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Air Peace, Nigeria's largest airline and a leading carrier in West Africa, has announced plans to commence international flight operations from Gateway International Airport to London this summer.

The airline's Chief Executive Officer, Allen Onyema, disclosed this during an interview with journalists after inspecting the airport facilities alongside Dapo Abiodun. The visit followed the official commissioning of the airport by Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

According to Onyema, Air Peace will operate flights connecting the airport to both London Gatwick Airport and Heathrow Airport, marking a significant milestone for Ogun State's aviation sector.

He praised the state government for delivering a world-class aviation facility, describing the airport as one of the best-equipped in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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airports in Sub-Saharan Africa, and Air Peace will not sit back and watch this facility go unused," Onyema said. "When you see a promising initiative, you must embrace it."

He emphasized that the airport's infrastructure meets global standards and highlighted its 4-kilometre runway, capable of accommodating large aircraft such as the Airbus A380. Air Peace, he noted, plans to deploy its Boeing 777 fleet for the London route.

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The government said key roads leading into TBS will be affected during the celebration. These include King George V Road by Mobil Filling Station, Flag House inbound TBS, Force Road inbound TBS, Onikan Roundabout inbound TBS, and Waterboy Roundabout by Old Defence House.

It added that all connecting roads to Moloney Road will be closed to traffic for the duration of the event. The affected link roads are Military Road by Old

Defence Building, Ajasa Street, Boyle Street, and Hawley Street.

To mitigate the impact of the restrictions, the government has designated specific car parks for public use. These include the Yoruba Lawn Tennis Club Car Park, Zone 2 Car Park opposite Island Club along King George V Road, Museum Kitchen Car Park, and The Bell Car Park by Island Maternity.

Commissioner for Transportation, Oluwaseun Osiyemi, urged motorists to plan their movements ahead of time and comply with traffic officials deployed across the affected corridors.

He noted that personnel of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) will be on ground at all diversion points to manage traffic and assist road users.

The annual Lagos Fanti Carnival, a cultural celebration rooted in the city's Afro Brazilian heritage, is expected to attract large crowds, prompting the need for extensive traffic control measures around Lagos Island.

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Among the projects inaugurated were two newly acquired aircraft under Gateway Air, 1,000 electric motorcycles, 80 security vehicles to enhance the state's safety architecture, and a fleet of agricultural tractors.

Tinubu also inspected and commissioned the Nigeria Customs Service Village, the Forward Operating Base (FOB), the Gateway Aviation Village, and the reconstructed Old



President Bola Tinubu inaugurating the Gateway International Airport

Ibadan Road (Sapade–Ilshan Road), now renamed the Bola Ahmed Tinubu Expressway.

While acknowledging that recent macroeconomic policies may pose short-term challenges, the President maintained that such measures are essential for long-term stability and prosperity.

According to him, the administration's

focus on economic restructuring, security, and development initiatives is part of a broader vision to reposition Nigeria as a resilient and competitive player on the global stage.

He expressed optimism about the nation's future, assuring citizens that ongoing efforts would consolidate current gains and secure prosperity for future generations.

"I appreciate the opportunity to join you today in celebrating the remarkable vision of this governor and his predecessors. Today, we have commissioned a major economic hub in this corridor," Tinubu said.

"Over the past seven years, you have demonstrated commitment, vision, and patriotism in advancing Nigeria's growth."

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According to him, the discovery followed discrepancies observed in details submitted by a Motor Vehicle Officer from Emure Local Government Area.

He explained that the chassis number provided failed to conform with the standard manufacturer's sequence for a 2006 Toyota Camry, thereby raising suspicion.

He said that the NVIS Desk Officer, acting on professional intuition and technical expertise, corrected the

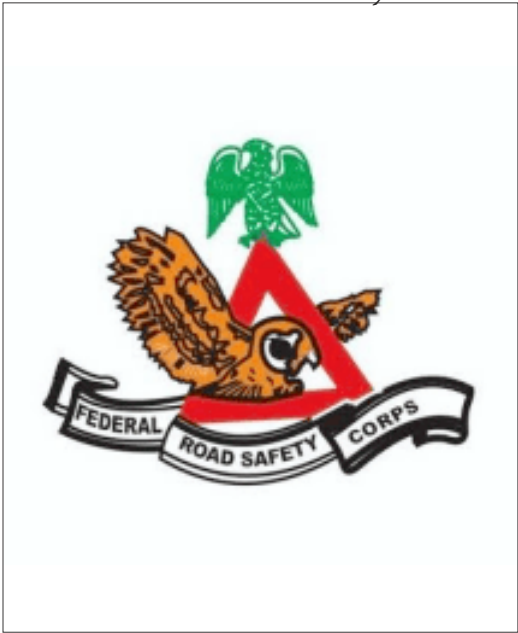
anomaly and ran the revised chassis number through the NVIS database.

“This process revealed a valid match linked to a vehicle reportedly stolen two years earlier,” he said.

The FRSC spokesman added that prompt contact with the original owner confirmed the theft, leading to a coordinated recovery process.

He said the State Licensing Officer and the Sector Commander were duly briefed, after which strategic steps were taken to lure the suspect for verification.

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FG Assures Nigerians On CNG Safety After Kaduna Explosion

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The Federal Government has reassured Nigerians on the safety of compressed natural gas (CNG) following an explosion that destroyed vehicles at a motor park in Kaduna.

The reassurance came from the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas and Electric Vehicles (Pi-CNG & EV), which said the incident was under investigation and urged the public not to panic.

Head of Brand and Communications for the Initiative, Onyekachi Eke, in a statement on Sunday, described the explosion as deeply unfortunate and expressed sympathy with those affected.

The government emphasised that CNG remains a safe and reliable energy source, noting that it has maintained a strong safety record both globally and within Nigeria.

“We wish to reassure the public that natural gas, when properly handled and deployed, has a strong safety record

both globally and within Nigeria, with years of use across parts of the country without incidents of this nature.

“CNG remains a safe, reliable, and cost-effective fuel option, with the added benefit of supporting cleaner energy and improved air quality. We urge the public to remain calm and avoid speculation or sensational reporting while investigations are ongoing.

“Pi-CNG & EV remains fully committed to safety and will continue to work with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the highest standards across the sector”, the statement said.

The reassurance follows reports of an early morning explosion at Mando Motor Park in Kaduna, where three luxury buses powered by compressed natural gas were destroyed.

The incident, which occurred around 3:00 a.m. on Sunday while the vehicles were parked in preparation for interstate trips, did not record any casualties, according to sources.

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ABC Logistics Expand Fleet, Accelerates Nationwide Cargo Delivery

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ABC Logistics has expanded its fleet and cut delivery timelines across key commercial corridors in Nigeria, unlocking faster cargo movement and improving service efficiency nationwide.

The company recently announced that the improved delivery window reflects stronger coordination, enhanced route optimisation, and increased distribution capacity, positioning it to better serve time-sensitive cargo movement across the country.

The development follows a recent fleet expansion drive, which has strengthened haulage capacity and reduced transit bottlenecks across high-volume routes.

With additional vehicles integrated into its operations, the company noted that it can now maintain tighter schedules and deliver more consistently across its network.

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operational efficiency is aimed at meeting rising demand for faster and more reliable logistics services across Nigeria's key commercial centres.

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LASTMA Probes Alleged Extortion Of Commercial Driver On Coastal Road

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) has commenced a full-scale investigation into allegations that its officers extorted ₦100,000 from commercial bus drivers along Coastal Road in Lagos.

The allegation, which surfaced in a social media post by Objectv Media, was reportedly made by an individual identified as Tosin. He claimed that, beginning from an unspecified Monday,

LASTMA officials arrested commercial buses operating on the Coastal Road and demanded ₦100,000 from drivers before releasing their vehicles.

Reacting to the claims, LASTMA, in a statement issued by its Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, Adebayo Taofiq, said the agency takes the allegation seriously and does not condone any form of misconduct or extortion by its personnel.

The authority described itself as a disciplined and professional institution committed to ethical standards, stressing

that any officer found culpable would face strict disciplinary action in line with established regulations.

According to the statement, a thorough and impartial investigation has already commenced. The agency assured the public that appropriate sanctions would be applied if the allegations are substantiated. As part of the probe, LASTMA invited the complainant, Tosin, to appear at the Office of the General Manager at its headquarters in Oshodi to provide verifiable evidence to support the claims.

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It was gathered that the incident occurred around 3:00 a.m. when the vehicles were parked in preparation for interstate trips later in the day.

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While stating that the buses were newly purchased, the manager said, “Thank God no one was inside the vehicles. They were parked to board passengers this morning.”

He added that the buses were powered by compressed natural gas (CNG), expressing concerns over its usage.

“These vehicles are using CNG. We are not matured enough to use them,” he said.

The source said operatives of the Nigeria Police Force and other relevant agencies were at the scene to determine the cause of the explosion.

Three CNG Buses Explode At Kaduna Motor Park

“They are carrying out investigations to ascertain what caused the incident,” he added.

The state government and the police are yet to issue a statement as of the time of filing this report.

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through approved channels.

He said the enforcement was aimed at ending coercive and illegal revenue practices, noting that the state government had formed a task force to ensure its implementation. The ODRIS boss explained that the task force would patrol roads and clamp down on those engaging in unauthorised revenue collection and harassing motorists.

“Anybody you see on the road now collecting taxes is a non-state actor; henceforth, we’re going after them and arresting them,” he said.

“Apart from the Ondo State task force on illegal revenue collection, the Joint Revenue Board has its own team patrolling to ensure that people do not stay on the road to harass Nigerians again. The era of paying tax on the road is over. You cannot pay tax in cash. You pay through the system deployed to make payment easier for everyone.”

According to Mr Rojugbokan,

stopping people on the road and collecting cash from them is illegal in Ondo State.

The ODRIS chairman explained that the new tax law had harmonised tax administration into a single and simplified framework and eliminated multiple taxation.

Mr Rojugbokan said the clampdown would begin in April, in the second quarter of the year, and advised residents to report any illegal collectors to the relevant authorities.

“Very soon, we will deploy our people and begin to arrest them. If you see anyone, let us know. Our numbers are everywhere. Call us, and we will act. Starting this month (April), there will be no more tax collection on the road in Ondo State,” he said.

“We have started using technology, and we will continue to improve on it because that is the only way to make our people happy. Tax collection should not be a burden on taxpayers. You don’t need to come

to our office.

“Just go online, register on the <https://www.odirs.ng> platform, select the tax you want to pay, generate your assessment and pay through your bank. Your receipt will be sent to your phone,” he said.

Mr Rojugbokan also stated that the tax clearance certificate is now being processed seamlessly online, without the need for physical visits.

“At the end of the year, if you need your tax clearance, you don’t need to come to our office; just apply online or through the nearest tax station.

“Once approved, it will reflect in your email immediately. Within a day, you will receive notification that your tax clearance is ready for download,” he said.

The ODRIS boss urged residents to embrace the digital system and avoid dealing with unauthorised individuals, assuring that strict enforcement would restore order and transparency in tax administration.

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Ondo State Revenue service

Ondo State government has announced plans to clamp down on revenue officials who set roadblocks for tax and levy collection across the state. Bayo Rojugbokan, acting chairman of the Ondo State Revenue Service (ODRIS), stated on Sunday in Akure that the Joint Revenue Board (JRB) had banned all road taxes, stickers, and manual revenue collection on highways by state and non-state actors. Mr Rojugbokan emphasised that the ban was aimed at improving the ease of doing business, with a mandate that all tax payments must be made digitally and

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General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, issued the advisory as Lagos braces for increased human and vehicular movement during the holiday period.

He called on motorists and other road users to exercise greater vigilance, discipline, and strict adherence to traffic regulations.

Bakare-Oki warned that driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless speeding, dangerous overtaking, and other irresponsible behaviours could lead to avoidable accidents, loss of lives, and property damage.

While acknowledging the celebratory nature of festive periods, he noted that



Bakare-Oki

they often place added strain on the transport system, making caution and restraint essential. He stressed that no celebration justifies actions that endanger lives.

To maintain smooth

traffic flow, LASTMA has deployed additional officers across major roads, transport hubs, highways, intersections, business districts, recreational centres, and religious venues across the state's five divisions.

The officers have been directed to enhance monitoring, ensure compliance, and respond swiftly to traffic incidents.

The agency has also positioned high- and medium-capacity tow

trucks, traffic cones, safety barriers, and other equipment at key locations to enable rapid response to breakdowns and disruptions.

According to Bakare-Oki, the expanded deployment reflects LASTMA's commitment to ensuring safe and efficient movement throughout the Easter period.

He added that operational teams are fully mobilised to manage the anticipated surge in traffic.

He appealed to motorists to remain patient, obey traffic officials, and prioritise safety, noting that a single moment of poor judgment could have irreversible consequences.

Bakare-Oki also urged commercial drivers, transport unions, fleet operators, and logistics firms to educate their members on the dangers of overloading, speeding, and substance abuse, stressing that collective responsibility is key to reducing road accidents.

LASTMA extended Easter greetings to Lagos residents and reaffirmed its readiness to maintain seamless traffic management during the celebrations.

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Dr. Nasir Idris

Kebbi State Governor, Comrade Dr. Nasir Idris, Kauran Gwandu, yesterday flagged off the construction of the 2.9-kilometre Ahmadu Bello Road in Gwandu town, Gwandu Local Government Area, describing the project as the fulfilment of a key campaign promise to the people.

Speaking at the brief but historic flag-off ceremony in Gwandu, Governor Idris said the commencement of the road project marks another milestone in his administration's commitment to delivering meaningful and people-oriented infrastructure across Kebbi State.

He described the occasion as historic, noting

Gov Idris Flags Off Construction Of 2.9km Road In Gwandu

that the road, which had been in dire need of reconstruction for many years, will now receive the necessary government attention.

“This is a historic day that will remain indelible in the history of Gwandu. The construction of this road is a promise fulfilled to the good people of Gwandu, and it is one of the legacy projects of our administration,” the Governor stated.

Governor Idris warned the contractors handling the project to strictly adhere to specifications and ensure the delivery of quality work within the stipulated time frame.

He also directed the Ministry of Works to intensify supervision and closely monitor the execution of the project to guarantee full compliance with standards.

The Governor reiterated that the road must be properly executed, assuring the people that adequate funds have already been set aside for the successful completion of the project.

As part of his administration's

continued responsiveness of the needs of the people, Governor Idris also promised to approve the request by the local government council for the provision of a transformer to improve electricity supply in the area.

Earlier in his remarks, the Commissioner for Works, Engr. Abdullahi Umar Muslim, said Governor Nasir Idris had promised during his electioneering campaign that if elected Governor, he would construct the Ahmadu Bello Road in Gwandu, stressing that the flag-off of the project was a clear demonstration of the Governor's sincerity and commitment to fulfilling his promises.

He described Gwandu as a historic town in Kebbi State and commended its people for their unwavering support and loyalty to the present administration.

Also speaking, the Chairman of Gwandu Local Government, Hon. Atiku Ahmad (Culture) ,conveyed a message of appreciation and solidarity from Gwandu elders, elites

and academics, including Professor Bello Bada, assuring the Governor of their continued support.

He said that the people of Gwandu are highly grateful for the numerous developmental projects executed by Governor Idris in the area, noting that the Governor had already fulfilled over 80 percent of his campaign promises to the people of Gwandu.

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Tinubu Approves N3.3trn To Clear Power Sector Debt, Boost Electricity Supply

Culled: President Bola Tinubu has approved a N3.3 trillion settlement plan to clear power sector debts accumulated over more than ten years in what his administration is casting as the most decisive intervention yet in a grid that has long frustrated households and strangled economic growth. The payment framework, announced Sunday evening, targets legacy obligations that piled up between February 2015 and March 2025, a period spanning three administrations and marked by chronic underinvestment, disputed tariffs, and a web of unpaid obligations across generators, gas suppliers, and distribution networks. A statement from Bayo Onanuga, special adviser on information and strategy to the presidency, said 15 power plants have already signed settlement agreements totalling N2.3 trillion. With the federal government having raised N501 billion toward funding those commitments, of that amount, N223 billion has been disbursed, with additional tranches underway. Nigeria operates one of the world's most underperforming power



President Bola Tinubu

sectors relative to its economy. Africa's most populous country routinely generates less than 4,500 megawatts for a population exceeding 220 million people, forcing businesses to spend billions of dollars annually running diesel generators. Unpaid debts cascading through the value chain, from distribution companies that could not collect revenues to generation companies that could not pay gas suppliers, have paralysed capital investment and kept plants running well below capacity. The settlement announced on Sunday aims to break that cycle. By clearing verified legacy claims, Nigeria is betting that restored cash flow will allow generators to procure gas, run turbines closer to nameplate capacity, and eventually attract the private capital the sector has failed to mobilise at scale. Olu Arowolo-Verheijen, special adviser on energy to President Tinubu, framed the disbursements as one component of a broader structural overhaul. “This programme is not just about settling legacy debts,” she said in a statement. “It is about restoring confidence across the power sector, ensuring gas suppliers are paid, power plants can keep running, and the system begins to work more reliably.”

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Akpabio Assures Nigerians Of End To Insecurity



Akpabio

Culled: The President of the Senate, Godswill Akpabio, assured Nigerians that the insecurity witnessed in the country will soon become a thing of the past. Akpabio gave the assurance in the Easter Media/Communication, message he delivered at the Ikot Ekpene Field Major Convention of The Apostolic Church, Ikot Obong Edong, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State. A statement by the Special Assistant to the President of the Senate on Media/Communication, Anietie Ekong, quoted

Akpabio as saying, “across our country, many families are passing through moments of grief and loss. Some have lost loved ones in the line of duty – our brave men and women in uniform who daily put their lives on the line to defend our nation. “Some have lost fathers, mothers, children, and friends in their homes, places of worship, markets, farms, and workplaces as Nigeria continues to confront the painful challenge of insecurity.” He offered words of comfort to victims of insecurity. “To such families, please know that your pain is shared by the entire nation. We mourn with you, pray for you, and honour the memory of those whose lives have been cut short. Their sacrifices can never be forgotten.” Akpabio, however, assured that the Easter season would usher in peace and security for the nation. According to the Senate President, “Just as the resurrection revealed the complete triumph of Christ, I firmly believe that soon Nigeria's story will also reach its full and victorious conclusion: 'Nigeria defeats insecurity, evil and fear. “That is the hope Easter places before us. It teaches us that darkness never has the final word. It reminds us that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Therefore, let us reject hatred and division and embrace unity, compassion, and solidarity as one people while we await our morning.”

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Nigeria Will Rise Again Despite Challenges - CAN

Culled: The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) has urged Nigerians to remain hopeful and united, asserting that the country possesses the resilience to overcome its current socio-economic and security challenges. The CAN President, Archbishop Daniel Okoh, made the call in an Easter message issued on Sunday in Abuja. Okoh said that the resurrection of Jesus Christ served as a timeless reminder that “rising again is always possible” regardless of past hardships. According to the statement, the essence of Easter lies in hope returning when it seems lost and the emergence of new beginnings after difficult periods. “Across the country, people are weary. Families are anxious. Many do not feel safe; others are struggling just to get by. For some, hope has grown faint. ” But Easter tells us this is not the end. We do not have to remain where we are. We can rise, rebuild, and move forward, together,” Okoh said. The cleric challenged those in leadership positions to match their words with visible actions, noting that the current climate serves as a “test of purpose” for the nation's helmsmen. “People must feel leadership, not just hear it. They are looking for action, for empathy, for visible efforts to improve their lives. That is how a nation begins to rise,” he said. Addressing the role of the Church, Okoh charged religious bodies to stand firm as pillars of support for the struggling and to offer clear direction during uncertain times. He further urged Nigerians not to succumb to fear or division, urging them to resist elements intent on destabilising the country through solidarity and shared belief. “Hard times can divide, but they can also unite. If we choose unity over suspicion and look out for one another, change becomes not just possible, but certain.”

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EU, UNIDO Raise Concerns Over Food Wastage In Nigeria

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The European Union (EU) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have raised concerns over food wastage in Nigeria, estimating that roughly 38million tonnes goes to waste annually.

Both International agencies came to this conclusion during the commemoration of this year's International Zero Waste Day, with the theme "Food waste reduction – minimisation and valorisation, placing it among the highest in the African continent.

To this end, the EU and UNIDO

resolved to collaborate with the Nigerian government to develop policies aimed at mitigating food waste and promote sustainable consumption and production.

They argued that when food is wasted, the water, energy, and labour that went into producing it are also wasted, while accelerating climate change and undermining global efforts to build a zero-waste circular future.

Zissimos Vergos, Deputy Ambassador, EU Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS, disclosed that globally, in 2022 alone, nearly one billion tonnes of food, almost

one fifth of all food available to consumers, was wasted.

Vergos said this is not just a loss of food, it is a squandering of precious resources, a missed opportunity to combat hunger, and a direct threat to our planet's health.

The Deputy Amb. further noted that food loss and waste are major drivers of environmental degradation, contributing up to 10 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, nearly five times the emissions of the entire aviation sector, and accounting for as much as 40 percent of global methane emissions.

Highlighting some of the government's efforts, he said, "The Nigeria circular Economy Roadmap, the establishment of the Interministerial circular Economy Committee, the push to develop a National Plastic Waste Management Regulation, these are not small gestures. These are structural shifts. "These signal that Nigeria is not waiting for someone else to solve its problem; it is building the system to solve it from within. Now, today's theme, food waste reduction, minimization and valorization, is the right conversation in the right moment."

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NYA Urges Youths To Rally For Nigerian's Democracy

The President of the National Youth Alliance (NYA), Ambassador Aliyu Bin Abbas, has called on Nigerian youths to take urgent and decisive action to safeguard the country's democracy amid growing national challenges.

Abbas made the call on Sunday at the NYA seminar themed "Birthing a New Nigeria," held alongside the inauguration of 112 Local Government Coordinators for the North-East Zone at the Double Four

Event Centre in Bauchi.

In his welcome address, he urged young Nigerians to remain disciplined, principled, and committed to national service, stressing that the responsibility of preserving democracy rests heavily on their shoulders.

"It is time for young people to rise, stay focused, and take responsibility for protecting our democracy," he said.

He acknowledged the difficulties

ahead but insisted that courage and determination would be essential in navigating the task of nation-building.

"This will not be easy, but we must commit our time and energy to building a better Nigeria," Abbas added.

The NYA president warned that Nigeria is at a critical point, describing the nation as "bleeding" and in urgent need of rescue.

"Nigeria is at a critical juncture,

struggling and in dire need of intervention. We must rise to steer the country back on the path of progress," he stated.

Abbas also reminded youths of the sacrifices made by past leaders, urging them to uphold and strengthen the nation's democratic values.

"We must not forget those who gave their all for Nigeria. It is now our duty to defend and advance the democracy they built," he said.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

- 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.
- 3.Africa Safe School Volunteer Project (ASSVP) - A social responsibility project that members of DSSAA will get directly involved in their various countries which includes volunteering to control traffic and help Children cross the Road during school hours in schools, funding installation of STOP Road signs and marking of zebra crossings at school Intersections,as well as carrying out the training of children on Road Safety practices in schools.
- 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.

About DSSAA

Driving Schools and Safety Alliance Africa - DSSAA is Africa's premier Professional Association of Driving School Owners, Instructors, Driver Assessors and Road Safety professionals.

It is registered in the Gambia and UK with National offices in all the Capital cities in Africa.

DSSAA aims to bring all the critical stakeholders together to build the capacity of Driving School operators and support Road Safety through advocacy, public education, lobbying, fund raising, training and certification.

We are the promoters of various Road Transport Safety initiatives and programmes among which are the African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP), Africa Road Transport Safety Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO), Africa Safe school volunteer project (ASSVP) and the Africa Road Safety Partnership and Research board (ARSPARB) domiciled in our Overseas Office in Bournemouth United Kingdom.

Membership is open to Road Safety advocates all over the world.

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



GRANTS

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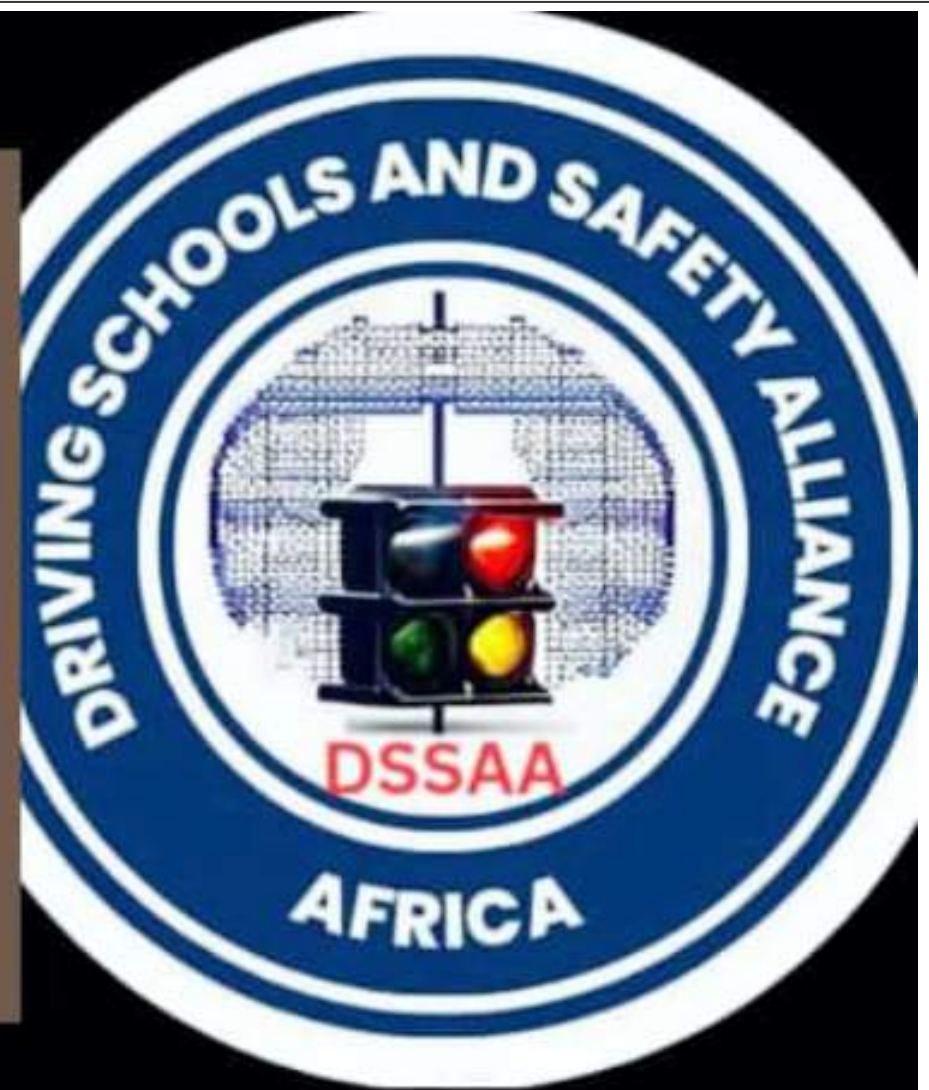


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