Malabo.

Majekodunmi expressed optimism about the development, noting that the inaugural Lagos–Accra flight is

scheduled for March 30, 2026.

He said the new route would enhance connectivity between Nigeria and Ghana, while promoting tourism, trade, and stronger economic and cultural relations between both countries.

The ValueJet boss added that the airline remains committed to delivering quality service, urging travellers on the Nigeria–Ghana corridor to take advantage of its offerings.

He further stated that the Lagos–Accra–Lagos service is



Value Jet

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has confirmed that 10 persons were killed in a fatal road crash that occurred on Monday along the Tafa axis of Niger State.

The Corps Public Education Officer at the FRSC Headquarters, Abuja, Mrs. Felicia Kalu, disclosed this in a statement, attributing the tragedy to excessive speeding and illegal mixed loading.

According to her, the crash occurred along the Tafa–Gujeni route at Malam Tanko and involved a DAF tanker with registration number FKY136XD, conveying 33 male occupants.

“Preliminary investigations show that 10 persons died, 20 sustained various degrees of injuries, while three were rescued unhurt,” she said.

Kalu explained that the driver lost control due to excessive speed, noting that the situation was worsened by the unlawful practice of transporting passengers alongside goods.

She described mixed loading as a dangerous violation the Corps has repeatedly warned against due to its

10 Killed. 20 Injured In Niger Road Crash - FRSC

devastating consequences.

She stated that the injured were taken to Umar Musa General Hospital in Sabon Wuse for treatment, while the deceased were deposited at the hospital's mortuary.

Reacting, the Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, described the crash as avoidable and condemned the persistent disregard for traffic safety regulations.

He stressed that no journey is worth the loss of lives and warned drivers and transport operators to adhere strictly to speed limits and avoid unsafe practices.

Mohammed also assured that the Corps would intensify enforcement and public awareness campaigns to curb speeding and eliminate mixed loading on Nigerian roads.

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Delta C'munity Demands Revocation Of Isoko Ring Road Contract



Residents of Ofagbe community

Residents of Ofagbe Community in Isoko North Local Government Area of Delta State have staged a protest over the prolonged delay and alleged poor execution of the 24-kilometre Isoko Ring Road project, calling on Governor Sheriff Oborewori to revoke the contract awarded to Dora-Dan Global Resources.

The protest, led by the President-General of the community, Mr. Cyril Jeke, saw demonstrators express frustration over what they described as the contractor's inability to deliver on the critical infrastructure project despite multiple interventions by the state government.

Speaking during the protest in Asaba, Jeke accused the contractor of a “clear lack of capacity and competence,” noting that the project has remained largely uncompleted years after it was awarded during the administration of former Governor Ifeanyi Okowa.

According to the community, the road, which traverses Ellu, Ovrode, Ofagbe, Ori-Irri, Okpe-Isoko, Uro-Irri, and Ada-Irri, was initially scheduled for completion by December 2022.

However, they lamented that the project remains far from completion, leaving residents to grapple with worsening living conditions.

Jeke recalled that several high-level interventions had been made to salvage the situation, including a fact-finding visit by the Deputy Governor and an inspection by Governor Oborewori in March 2025.

“These efforts led to an upward review of the contract sum to enable improved performance by the contractor. Despite the financial

adjustment, there has been no meaningful progress on the project,” he said.

Jeke further disclosed that a strategic meeting held in June 2025, involving stakeholders, government officials, and the contractor, facilitated by the Special Adviser on Project Monitoring and Audit, Dr. Goodnews Agbi, resulted in a commitment by Dora-Dan Global Resources to remobilise to site and accelerate work.

“That promise has not been fulfilled in any meaningful way,” he added.

While acknowledging assurances from the Commissioner for Works (Highways and Urban Roads), Comrade Reuben Izeze, that the state government remains committed to completing the project, the community insisted that the situation on the ground contradicts such assurances.

Describing the pace of work as “snail-like and unacceptable,” the protesters warned that continued delays would further worsen the plight of residents, especially with the rainy season approaching.

“The road has become a nightmare for commuters and residents. Economic activities are crippled, access to essential services is severely affected, and our people are enduring untold hardship daily,” they said.

Protesters carried placards with inscriptions such as “The Contractor is Incompetent, Revoke the Contract Now,” “Government Funds, Zero Progress — Why?,” “This Delay is Unacceptable,” and “Development Delayed is Development Denied,” among others.

They highlighted the human and economic toll of the delay, noting that farmers are unable to transport their produce, pregnant women struggle to access healthcare, and communities' risk being cut off entirely during the rainy season.

The community, therefore, urged Governor Oborewori to terminate the existing contract and re-award it to a more competent contractor with proven capacity to deliver within a reasonable timeframe.

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Nigeria Misses Crude Oil Output Target By 16.6m Barrels In Two Months

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Nigeria recorded a crude oil and condensate production shortfall of about 16.6 million barrels in the first two months of 2026, highlighting a significant gap between actual output and government projections.

The shortfall covers the period between January and February 2026, based on an analysis of data released by the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission.

During the period, Nigeria produced a combined total of about 92 million barrels of crude oil and condensate, falling short of the projected 108.6 million barrels expected under the Federal Government's 2026 production benchmark of 1.84 million barrels per day.

The data underscores persistent underperformance in Nigeria's oil sector, with production consistently trailing expectations despite favourable global oil prices.



Crude oil barrels

In January, total liquids production averaged about 1.63 million barrels per day, roughly 210,000 bpd below the government's benchmark. The situation worsened in February, with

production declining to an average of 1.48 million bpd, creating a wider gap of about 1.46 million bpd in January to about 1.31 million bpd in February. Although condensate production, which is not subject to Organization

of the Petroleum Exporting Countries quotas, provided some support, its relatively small contribution was insufficient to offset the sharp decline in crude output.

The production drop was also reflected across major export terminals. Output at key terminals such as Qua Iboe, Bonny, Forcados, Escravos, and Brass all recorded significant declines between January and February, collectively dragging down national output.

This underperformance comes at a time when global oil prices have remained strong, hovering between \$110 and \$120 per barrel amid geopolitical tensions. However, Nigeria's inability to scale up production means it is unable to fully capitalise on higher prices.

Recent reports by Nairametrics show that Nigeria's oil production has remained volatile despite efforts to ramp up output.

On February 12, Nairametrics reported that Nigeria's crude oil production rose to about 1.459 million bpd in January 2026, maintaining its position as Africa's largest producer, although still below its OPEC quota.

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Navy Hands Eight Oil Thieves, 44,000 Litres Of Diesel To EFCC



The suspected oil thieves

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areas of Rivers State.

Raji, represented by the Acting Base Operations Officer Lieutenant Commander Justin Jerome, said the breakthrough came during a high-risk patrol on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

He stated, "While on patrol at about 0115 hours on March 22, the team accosted a boat being escorted by armed elements suspected to be affiliated with illegal groups. On sighting the naval patrol team, the criminal elements fled the scene."

The Commander further said a subsequent search led to the discovery of 423 sacks of suspected illegally refined AGO, also known as Diesel.

"Each sack contains 106 litres, bringing the total to about 44,000 litres," he added.

He noted that the operation was carried out under Operation Delta Sentinel, in line with directives of the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Idi Abbas, Admiralty Medal, to combat crude oil theft and safeguard Nigeria's

maritime environment.

Receiving the suspects, the EFCC Superintendent Blessing Emereole, on behalf of the Port Harcourt Zonal Directorate, said the commission would conduct a thorough investigation.

"This will be investigated discreetly. If found culpable, the suspects will be prosecuted," she stated.

In an interview, the leader of the eight arrested suspects, identified as Sokari, stated he was unaware the operation was illegal.

"We were just loaders. I didn't know it was illegal bunkering until we got there," he claimed.

The arrest of the suspects and seizure of the products highlight ongoing efforts by security agencies to dismantle illegal refining networks in the Niger Delta and to stamp out acts of economic sabotage.

Recall that on Monday, the Nigerian Navy said it intercepted about 44,000 litres of suspected illegally refined petroleum products.

It also arrested eight suspects in Rivers.

The Director of Naval Information, Commodore Abiodun Folorunsho, explained that the naval patrol team, acting on credible intelligence, intercepted two wooden boats laden with suspected illegally refined Automotive Gas Oil.

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China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan Railway To Open Gateway Between East And West

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A major transport corridor linking China, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan is steadily taking shape, in what is being described as a transformative infrastructure project poised to redefine connectivity between Asia and Europe.

Kyrgyz Prime Minister Adylbek Kasymaliyev disclosed that construction of the strategic China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway is advancing at a rapid pace, reflecting strong political commitment and regional cooperation. The ambitious railway project, widely regarded as a cornerstone of transcontinental trade, is expected to significantly enhance economic integration across Central Asia while opening up new logistics routes between the East and the West.

Once completed, the railway is projected to reduce cargo



delivery times between Asia and Europe by up to seven days, offering a faster and more efficient alternative to existing routes. Highlighting its historic significance,

Kasymaliyev remarked that while Peter the Great "opened a window to Europe," the new railway would "open a gateway between East and West," underscoring its potential

to reshape global trade dynamics.

The \$4.7 billion project is being jointly financed by the three participating nations, with China contributing 50 percent of

the funding, while Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan each provide 24.5 percent. This shared investment structure reflects the collective strategic interest in

boosting regional connectivity and economic growth.

Spanning approximately 305 kilometers across Kyrgyzstan's challenging terrain, the railway will involve extensive engineering work, including the construction of around 50 bridges and 29 tunnels. These features are critical to navigating the country's mountainous landscape and ensuring a safe, efficient route for freight and passenger transport.

Construction activities within Kyrgyzstan are already in full swing, with more than 4,000 workers deployed across multiple sites and over 5,500 pieces of heavy equipment in operation. Significant progress has been recorded, including the successful completion of the first tunnel in the Jalal-Abad region, while several other large-scale tunnels are currently under development. [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

Nigeria, EU To Strengthen Partnership On Trade, Security

Culled: Kaja Kallas, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, on Monday held a high-level meeting with Bola Tinubu at the President's Lagos residence, reaffirming the European Union's commitment to deepening bilateral relations with Nigeria in the areas of security, trade, and strategic investment, despite ongoing global economic uncertainties.

The meeting, which brought together key government officials, was also attended by Nigeria's National Security Adviser, Nuhu Ribadu, and the Minister of Budget and National Planning, Abubakar Atiku Bagudu. Discussions focused on strengthening cooperation across multiple sectors critical to both parties, including economic development, resource management, and regional stability. Addressing journalists after the meeting, Kallas described Nigeria and the European Union as "like-minded partners" united by shared values and a mutual interest in maintaining a stable, rules-based international order. She emphasized that in light of the increasingly complex global security landscape,



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partnerships like that between Nigeria and the EU are more important than ever.

According to her, deliberations covered a wide range of topics, including expanding trade and investment opportunities, enhancing collaboration in critical raw materials, and exploring new areas of economic cooperation. She noted that both sides are keen on unlocking further potential in commerce and

industry, particularly in sectors that can drive sustainable growth and development.

Kallas also highlighted the importance of joint efforts in addressing evolving security challenges. She pointed to cybersecurity as a key area where both Nigeria and the EU can intensify collaboration, given the growing threats in the digital space. In addition, broader security concerns—ranging from regional instability to

global geopolitical tensions—were discussed, with an emphasis on coordinated responses and intelligence sharing.

In his remarks, President Tinubu reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to strengthening its longstanding relationship with the European Union. He expressed appreciation for the EU's continued support in various sectors, including governance, economic reforms, and security

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Nigerians Free To Record Police On Duty

Culled:

The Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State, has ruled that Nigerians have the constitutional right to record police officers while performing their duties in public, in a judgement seen as a boost for accountability and civil liberties.

Delivering the ruling on Tuesday in suit No. FHC/WR/CS/87/2025 obtained by Premium Times, Justice H.A. Nganjiwa held that police officers must wear visible name tags, display their force numbers, and refrain from harassing, intimidating, arresting, or confiscating devices from citizens recording their activities.

The court also awarded the applicant, Maxwell Uwaifo, N5 million in damages for the violation of his fundamental rights, alongside N2 million as cost of litigation.

All the reliefs sought by the applicant were granted, reinforcing the right of citizens to document police conduct in public spaces without fear of reprisal. Reacting to the judgement, Uwaifo described it as far-reaching.

"This judgement has significant implications for policing standards, civil liberties and public accountability across Nigeria," he said in a statement to Premium Times.

"The court made far-reaching pronouncements on police accountability and citizens' constitutional rights."

The suit, filed as a public interest litigation, challenged the legality of police stop-and-search operations carried out without officers displaying proper identification.

Respondents in the case included the Nigeria Police Force, the Police Service Commission, the Inspector-General of Police, and the Attorney-General of the Federation.

Filed under the Fundamental Rights (Enforcement Procedure) Rules, 2009, the action cited several provisions of the 1999 Constitution, including Sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 46, as well as relevant articles of the African Charter on

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EU Announces 290 Euros New Investment Package For Nigeria



The European union

Culled: The European Union on Monday unveiled a €290 million investment package for Nigeria, marking a significant upgrade in bilateral relations and signalling a push to increase investment in alignment with the Nigerian Federal Government's Renewed Hope agenda. The funding will support seven new operations spanning digitalisation, health, agricultural value chains, and migration management, according to a statement by Mr. Modestus

Chukwulaka, Press and Information Officer of the EU Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS. The projects were approved during the eighth EU-Nigeria Ministerial Dialogue held in Abuja.

Chukwulaka confirmed that the investment would be immediately mobilised by Team Europe. The Dialogue was co-chaired by Nigeria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Yusuf Tuggar, and Ms. Kaja Kallas, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission.

"These projects underpin the renewed political ambition expressed by the EU and Nigeria during the Ministerial Dialogue to strengthen the bilateral

partnership," Chukwulaka said.

Ms. Kallas emphasised the strategic importance of the initiative, stating, "In the current geopolitical context, the European Union is keen to enhance its partnership with Nigeria. Bringing more EU investment to Nigeria, aligning with the Renewed Hope agenda for the Nigerian Federal Government, is a key priority for both sides."

Jozef Sikela, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships, added: "Together with Nigeria, we are investing in the modernisation of the digital sector, a stronger health system, and the development of agriculture. These Global Gateway investments create quality infrastructure.

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Nigeria, UAE Firms Sign \$200m Defence Technology Pact

Culled: Engr. Cornelius Adebayo, the Executive Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the National Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA), has pledged to move millions of Nigerians from poverty to posterity in the near future, with shared commitment and collective ownership of the Authority's strategic goals by the management and staff.

Adebayo, made this pledge at a three-day Retreat with the theme, "Leading Nigeria's Agricultural Revolution, Steering NALDA Towards Excellence (From Vision to Abundance Creating Strategic Alignment to Drive Results

and Scale Impact)", for Directors and Heads of Departments held in Lagos.

In his keynote address at the opening ceremony, the Executive Secretary of NALDA, explained that the objectives of the retreat were to align the leadership of the Authority with its ongoing projects and their strategic importance to Nigeria's economic development as well as articulate a clear short, medium and long-term vision for the Authority.

According to him, "This retreat is to foster the culture of excellence in the execution of NALDA's mandate.

"With shared commitment and collective ownership of our strategic

goals, NALDA will not only transform the trajectory of Nigeria's agricultural sector, but also play a pivotal role in moving millions of Nigerians from poverty to posterity in the near future." He, therefore, urged the Directors and Heads of Departments to renew their commitment to continuous learning and adopt innovative approaches in the execution of their responsibilities, in addition to strengthening collaboration and synergy across departments to enhance the Authority's service delivery to Nigerians.

At the end of the retreat, the participants pledged to translate the

insights gained into practical actions that will improve the operational efficiency of the Authority.

The three-day retreat was organised as part of the NALDA's strategic mandate to ensure food sovereignty in Nigeria.

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UK, Nigeria Deepen Trade Ties To Boost Jobs, Expand Operations

In a press statement on Tuesday, companies from both countries expressed their commitment to new investments across key sectors such as financial services, technology, education, and manufacturing.

The investments are driven by ongoing cooperation under the UK-Nigeria Enhanced Trade and Investment Partnership.

The statement noted that Nigerian banks, fintech firms, and creative

industry businesses are scaling up their presence in Britain, while British companies are also increasing investments in Nigeria, strengthening economic ties between the two nations.

The development comes as President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mr Bola Ahmed Tinubu, alongside the First Lady, Mrs Oluremi Tinubu, prepares to begin a State Visit to the UK on Wednesday.

Several Nigerian financial institutions are at the forefront of the expansion.

According to the report, Zenith Bank has opened a new branch in Manchester, expected to create about 30 direct jobs. Fidelity Bank has also strengthened its UK presence following the acquisition and rebranding of Union Bank UK, with plans to increase its workforce.

Other banks, including FCMB, are

expanding digital financial services to support cross-border payments between Africa and global markets. In total, about seven Nigerian banks now operate in the UK, supporting at least 1,000 jobs.

Nigerian fintech companies are also making significant investments. LemFi plans to invest £100 million over the next five years and has designated London as its global headquarters.

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4. Africa Road Safety Partnerships and Research board (ARSPARB)- A hub for the advancement of partnerships with development agencies, National Governments and corporations as well as a Research Faculty for Road Safety Research Projects.

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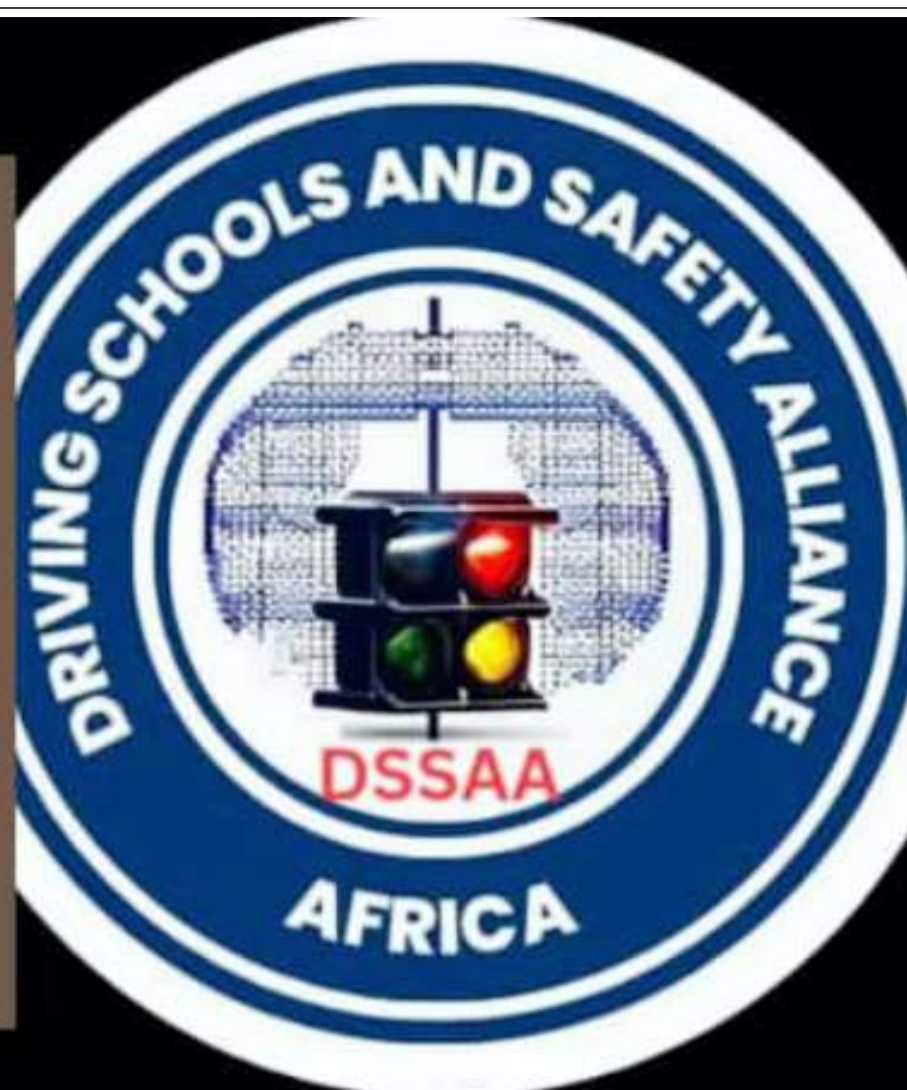


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