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# FG To Build More Modern Bus Terminals In FCT

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The Mandate Secretary for Transport at the Federal Capital Territory Administration, has expressed the FCTA's determination to build more modern terminals to improve public transportation and reduce crime in the FCT.

Elechi Chinedum made the statement on Tuesday at Jabi Park in Abuja during eye screenings and drug sensitisation for transport operators in the FCT.

The programme was organised by the Transporters for Tinubu 2027 Support Group.

According to Chinedum, aside from the existing mega bus terminals in Mabushi, Kubwa, and the Central Area, the government is planning to build three more terminals to strengthen the transport sector by providing comfortable spaces for commuters.

Earlier, the National Coordinator of Transporters for Tinubu 2027, Mr.

Segun Obayendo, said the initiative was designed to uplift hardworking transporters across Nigeria.

He added that the programme would enhance health, safety, and sustainability in the transportation sector.

"The initiative will cover free eye tests and care, sensitisation of commercial drivers on drug abuse, and soft loan facilities provided by transporters' cooperative society," he said.

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# FRSC Trains Personnel On Discipline, Command Control In Kebbi

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has sensitised personnel on discipline reinforcement and the strengthening of command and control structures across its field commands in Kebbi.

The Corps Marshal, Mr. Shehu Mohammed, said in Birnin Kebbi on Tuesday that the exercise was aimed at restoring professionalism, enhancing accountability, and rebuilding public confidence in the corps.

Mohammed, represented by the Assistant Corps Marshal, Mr. Yusuf Haruna-Aliyu, said the training was neither ceremonial nor routine, but a deliberate intervention necessitated by recent operational reports indicating lapses in discipline and command and control in some field commands.

"The deployment of senior officers to the commands is a strategic and urgent measure arising from observed trends that require immediate leadership presence, guidance, and corrective

action," he said.

Mohammed noted that recent months had witnessed a disturbing decline in discipline and professionalism, manifested in misconduct, unethical practices, abuse of authority, extortion, and reckless enforcement behaviours.

He said such actions contradicted the core values of the corps and eroded public trust.

The corps marshal stressed that the behaviours were unacceptable, as they violated regulations, betrayed training, and endangered the credibility and reputation built by the corps over the years.

"Every act of unprofessional conduct damages the image of thousands of disciplined personnel, while every abuse of authority weakens the trust painstakingly built over decades," he said.

Mohammed reminded personnel that the corps was established not merely to enforce traffic laws but to save lives and serve the public with integrity.

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According to Unyimadu, the Abuja-Kaduna corridor had previously faced operational challenges following the March 28, 2022 bomb blast and the August 26, 2025 derailment, which reduced available rolling stock from three train sets to one and necessitated the introduction of temporary speed



Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC)

restrictions for safety. These constraints also led to a reduction in the number of daily trips.

"With stability now restored and in response to sustained passenger demand, the Corporation has expanded services to better meet the expectations of commuters, in addition to the earlier relaxation of some temporary speed restrictions,"

he stated.

Under the revised timetable, passengers travelling between Idu and Rigasa will have access to three trips on Fridays and Sundays, as well as on Saturdays and Mondays, while two trips will continue to operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Unyimadu explained that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, trains will depart Idu at

8:45 a.m. and return from Rigasa at 2:30 p.m. On Fridays and Sundays, three services will run, with departures from Idu at 7:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., and from Rigasa at 11:30 a.m. On Saturdays and Mondays, services will depart Rigasa at 7:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and from Idu at 11:00 a.m., with all trains making scheduled stops at Kubwa.

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Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, the Director General of NIMASA, Dr. Dayo Mobereola described the partnership as a critical pillar in NIMASA's human capital development framework and a strategic investment in Nigeria's maritime future.

"This collaboration has significantly strengthened our technical and regulatory capabilities over the years. Officers trained at WMU have enhanced our effectiveness in maritime safety administration, environmental compliance, maritime law, and shipping management. Their expertise has also

reinforced Nigeria's participation at the International Maritime Organization and other international maritime platforms," he stated.

Under the renewed MoU, which was first signed in 2022, NIMASA will sponsor at least ten officers annually for the 14-month Master of Science programme at WMU in Malmö for the 2026–2029 intakes, as well as at least one officer for the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) programme jointly delivered by WMU and the International Maritime Law Institute

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Dr. Mobereola

### FG To Ramp Up CNG Investment, Nationwide Infrastructure

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The Federal Government has renewed its push for increased investment in gas infrastructure, with the commissioning of a compressed natural gas (CNG) refuelling facility at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, as part of efforts to expand nationwide access to cleaner transport fuels.

The project was delivered by the Midstream and Downstream Gas Infrastructure Fund (MDGIF), which said the facility shows its mandate to catalyse private sector participation across Nigeria's gas value chain and deepen domestic gas utilisation.

Speaking at the commissioning, MDGIF Executive Director, Oluwole Adama, described the initiative as a practical demonstration of Nigeria's gas-based energy transition strategy. He said the fund was established to mobilise investments in midstream and downstream gas infrastructure through equity partnerships with private investors.

According to him, MDGIF's mandate is to

unlock gas value chains, improve access to gas, enhance environmental sustainability and deliver socio-economic benefits.

He noted that the OAU project forms part of a broader programme under which the fund is supporting 20 CNG refuelling infrastructure projects across 20 federal universities nationwide in partnership with FEMADEC Energy Limited.

The Vice-Chancellor of OAU, Prof. Adebayo Simeon Bamire, said the facility would serve both the institution and the surrounding community.

He added that it would open up research and practical learning opportunities in alternative fuels, while strengthening town-and-gown relations and promoting sustainable transport solutions.

The Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of FEMADEC Group, Akinola Fola, said the company remains committed to deploying safe, efficient and scalable CNG infrastructure across the country through public-private collaboration.

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## Glovo Unveils New Road Safety Feature For Safety Of Nigerian Riders

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To enhance the safety of riders in Nigeria, a leading multcategory technology company, Glovo, has launched a new road safety feature on its mobile application.

The initiative was introduced in collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC). It was designed to address key challenges in Nigeria's fast-growing e-commerce and mobility ecosystem by implementing data-driven preventive measures to enhance road safety.

Also, Glovo has concluded plans with the FRSC to organise a road safety training. This has already been done in Lagos, with the training coming to Abuja on Friday, strengthening rider protection and road safety standards across Nigeria.

The Interim General Manager for Glovo Nigeria, Ms Reni Onafeko, said the new feature reflects the company's long-term investment in safety, innovation, and responsible business growth in Nigeria.

Ms Onafeko explained that the feature



Glovo bike riders

combines advanced technology with structured training to ensure safer roads for riders and the broader public, highlighting the feature's voluntary opt-in nature, explaining that riders can use it to improve their safety.

"The launch of this new feature reflects our commitment to building a culture of prevention rather than reaction. By equipping riders with real-time data about their riding behaviour, we are

empowering them to make safer decisions every day. This initiative is about protection, education, and continuous improvement.

"Our approach combines innovation, partnership, and human-centred design. We are not just introducing a feature; we are reinforcing our responsibility to protect the people who power our platform every day.

"By working closely with regulators and

organising safety training for riders, we are contributing to safer roads and a more sustainable ecosystem in Nigeria," she stated.

In his remarks, the Senior Special Assistant to the Lagos State Governor on Transportation Education and Innovation, Mr Oluwatobi Idowu, noted that the training was a good initiative by Glovo Nigeria, urging riders to take advantage of the unique opportunity to familiarise themselves with the necessary safety rules while driving.

On his part, the Assistant Corps Commander for the Lagos Sector Command of the FRSC, Mr Philip Ogah, who represented the Lagos State Sector Commander, Mr Kehinde G. Hamzat, commended Glovo Nigeria for facilitating a refresher course for riders.

He noted that the training was necessary to help riders be really conscious about their safety, stating that it was better for them to be equipped with such interactive safety tools.

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# Passengers Escape As BRT Bus Catches Fire On Mile-12 Bridge

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Passengers narrowly escaped what could have been a tragic incident on Tuesday after a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) vehicle went up in flames on the Mile-12 Bridge along Ikorodu Road in Lagos.

The incident, which occurred mid-morning, caused panic among commuters and motorists plying the busy corridor. According to eyewitness accounts, the high-capacity BRT bus suddenly burst into flames while in motion on the bridge. Thick smoke was seen billowing from the vehicle, drawing the attention of other road users.

Passengers reportedly acted swiftly, evacuating the bus immediately after the fire outbreak. Many were said to have rushed out in fear as the flames intensified, but fortunately, all occupants made it out safely before the fire engulfed the vehicle.

Officials of the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service responded promptly to distress calls and arrived at the scene alongside other emergency responders.

Firefighters battled the blaze and successfully extinguished it, preventing the flames from spreading further or causing additional damage.

The burnt-out bus was later towed off the Mile-12 Bridge to ease traffic congestion, as the incident had temporarily disrupted the smooth flow of vehicles along Ikorodu Road, one of Lagos' busiest highways.

As of the time of filing this report, authorities had yet to determine the immediate and remote causes of the fire.



the fire on the BRT bus

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Anambra State Command, says it will increase patrols at black spots following a spate of accidents along the Agulu Lake axis, which have resulted in 11 deaths in one month.

The Sector Commander, Bridget Asekhauno, said this on Tuesday, while leading a joint road audit to the black spot, located along Agulu Lake in Anaocha Local Government Area of Anambra.

Mrs Asekhauno said the tour was necessitated by four consecutive crashes recorded at the same location, resulting in the loss of 11 lives within one month.

According to her, the visit aligned with the Corps' strategic goal of reducing road crashes and strengthening stakeholders' engagement on road safety activities.

"The frequency of crashes at this spot is worrisome, and this is mainly caused by the recklessness of some drivers. The crashes are avoidable, despite existing structural defects on the road.

"We commiserate with the families of the victims and the affected community,

"We have identified other black spots

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requiring urgent road infrastructure improvements, including the installation of barricades as a temporary measure," she said

Meanwhile, during the inspection, Anambra State House of Assembly member representing Anaocha Constituency, Nkechi Ogbuefi, condemned the recurring crashes and sympathised with her constituents.

Mrs Ogbuefi pledged to liaise with the state government to ensure possible redesign of the road and adjoining lake area.

On his part, the Director of the Anambra Road Traffic Management Authority, Okonkwo Emeka-Konti, ordered the immediate installation of recommended road furniture, directing that work should commence without delay.

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# FRSC Vows Tough Action Against Errant Officers



Mallam Mohammed

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has vowed to take strict action against any officer found to be involved in extortion, reckless enforcement, or other unethical practices.

The Corps Marshal, Mallam Shehu Mohammed, gave the warning on Tuesday in Ibadan, at a sensitisation programme tagged: "Discipline Reinforcement and Strengthening of Command and Control in Field Commands." Represented by the Corps Public Education Officer (CPEO), Olusegun Ogungbemide, the FRSC boss said that the corps had, over the past months, observed a disturbing decline in discipline, professionalism, and effective command and control in most field commands.

Mohammed noted that the lapses had manifested as misconduct, unethical practices, abuse of authority, extortion, reckless enforcement behaviours and other actions that contradicted everything the uniform represented.

According to him, the disturbing trend has steadily eroded public trust in the corps.

"Let me state clearly and without ambiguity that such behaviours are unacceptable. They violate our regulations, betray our training, contradict our core values and ultimately endanger the credibility and reputation of the corps.

"Every time a road user loses confidence in us, our mandate becomes harder to achieve.

"Every act of unprofessional conduct damages the image of thousands of disciplined staff, and every abuse of authority weakens the trust built over the decades.

"We must remind ourselves that the corps was not created merely to enforce traffic laws. We were

established to save lives and serve the public with integrity.

"Our authority flows directly from public trust, and once that trust is compromised, our effectiveness is compromised.

"This is why the present exercise is a corrective measure, not a witch-hunt, but an opportunity for reorientation, reinforcement and renewal," he said.

He urged young officers and marshals to remember that their uniforms remain a symbol of honour which must be worn with pride.

He added that their conduct on the road and in public spaces speaks louder than any public relations effort.

The corps marshal also charged commanding officers and other supervisors to actively supervise, promptly correct, consistently mentor, and never tolerate misconduct in silence, noting that silence in the face of wrongdoing was complicity.

"Going forward, discipline will be strengthened; accountability will be enforced; ethical standards will be upheld, commendable conduct will be

rewarded, and violations will be sanctioned with fairness and firmness," he said.

Earlier in her remarks, the FRSC Oyo Sector Commander, Mrs Rosemary Alo, described the programme as apt and strategic, emphasising that discipline remains the bedrock of any paramilitary organisation.

She noted that the FRSC, being officers entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding lives on highways, must continually realign themselves with the core values of the corps, which are professionalism, integrity, transparency and accountability.

"Command and control are operational necessities. Effective supervision, clear communication channels and adherence to laid-down procedures ensure that we function as a unified and efficient system.

"When discipline is reinforced, and command structures are respected, operational results improve, public confidence increases and the image of the corps is strengthened," she said.

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Kuku spoke to journalists after appearing before the House of Representatives Committee on Finance to account for revenues generated between 2023 and 2025.

She said FAAN had deployed comprehensive mechanisms to ensure airport revenues, especially at toll gates and collection points, were efficiently captured, transparently processed and fully remitted.

According to her, the initiative aligns with the Federal Government's fiscal reform agenda to plug leakages, enhance transparency and boost internally generated revenue across



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ministries and agencies. delivery, better

"This initiative is about accountability and sustainability. We are ensuring every kobo due to the Federal Government is collected without

leakages. "We urge Nigerians to obtain the required payment tools before arriving at the airport and support this process. "The ultimate goal is generated N387.8 billion in 2024 and

infrastructure and a transparent system that works for everyone," she said. At the hearing, Kuku disclosed that FAAN generated N387.8 billion in 2024 and

collected N344.6 billion by Dec. 31.

She said the figures represented 104.4 per cent revenue performance and 88.87 per cent collection performance respectively.

Kuku added that N128.8 billion was deducted at source as Consolidated Revenue Fund remittance, while the balance funded operational and capital projects.

For 2025, she said FAAN had an approved revenue budget of N551.2 billion.

As of Dec. 31, the authority generated N483.1 billion and collected N428.8 billion, representing 87.65 per cent and 88.76 per cent performance, respectively.

She said N150.6 billion was deducted at source as Consolidated Revenue Fund remittance during the year.

Chairman of the committee, James Faleke, directed that all supporting documents on revenue generation and remittances be submitted for further scrutiny.

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## Reps Move To Recover \$7bn From Foreign Airlines



House of Reps

The House of Representatives has commenced moves to recover over \$7bn allegedly owed to the Federation Account by some foreign airlines operating in the country since 2023.

The Chairman of the House Committee on Finance, Abiodun Faleke, disclosed this on Tuesday in Abuja at the flag-off of the review of the 2023–2025 revenue monitoring exercise of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria.

Faleke, who represents Ikeja Federal Constituency of Lagos State, expressed concern over the scale of indebtedness by both foreign and domestic airlines, following submissions made by FAAN's Managing

Director, Mrs Olunmi Kuku.

Kuku told the committee that out of N25.86bn owed by airline operators in 2023, the agency recovered N8.08bn, representing 31.25 per cent, leaving an outstanding balance of N17.78bn. She did not provide details of recoveries made in 2025.

Documents submitted to the committee showed that out of an approved revenue target of N292.93bn for the period under review, FAAN generated N191.43bn, representing 65.35 per cent performance and a shortfall of N101.5bn.

The FAAN boss explained that the debts were owed by both foreign and domestic airlines, including moribund carriers. She added that the International Air Transport Association is responsible for remitting certain revenues accruing from foreign airlines, a process she said has contributed to delays in payments.

Lawmakers, however, expressed

dissatisfaction with the explanations, especially against the backdrop of Nigeria's rising public debt and continued foreign borrowing to finance the national budget. They also questioned the accounting framework used by the agency and pointed to inconsistencies in the revenue performance figures presented.

While reacting, Faleke said, "We are aware that when President Bola Tinubu took over, there was over \$7bn owed in the international carriers. So, we want a full record of all your debts in 2023, 2024, and 2025. And when the call is made, those who are owing, we want to know them.

"The issue of passenger data is critical. Apart from this, we want to know how many airlines are actually coming to Nigeria. How many flights did you receive in 2023, 2024, and 2025? How many passengers? And I'm sure you have the manifests."

He subsequently directed the FAAN

management team to reappear before the committee with a comprehensive statement of indebtedness from 2023 to 2025, including detailed manifests of foreign and domestic airlines operating within the period under review.

Airlines operating in Nigeria are required to remit various statutory charges to the Federal Government through FAAN and other aviation agencies. These include landing and parking fees, passenger service charges, terminal navigation charges and other regulatory levies.

Over the years, however, concerns have persisted over delayed remittances and accumulation of debts by both local and international carriers.

Some domestic airlines that have ceased operations reportedly left behind significant unpaid obligations, while foreign airlines' payments are often processed through international clearing systems coordinated by global aviation bodies.

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# Airlines Suspend Middle East Flights As US-Israel Strikes Shut Regional Airspace

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Several airlines across Asia and Europe have cancelled flights and suspended operations following the widespread closure of Middle East airspace.

Reuters reported on Saturday that flight maps showed virtually empty skies over Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Israel and Bahrain as carriers halted services and rerouted aircraft amid mounting security concerns.

The disruptions follow United States and Israeli attacks on Iran and Iran's subsequent retaliation, triggering sweeping airspace restrictions across the region.

According to Reuters, major Gulf hubs were among the hardest hit by the widespread suspension of flight operations. Airports and airlines across the region were forced to temporarily halt services as security concerns mounted.



“Airlines suspended flights across the Middle East on Saturday, including to and from the world's busiest travel hub, Dubai, after the United States and Israel

launched strikes on Iran, plunging the region into a renewed military confrontation.

“Flight maps showed airspace over Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Israel and

Bahrain virtually empty as Israel said it struck

Iran and the U.S. military initiated a series of strikes against targets in the country. Iran retaliated with a salvo of

missiles,” the report read in part.

Major airports, including Dubai International Airport and Al Maktoum International Airport, suspended operations

until further notice and advised passengers not to travel, while airlines such as Emirates and flydubai temporarily halted services to and from Dubai.

Preliminary data from aviation analytics firm Cirium showed a sharp spike in cancellations across the region on Saturday. The figures suggest that disruptions could deepen if airspace restrictions remain in place.

Airlines cancelled nearly 40% of flights to Israel and about 6.7% of flights to the wider Middle East region.

European carriers, including British Airways, Lufthansa, Air France, Iberia and Wizz Air, suspended or cancelled services to Tel Aviv, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Amman and Bahrain.

Regional operators such as Qatar Airways, Kuwait Airways and Turkish Airlines also temporarily halted select routes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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General News

# NYCN Diaspora Adopts 2026 Constitution, Unveils Nigeria Diaspora Youth Day

**Culled:**  
The Diaspora arm of the National Youth Council of Nigeria, NYCN, has formally adopted its 2026 Constitution, strengthening its mandate as the umbrella body and statutory mouthpiece for Nigerian youths and youth organisations outside the country.

The new constitutional framework, enacted on February 23, 2026, in London, is designed to entrench transparency, accountability and structured global coordination of Nigerian youths in the Diaspora.

NYCN Diaspora President, Amb. Collins Osazee Idahosa, said the development marks a significant milestone in consolidating the Council's role in advocating for the rights and interests of Nigerian youths abroad, while promoting inclusive participation in Nigeria's governance process.

According to him, the Council remains committed to ensuring that Nigerian youths in the Diaspora realise their full potential through advocacy, consular and integration guidance, social enlightenment, mobilization and strategic partnerships.

Operating under the motto, "Build the Youth, Build the Nation," the Council,



Idahosa

he said, will leverage the new constitution to deepen youth development initiatives on a global scale.

The 2026 Constitution establishes a comprehensive governance structure with clearly defined organs to drive its international operations.

At the apex is the Diaspora Youth Congress, designated as the highest decision-making organ of the Council. The framework also provides for a Diaspora Board of

Trustees, empowered to function as the internal conscience and legal supervisory body of the organisation.

In addition, a Diaspora Advisory Council has been constituted to provide expert guidance, mentorship and policy oversight, while the Diaspora Executive Council will serve as the administrative and executive authority responsible for implementing and interpreting the Council's

global vision.

Speaking on the significance of the new constitutional order, Idahosa said: "As we operationalize this new Constitution, our focus remains squarely on our vision, to empower Nigerian youth in the Diaspora toward global impact, national pride and individual excellence."

Meanwhile, the Council has announced the institution of "Nigeria Diaspora Youth Day," slated for August 22, 2026, in London.

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# NITDA, Abia Partner On Enterprise Architecture Reform

**Culled:**  
In alignment with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's priority areas of economic reform, digital innovation, and improved governance, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) has reiterated its commitment to supporting sub-national governments in building integrated, data-driven systems that enhance service delivery and drive sustainable growth.

This commitment was reinforced at the Future Enterprise & Data Architecture of Abia State workshop themed "One Citizen, One Identity: Unlocking Data-Driven Governance." The high-level engagement brought together policymakers, technocrats, and development partners to chart a pathway toward a unified digital public sector anchored on interoperability and citizen-centric governance.

The workshop, organised by the state's Ministry of Budget and Planning and declared open by Governor Alex Otti, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Engr Ikechukwu Emetu, focused on strengthening interoperability among Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to enhance revenue generation and improve service delivery across the state.

Speaking during a panel session titled "Breaking Silos, Building One Government," the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa CCIE, who was represented by the Agency's Director of Stakeholder Management and Partnership, Dr Aristotle Onumo, emphasised that collaboration remains the cornerstone of successful digital transformation.

"One thing that is very clear is partnership and collaboration. If you want to take advantage of collective intelligence, then partnership is the key. If you want to succeed in building a unified government system, collaboration is the way to go,"

He stressed that digital transformation is not merely about deploying technology but about transforming people and culture.

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# Services Drive Nigeria's GDP To 4.07% In Q4 2025



National Bureau of Statistics

**Culled:**  
The services sector has continued to dominate the Nigerian economy as its contribution drove the country's real gross domestic product to 4.07 per cent year-over-year. The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), in its

fourth quarter 2025 GDP figures released over the weekend, noted that the services sector continued to dominate overall output, accounting for more than half of aggregate GDP. According to the NBS, the sector's share rose marginally to 55.92 per cent in Q4 2025,

compared with 55.87 per cent in the same quarter of the previous year.

In 2023, the GDP grew by 4.1 per cent, in 2024, the rate was 3.38 per cent, and in 2025, it grew by 3.87 per cent.

"On an annual basis, the growth rate in 2025 stood at 3.87 per cent from 3.38 per cent in 2024," NBS said.

The report shows that in the first three quarters of 2025, Nigeria's GDP growth was 3.19 per cent in Q1, 4.23 per cent in Q2 and 3.98 per cent in Q3.

The data from NBS showed that the Q4 performance surpassed the 3.76 per cent growth recorded in the corresponding period of 2024, reinforcing signs of broad-based economic resilience.

According to the report, agriculture

recorded stronger growth during the period, with 4.00 per cent, an improvement from the 2.54 per cent recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024.

Industrial activities also gained momentum, reflecting improved performance across manufacturing and related sub-sectors, while services remained the largest driver of economic expansion. The growth of the industry sector stood at 3.88 per cent from 2.49 per cent recorded in the fourth quarter of 2024, while the services sector recorded a growth of 4.15 per cent from 4.75 per cent in the same quarter of 2024.

On a full-year basis, economic growth strengthened in 2025, reflecting steady gains across key sectors of the economy.

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Mohammed Idris

# Fake News Major Threat To Nigeria's Future, Says Information Minister

**Culled:**  
 The Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, on Saturday warned that fake news and digital disinformation pose a grave threat to Nigeria's moral foundation and long-term stability, urging citizens, especially the youth, to embrace verification and responsibility in the digital space.  
 Idris spoke in Kaduna on Saturday, at the 20th Joint Ramadan Lecture organised by the Nigerian Television Authority, Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, and the Voice of Nigeria in Kaduna, describing the digital age as a defining moment for Nigeria's unity

and moral direction.  
 The lecture, held at Lumana Hall, Zamani College, Kaduna, had as its theme: Digital Technology and the Moral Future: Navigating the Fitna of Our Time with Faith and Purpose.  
 According to the minister, while digital technology has unlocked unprecedented opportunities for learning, enterprise and innovation, it has also "unleashed forces that threaten our moral fabric," with misinformation spreading faster than truth.  
 "We live in an age where a single smartphone can broadcast lies before truth can respond," Idris said, warning

that algorithms often amplify divisive content because "anger spreads faster than reflection."  
 He noted that disinformation has evolved into a subtle tool of political warfare capable of eroding public trust in institutions, deepening suspicion among citizens, and undermining national cohesion.  
 Citing Surah Al-Hujurat (49:6), he urged Nigerians to adopt a culture of verification, stressing that Islam provides a timeless framework for navigating information disorder through investigation, accountability, and unity.  
 He outlined what he described as key

ethical safeguards: the obligation to verify information, discipline of intention before sharing content, consciousness of accountability before God, humility in admitting limited knowledge, and prioritizing societal harmony over sensationalism.  
 Addressing the youth directly, Idris said Nigeria's predominantly young population must deploy digital tools as instruments of nation-building rather than weapons of division, stressing that "a nation that fails its youth has no future."  
 He maintained that the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is  
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## Nigerians Pilgrims Safe In Israel, CAN Chairman

The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Kaduna State chapter, has assured Nigerians that pilgrims from the state currently in Israel are safe despite rising tensions in the Middle East amid reports of possible military action involving Israel, the United States and Iran.  
 Speaking from Israel via a WhatsApp call on behalf of the Kaduna delegation, the State Chairman of CAN, Rev. Maaji Caleb, dismissed

concerns over the safety of the Nigerian pilgrims, stressing that there was no cause for alarm.  
 "We are safe and praying fervently for Kaduna State and Nigeria. There is no cause for alarm here. Every pilgrim from Kaduna is safe," he said.  
 Rev. Caleb explained that the pilgrims have continued their spiritual exercises without disruption, adding that adequate security measures are in place to guarantee their safety.

He noted that although recent developments in the region have sparked global concern, the situation has not affected the Christian holy sites being visited by the delegation.  
 The cleric further disclosed that the pilgrims have devoted time to praying for peace and stability in Nigeria, particularly in Kaduna State.  
 "We are praying for our peace-loving Governor, Senator Uba Sani, and President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for

God's guidance and protection. Nigeria will be great; Kaduna State will be great and enjoy the peace of God all round," he stated.  
 Rev. Caleb urged families and loved ones back home to remain calm, assuring them that the delegation is in constant communication with relevant authorities and tour coordinators.  
 He reaffirmed the commitment of Kaduna Christians to national unity and peaceful coexistence, noting that  
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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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