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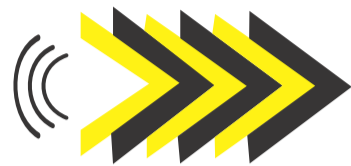
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FRSC Confirms Three Injured In Kaduna Tanker Fire

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, Kaduna State Command, has confirmed an incident involving a fully loaded Liquefied Natural Gas tanker that caught fire in the Kwangila area of Zaria Local Government Area.

The state Sector Commander of the corps, Mr Andrew Longkam, confirmed the incident in a statement on Sunday in Kaduna.

Longkam said the tanker, belonging to Greenville Company, was parked by the roadside along the Funtua–Zaria road when a gas valve malfunctioned, leading to ignition and a fire outbreak.

He said the fire affected some nearby shops and left three adult males with varying degrees of burn injuries.

“The injured victims were promptly evacuated to Nakowa Hospital at Yangoro for initial treatment, and later referred to the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH), Shika, for further medical care,” he said.

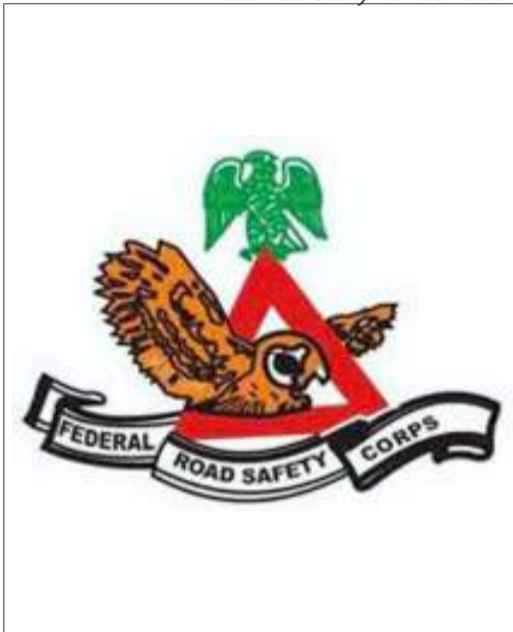
The sector commander added that

emergency responders swiftly brought the fire under control, though it briefly reignited before being completely extinguished.

According to him, traffic was temporarily diverted to the opposite lane of the road to avert secondary accidents, while normalcy has since been restored.

Longkam said efforts were ongoing to evacuate the affected tanker to ensure full restoration of traffic flow.

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The Nigerian Navy has arrested two vessels, MT Mkpodu and MT Westaf AF, with over 939 metric tons of suspected stolen crude oil worth over N4 billion.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that 26 crew members were also arrested in the operation.

The Commander, Joint Task Force South-South, Operation Delta Safe, Rear Adm. Olugbenga Oladipo, disclosed this while briefing newsmen on the development in Calabar, Cross River State, on Sunday.

He said the arrest underscores the Nigerian Navy's continued commitment to combating crude oil theft and other economic sabotage.

The commander said the arrest of the vessels was made possible through credible intelligence received at midnight on April 8.

He said the vessels were apprehended at a wellhead located within the Calabar/Akwa Ibom Joint Operations Area, where they were allegedly involved

in crude oil theft.

He added that MT Mkpodu was arrested while in the process of siphoning crude oil.

According to him, the operation was made possible through the cooperation of the Office of the National Security Adviser and that of the Chief of Defence Staff.

“The Chief of Naval Staff and the Chief of Air Staff provided us with all the necessary assets we used in carrying out this operation.

“Following the arrest, Nigerian Navy Ship SHERE and a Nigerian Navy 410 Helicopter were deployed to the scene.

“The helicopter provided real-time aerial imagery of the vessels, while Nigerian Navy Ship SHERE took custody of the two vessels at the offshore location,” he said.

According to him, Nigerian Navy Ship OSE and elements of Forward Operating Base IBAKA facilitated the transfer of the arrested vessels and crew members to the Navy jetty in Calabar.

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NADDC Unveils Vehicle Dealership Registration Framework To Tackle Car Theft

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The National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC) has launched a National Vehicle Dealership Registration Framework aimed at curbing rising cases of car theft and improving data tracking across Nigeria's automotive sector.

Director-General of NADDC, Oluwemimo Joseph Osanipin, said the initiative would enable authorities to track the origin and movement of vehicles, as well as provide accurate data on those sold, stolen, or in circulation.

He explained that the framework is designed to offer insights into vehicle sources, sales patterns, and the types and brands of cars in the market, adding that the data generated would support investors and policymakers in the automotive manufacturing sector.

Osanipin, who spoke at the official launch, described the platform as a digital gateway intended to modernise and streamline automotive business operations in the country.

According to him, the framework was



Osanipin

developed through extensive stakeholder engagement across multiple regions, incorporating inputs from key industry players, including the Association of Motor Dealers of Nigeria (AMDON).

“This framework reflects the collective input of industry stakeholders who have consistently called for transparency, professionalism, and a system that

distinguishes certified dealers from informal operators,” he said.

He added that the initiative aligns with the National Automotive Industry Development Plan (NAIDP) 2023–2033, which seeks to position Nigeria as a hub for automotive production and investment.

Osanipin noted that the registration system would also enhance access to

financing for registered dealers through partnerships with institutions such as the Bank of Industry, offering low-interest funding to support business expansion.

In addition, he said the framework would strengthen market regulation by ensuring that only certified dealers participate in government procurement and major corporate transactions under the Nigeria First policy.

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Lekki Port, China Collaborate On Capacity Building Initiative

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THE Lekki Deep Sea Port has partnered with the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Nigeria to strengthen human capital development through an international training programme in China.

The management of Lekki Port disclosed this in a statement made available to newsmen on Saturday in Lagos.

It said the initiative was designed to enhance technical capacity, improve operational efficiency and expose staff to global best practices in port management.

According to the management, selected members of staff participated in the training programme in China, where they were exposed to advanced port infrastructure and modern logistics systems.

It added that the training also focused on innovation-driven processes and the integration of technology in port operations.

The port management said a knowledge-sharing session was held on April 10 to enable participants to share their experiences and lessons from the programme.

It noted that the session provided an opportunity for knowledge transfer and institutional learning within the organisation.

Speaking at the session, the Managing Director of Lekki Port, Mr Wang Qiang, commended the Chinese Consulate for supporting the initiative.

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Lekki deep seaport

Bauchi Gov Protests Dismantling Of Rail Infrastructure

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Bauchi State Governor, Sen. Bala Mohammed, confronted individuals on Saturday who were removing railway sleepers along the rail corridors in the Alkaleri and Tafawa Balewa local government areas of the state.

The Governor expressed serious concern over this development and urged relevant authorities, including security agencies, to take immediate action to prevent this economic sabotage.

A visibly angry Bala Mohammed voiced his concerns after observing contractors removing the sleepers while travelling to Alkaleri Local Government Area for a condolence visit.

He promptly directed his Chief of Staff to submit a formal complaint to the Federal Ministry of Transport, seeking clarification and raising an alarm that national assets in the state are being dismantled without any consultation with the State Government.

According to him, "Although security personnel accompanying the workers claimed they were acting on Federal directives, such explanations were insufficient to justify removing critical infrastructure supporting transportation and agricultural produce distribution."

He warned that dismantling the rail line could signal neglect of vital regions, especially as the infrastructure plays a key role in easing transportation challenges and supporting the movement of goods.

The Governor further emphasised the need for transparency and collaboration between federal and state authorities, stressing that decisions affecting critical infrastructure must consider the economic impact on local communities and livelihoods.

However, upon investigation, Bala Mohammed was told that there was a letter from the Federal Government warranting the removal of the rail tracks by the contractors, though no reason was given.

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The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, stated this following the outcome of an investigative panel set up to review allegations published by an online platform, which accused some LASTMA officials of extorting ₦100,000 from commercial bus operators along the Coastal Road corridor.

Presenting the panel's findings, Bakare-Oki clarified that the vehicles involved were apprehended for traffic violations, specifically wilful obstruction, in line with existing traffic laws.

He noted that all fines imposed were



Bakare-Oki

duly paid into government accounts, with evidence of payment provided by the affected drivers during the investigation. He stressed that these findings effectively dispel the allegations of extortion.

The General Manager highlighted the vital role of the media in promoting public awareness, encouraging compliance with traffic regulations, and

supporting civic responsibility.

He described the press as a key partner in shaping public opinion and strengthening democratic governance. However, he emphasised that this responsibility must be carried out with professionalism, accuracy, and adherence to ethical standards.

While acknowledging the importance of constructive criticism, Bakare-Oki

warned that publishing unverified or sensational claims could damage institutional credibility and mislead the public.

He urged media organisations to prioritise fact-checking and due diligence before publishing reports, in order to prevent the spread of misinformation.

Reaffirming LASTMA's commitment to transparency and engagement, Bakare-Oki assured that the Authority remains open and accessible through its official communication channels for verification and clarification.

He also noted the availability of a toll-free hotline (080000527862) and a dedicated Physical Complaints Unit (PCU) for members of the public to report incidents, seek clarification, and lodge complaints.

The Authority called on media stakeholders to uphold the principles of accuracy, balance, and responsibility in their reportage, in order to maintain public trust and preserve the integrity of the profession.

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FG To Establish CNG, Electric Vehicles In Katsina

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Federal Government plans CNG and electric vehicle hubs in Katsina, targeting job creation, transport efficiency and clean energy adoption.

The Federal Government has announced plans to establish Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and electric vehicle hubs in Funtua Local Government Area of Katsina State as part of efforts to expand clean energy transportation.

The Chairman of the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative, Ismail Ahmed, disclosed this during a meeting with Governor Dikko Umaru Radda at the Government House in Katsina. Ahmed said the project would include CNG stations, electric vehicle hubs, conversion centres, and the training of 500 youths across the state to build technical capacity.

He added that the Federal Government plans to deploy 100,000 vehicle conversion kits to Katsina, alongside the distribution of CNG-powered

tricycles and vehicles to improve transportation and accessibility.

According to him, the initiative is designed to boost logistics, create jobs, and enhance technical skills, noting that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu remains committed to its implementation.

Ahmed stressed the need for Nigeria to embrace CNG and electric vehicles in response to rising global energy costs, describing the transition as critical to sustainable development.

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FG to establish CNG hubs in Katsina

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Residents of Unguwar Kwari, Samegu and Gwazaye in Kano state on Sunday protested over what they described as neglect of their road which has exposed them to hardship.

The over 40-kilometer-road, which has been in deplorable condition with potholes, has at various times been awarded to contractors since Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf came onboard, but the work seems never to progress.

Speaking on behalf of the community during the protest, the leader of Unguwar Kwari Development Association, Sabiu Ado Unguwar Kwari, lamented that the poor state of the road has disrupted daily activities, particularly the transportation of goods and movement of people.

He noted that the situation had led to frequent accidents, loss of lives and property, while also stifling business and economic activities in the area.

Unguwar Kwari appealed to the government to urgently rehabilitate the road due to its economic importance

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as it connects the farming communities to the city.

He said, "We call on Kano state government and all stakeholders to come and rescue the people of western Kano. This is the road that links communities in local government areas of Kumbotso, Madobi, Bebeji, Kuru and Karaye and even neighboring communities in Kaduna state.

"We see projects all over the city, but government needs to understand that people in rural areas also have the right to these projects.

"We are tired. We are also citizens who voted just like any other citizen. We are asking for our right, not privilege, so government should listen to us," he added.

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20 Air Traffic Controllers Graduate From NCAT

Development.

On the achievements of NAMA in the first quarter of this year, the NAMA boss, who was represented by the Director of Air Traffic Services at NAMA, Mr. John Tayo said: "It has always been in the news that we have a shortage of Air Traffic Controllers. To close the gap, we just graduated 20 air traffic controllers from NCAT and military school in Kaduna.

"We also got certification from Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA). Between January and now, we have certified 25 ATCs in NAMA and they all have their licenses and are performing their functions".

He added that a proficiency check was conducted for almost 150 ATCs to check their activities.

As part of measures to ensure air safety and also cope with the epileptic power supply in the country, he said, "We are all familiar with the power problem of this country. We have deployed solar power to 32 airports to address power challenges."

The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo also hinted that the aviation sector is poised for growth with a five-point agenda aimed at enhancing safety, supporting local airlines, and improving infrastructure.

Keyamo while emphasising the sector's role in driving economic growth and national integration, noted that the implementation of the agenda has already yielded benefits, including collaboration with Boeing Company for aircraft leasing.

He said, "The present administration is firmly anchored on the renewed hope agenda with an emphasis on good governance, accountability and sustainable development. Within this framework, the aviation sector stands as a vital driver of economic growth, job creation and national integration.

"I am pleased to state that the implementation of the agenda has already yielded significant benefits. Notably, it facilitated collaboration between the ministry and Boeing Company for aircraft leasing to support

the sector.

"This agenda has provided clear strategic direction, aligned innovation activities with national development goals and fostered stronger industry-wide collaboration and partnerships. Furthermore, it has established a robust framework for accountability, enabling us to monitor progress, optimise resource allocation and enhance public confidence in the sector."

The representative of the Director-General of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Agency (NCAA), Capt. Chris Najomo at the meeting stated that, as part of efforts to strengthen infrastructure safety and operational compliance, the Authority recently certified Kano and Port Harcourt International Airports.

He said, "As part of our efforts to strengthen infrastructure safety and operational compliance, the Authority successfully certified Kano International Airport and Port Harcourt International Airport, issuing aerodrome certificates in the last quarter of 2025.

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The Managing Director of the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), Farouk Ahmed, said 20 Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs) have graduated from the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT) and military schools in Kaduna.

He also stated that 25 ATCs have been certified by the regulatory authority in the last three months, adding that they are currently attached to NAMA to enhance air safety.

He disclosed this in Abuja at the weekend during the first-quarter stakeholders' engagement on presidential priorities and ministerial deliverables for 2026 convened by the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace



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Speaking at the quarterly stakeholders' engagement of the Nigerian Ports Consultative Council (NPCC), the Managing Director of NRC, Kayode Opeifa, stressed that ongoing reforms in the maritime sector and investments in deep seaports may continue to yield limited results without efficient rail connectivity.

Opeifa acknowledged existing collaboration between the railway corporation and port authorities but noted that more work is needed to fully optimize cargo movement, particularly from Lagos ports and across the eastern corridor to other parts of the country. He highlighted persistent bottlenecks in rail-based cargo evacuation and called for deliberate



Dr. Opeifa

measures to improve operational efficiency. He revealed plans to strengthen inter- connectivity among ports, especially in the Kaduna-Kano rail eastern region, through project is nearing completion. He also outlined federal initiatives to link major

rail lines directly to key ports, including the extension of the Lagos-Ibadan standard gauge from Apapa to Tin Can Island Port, and connections from Warri-Itakpe to Warri Port, as well as Port Harcourt Port in Onne.

He noted plans to connect the Lagos-Kano corridor to Baro Port on the narrow gauge, reinforcing the government's commitment to a nationwide integrated freight network.

Opeifa emphasized that connecting all ports by rail remains a strategic pathway to economic growth, urging stakeholders—including truck operators—not to undermine the initiative but to complement it by facilitating last-mile delivery of goods.

He also disclosed plans for a new rail line to service the Lekki Deep Sea Port, passing through Ijebu-Ode, Sagamu, and Kajola, where it will link with the Lagos-Ibadan corridor. The project is expected to commence soon.

In addition, the NRC boss called for increased development of freight yards across both narrow- and standard-gauge lines to improve cargo handling capacity nationwide.

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The governor's aide, Patrick Ebojele, who disclosed this in a statement on Sunday, said the roads inspected include the Amedokhian-Iruele-Awo Road and the Unewa-Ohe-Uzea-Awo Road in Esan North East and Esan Central.

The inspection, according to Ebojele, signals the beginning of another phase of road development in the area, following the

completion of the first section in that part of the community.

Speaking during the inspection, Okpebholo explained that the move was aimed at extending the gains of the initial phase and improving connectivity across communities.

He said, "The reason for this inspection is because the first section is already done. This is the second phase. From here, we are taking it to Awo, where the railway station is. It's about 26 kilometres stretch in all. By the end of the day, we should be able to link up with other communities,"

He added that the project would significantly enhance access across the region, noting that over 15 communities would be connected through the new road network.

He added, "We are going to be linking almost over 15 communities around this area so that we will be able to open up this place,"

Also speaking, the Special Adviser on Projects Implementation and Monitoring, Phoebe Williams-Bello,

said the project is designed to improve both rural access and economic activities, particularly for farmers.

She noted that the project area is largely undeveloped but holds significant potential, adding that contractors have already begun preliminary assessments.

She said, "This road will be connecting over 15 communities and it will lead to the railway at Ohe. We are also trying to open up roads to government farms around this area. What we are basically doing is to connect from the city and enhance intra-transport for farmers and residents moving in and out,"

"As you can see, it is still a virgin land. We already have a contractor who has come to scope the project, and others may also come in. We will move fast with it,"

The inspection underscores the Okpebholo administration's commitment to infrastructure development aimed at boosting

rural-urban integration and agricultural productivity in Edo State.

Since assuming office, the governor has focused on road construction and rehabilitation, assuring residents that his government would work for them.

He is also on the verge of completing the flyover at Ikpoba Hill, while the one on Sapele Road has commenced.

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Turkish Airlines Overhauls Leadership, Appoints Prof Seker Board Chairman

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Turkish Airlines has implemented changes in its executive management structure. In line with the airline's corporate objectives, new appointments have been made to the Board of Directors and to the CEO position.

Prof. Murat Şeker, who has served in critical roles for many years, including finance, treasury, and investor relations, as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at the national flag carrier, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of Turkish Airlines.

Şeker, who earned his undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering from Marmara University in 2000, received his Master's Degree in Economics from Sabancı University and his PhD in Economics from the University of Minnesota.



Continuing his career with key roles in the international arena, Prof. Şeker participated in various operational projects and was responsible for

producing policy reports and academic studies on innovation, entrepreneurship, international trade, and growth in developing countries during his

tenure as an Economist at the World Bank from 2008 to 2013. Between 2013 and 2016, he worked at Ziraat Bank as Senior Vice President of the Financial

Institutions and Investor Relations Department, where he was responsible for international funding and managing relationships with all

financial institutions and investors.

During this period, Şeker also served as a Board Member of the Ziraat Investment, Ziraat Private Pension, and Ziraat Insurance subsidiaries.

He was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Turkish Airlines in July 2016, where he was responsible for finance, treasury operations, accounting, procurement, and investor relations.

He has served as a Member of the Board and the Executive Committee of Turkish Airlines since March 2021. He also serves as a Board Member of Turkish Technic and SunExpress.

He has been a member of the Financial Advisory Council established by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) since 2024 and has served as its Chair since 2025.

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Brazil may see the unlocking of projects related to light rail vehicles (VLTs), with greater involvement of the federal government in these initiatives.

Recently, the state-owned company Infra S.A. announced that it had been hired by the municipality of Bauru, in the

state of São Paulo, to carry out the Technical, Economic and Environmental Feasibility Study (EVTEA) for the city's first LRT.

The project marks the state-owned company's definitive entry into the passenger transportation segment in

Light Rail Projects In Brazil Gain Momentum

medium-sized cities, expanding its operations.

"What is underway in Bauru is the consolidation of a new area of activity for Infra S.A. We are bringing to the urban environment the same technical capacity that structured major logistics corridors in the country, with rigor, legal certainty, and a long-term vision," said the CEO of Infra S.A., Jorge Bastos, in a statement.

According to stakeholders, the involvement of Infra S.A. can help in the development of a series of other projects in cities in Brazil, similar to what has happened in other infrastructure sectors, such as sanitation and highways, which had the state-owned bank BNDES as an important agent in the preparation of project studies in these segments.

"Infra S.A. has very strong technical capacity to develop projects in this rail transport segment. We have to remember that the state-owned company is the result of the merger of Empresa de Planejamento e Logística (EPL) and the railway company Valec, both with

enormous expertise in the segment," Vicente Abate, president of the Associação Brasileira da Indústria Ferroviária (Abifer), told BNamericas.

In Bauru, Infra S.A. will prepare the study for the construction of an LRT line with a length of 28.8km, divided into three branches and with more than 30 stations, using the existing railway network.

The city of Bauru has 380 thousand inhabitants and the LRT is expected to connect regions to the center, easing pressure on the road system and driving urban revitalization around the tracks, many of which are currently underused.

In addition to preparing the Bauru LRT project, Infra S.A. is also involved in developing the Campina Grande LRT project in Paraíba, which is already at an advanced stage.

In the second largest city in Paraíba, with more than 400 thousand inhabitants, the studies are in the final stage of data collection and technical consolidation, with delivery scheduled for the first half of 2026.

Light Rail Transit (LRT) projects in Brazil also tend to proliferate as major Brazilian cities show greater engagement in the urban redevelopment of their central areas.

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General News

NigComSat Supports 5,000 Startups For Digital Revolution In Nigeria

Culled:

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Communications Satellite (NigComSat) Limited, Mrs Jane Egerton-Idehen, at the weekend, said NigComSat has supported over 5,000 startups in the country for a digital revolution and economic prosperity.

According to Egerton-Idehen, over the years, NigComSat has implemented several impactful projects across the federation to stimulate digital economic growth and accelerate development.

Speaking during the 2026 SOYUZNIK Alumni National Congress in Abuja, Egerton-Idehen highlighted the urgent need to bridge the gap between knowledge and productivity, between innovation and industrialisation, and between potential and impact.

The SOYUZNIK Alumni consist of old students of Russia and former Soviet Union Universities, while the NigComSat boss addressed the gathering as a Keynote Speaker. She spoke on the theme: "Engineering Nigeria's Future: From Education to Industrial Power."

Egerton-Idehen, who was represented by the Acting Director



NigComSat

of Technical Services in NigComSat, Engr Ikechukwu Amalu, said: "In NigComSat, through our Space Accelerator Programme, now in its third cohort, we have supported over 5,000 startups, nurturing Nigeria's emerging space and technology ecosystem.

"Our Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) training programmes in Adamawa, Jigawa, Cross River, and Enugu states have

equipped young Nigerians with employable digital skills.

"NigComSat exists to provide reliable satellite infrastructure that powers connectivity across urban, semi-urban, and hard-to-reach communities. Our solutions support government services, security operations, broadcasting, healthcare delivery, education, agriculture, and enterprise connectivity.

"Over the years, we have implemented several impactful projects across the federation.

"Through the 774 Connectivity Project, we have deployed connectivity to 45 Local Government Secretariats, strengthening governance at the grassroots.

"We have also delivered broadband connectivity to some States ICT Centres, enabling digital services and capacity building."

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Nigeria Generates N1.49trn From CIT In Q4 2025

Culled:

The nation's aggregate Company Income Tax (CIT) for Q4 2025 is reported to be N1.49 trillion, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has said. The figure is contained in the NBS Company Income Tax (CIT) Q4 2025 report released in Abuja on Wednesday. According to the report, the figure shows a decrease of 49.81 percent on a quarter-on-quarter basis from N2.96 trillion recorded in Q3 2025.

The report said domestic CIT received was N819.83 billion, while foreign CIT payment was N668.21 billion in Q4 2025. It said on a quarter-on-quarter basis, activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies recorded the highest growth rate with 75.15 percent.

The report said this was followed by education and real estate activities at 54.20 percent and 27.25 percent, respectively. It stated, "On the other hand, accommodation and food services activities recorded the least growth rate at -67.11 percent, followed by activities of households as employers, undifferentiated goods and services producing activities of households for own use at -63.49 percent. It said mining quarrying was recorded at -49.63 percent."

In terms of sectoral contributions, the report showed that the top three activities with the highest contribution in Q4 2025 were financial and insurance activities at 18.17 percent, manufacturing at 17.30 percent and mining and quarrying at 15.04 percent. It stated on the other hand the activities of households as employers, undifferentiated goods and 0.002 percent.

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FG Pushes Back On US Advisory, Insists Nigeria Safe



Mohammed Idris

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The Federal Government on Thursday dismissed concerns arising from a recent United States advisory authorising the departure of non-emergency personnel from its Abuja embassy,

describing the move as a routine precaution that does not reflect Nigeria's overall security reality.

Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, in a statement through his Special Assistant on Media,

Rabiu Ibrahim, reassured citizens and the international community that the country remains stable, with public institutions functioning optimally and no disruption to governance, economic activities, or daily life.

The minister emphasised that the US decision was guided strictly by its internal protocols and should not be misconstrued as an indication of widespread insecurity across Nigeria.

"While we acknowledge isolated security challenges in some areas, there is no general breakdown of law and order, and the vast majority of the country remains stable," Idris stated.

Highlighting ongoing efforts to tackle security threats, the government pointed to sustained gains recorded through

coordinated military operations, intelligence-driven interventions, and enhanced inter-agency collaboration.

According to Idris, recent operations in affected regions have successfully disrupted criminal networks, curtailed the activities of armed groups, and improved safety in vulnerable communities.

"Our security agencies remain actively engaged in protecting lives and property, and the results of these efforts are increasingly evident," he said.

The government further underscored Nigeria's openness to global engagement, reaffirming that the country remains a viable destination for business, travel, and investment.

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Supreme Court To Decide Fate Of PDP, APC Factions Tuesday

Culled: The Supreme Court has fixed Tuesday for the hearing of three appeals arising from the ongoing leadership crises within the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and the African Democratic Congress (ADC).

Two of the appeals were filed by a faction of the PDP led by Kabiru Turaki, while the third was instituted by former Senate President, Senator David Mark, who is also a factional National Chairman of the ADC.

The appeals challenge recent judgments of the Court of Appeal in Abuja.

The PDP faction's appeals are marked SC/CV/166/2026 (PDP vs. Hon. Austine Nwachukwu) and SC/CV/164/2026 (PDP vs. Alhaji Sule Lamido). Mark's appeal is marked SC/CV/180/2026 (Senator David Mark vs. Hon. Nafiu Bala Gombe).

The appeals by the Turaki-led PDP stem from decisions of the Court of Appeal delivered on March 9, which upheld earlier rulings of the Federal High Court in Abuja restraining the party from conducting its planned national convention of November 15 and 16, 2025.

The lower court had directed the

PDP to first comply with relevant statutory provisions, including the Electoral Act and the 2022 Regulations and Guidelines for Political Parties.

The initial rulings were delivered by Justices James Omotosho and Peter Lifu of the Federal High Court, Abuja, in suits filed by aggrieved party members.

In the first case, decided on October 31, 2025, Justice Omotosho upheld the claims of three PDP chieftains, Austin Nwachukwu (Imo State Chairman), Amah Abraham Nnanna (Abia State Chairman), and Turnah Alabh George (South-South Zonal

Secretary).

In the second case, Justice Lifu, in a judgment delivered on November 14, 2025, ordered the PDP to halt its convention plans until it allowed former Jigawa State Governor, Sule Lamido, to contest for the party's national chairmanship.

Lamido had approached the court, alleging he was unlawfully denied the opportunity to participate in the chairmanship race.

Meanwhile, Senator Mark's appeal challenges the March 12 judgment of the Court of Appeal, which dismissed his earlier appeal in the ADC leadership dispute.

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JAMB Urges UTME Candidates To Print Exam Slips

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has urged candidates who registered for the 2026 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) to proceed to print their examination notification slips.

The Board gave the directive in a statement signed by its Public Communication Advisor, Fabian Benjamin, on Thursday in Abuja. The UTME will start on April 16,

across over 900 computer-based test centres.

The statement said, "Candidates are strongly advised to print their examination slips to confirm their examination date, venue, and time, as the exercise will be conducted over several days.

"To print the examination slip, candidates should visit the Board's website at <https://www.jamb.gov.ng> and

click on "2026 UTME Slip Printing.

"Candidates are encouraged to print their slips early and familiarise themselves with their examination centres ahead of the examination date to avoid any inconvenience. Each candidate has been assigned a specific schedule on the notification slip, which enables the candidate to arrive at the centre well ahead of

examination time to allow for proper screening and accreditation before the examination commences.

"This year's examination features enhanced security measures designed to curb all forms of malpractice. Candidates and centre owners are therefore warned to desist from any form of misconduct, as strict sanctions will be applied."
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1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
2. Africa Road Transport Safety Summit and Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO) - The largest gathering of Researchers and Industry Leaders in Road Transport Safety featuring exhibitions of technology devices and Innovations.
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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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