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### FRSC Mobile Court Convicts 25 Traffic Offenders In Ogun

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogun State Sector Command, has recorded a 100 per cent conviction rate following a mobile court sitting in Abeokuta, where 25 traffic offenders were prosecuted and found guilty.

The session, held at the RS2.2 Sector Command headquarters, was presided over by Chief Magistrate O.T. Odubanjo and focused on motorists accused of various road safety violations across major routes in the state.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, the Sector's Public Relations Officer, Odunsi Afolabi, disclosed that all 25 offenders arraigned were convicted, with no discharges recorded.

Despite the total convictions, none of the offenders received custodial sentences.

Afolabi noted that 46 offences were documented and penalised, underscoring the command's resolve to enforce compliance with traffic regulations.

The violations ranged from failure to install speed-limiting devices and absence of valid driver's licences to overloading, seatbelt infractions, improper vehicle documentation, and number plate irregularities.

Reacting, the Ogun State Sector Commander, Corps Commander Oludare Ogunjobi, described the mobile court initiative as a critical component of efforts to curb road traffic crashes and fatalities.

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Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu made this known on Wednesday while addressing journalists at the 159th meeting of the Joint Revenue Board (JRB) held in Lagos. The meeting brought together officials of the Nigerian Revenue Service, state internal revenue service chairmen from across the country, and representatives of the Federal Capital Territory.

Sanwo-Olu explained that the Red Line rail system would offer a substantial improvement over the Blue Line, noting that it would operate eight-car trains—double the capacity of the four-car trains currently used on the Blue Line. According to him, the rail line will run along the Agbado to Oyingbo corridor, easing movement across key

parts of the state.

He further disclosed that the state had completed the signing-off process for the Red Line rolling stock during a recent official trip abroad, adding that efforts were ongoing to extend the rail service into neighbouring Ogun State to accommodate more commuters.

The governor noted that similar investments had previously been made in the Blue Line, with additional rolling stock already procured to strengthen operations.

Highlighting broader transport reforms, Sanwo-Olu said the rail project is part of a comprehensive multi-modal strategy integrating rail, road, and water transportation to improve mobility and support economic growth in Lagos.

He also referenced ongoing developments in the waterways sector, particularly the Omi Eko project, which is expected to introduce high-capacity electric boats within the next year to complement existing transport systems.

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## Keyamo Convenes Emergency Meeting With Airlines, Oil Marketers Over Jet A1 Price Surge

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The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, is currently meeting with a delegation from the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources, oil marketers, and airline operators, among others.

The meeting comes on the heels of a threat by airline operators to shut down operations due to the astronomical increase in the price of Jet A1 fuel, which is pegged at about 300 per cent.

It is also part of the Federal Government's intervention aimed at stabilising the aviation sector and ensuring uninterrupted air transportation in the country.

Last week, the Airline Operators of Nigeria warned that airlines across the country may suspend operations over what it described as an "astronomical and unsustainable" rise in the price of aviation fuel.

In a letter dated April 14, 2026, addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Major Energies Marketers Association of Nigeria, Clement Isong,



Keyamo schedules an emergency meeting with oil marketers, airlines regulators

the operators said the cost of Jet A1 had surged from ₦900 per litre as of February 28 to ₦3,300 per litre—an increase of over 300 percent within weeks.

The group described the spike as "artificial" and far above global trends, noting that international crude oil prices had risen by only about 30 percent within the same period.

According to the operators, airlines have absorbed the rising costs for more than four weeks out of "patriotism and in the spirit of service to the nation," but warned that the situation is no longer sustainable.

"Airline revenues are insufficient to cover the cost of fuel alone," the letter stated, adding that continued operations are becoming increasingly unviable.

The operators also accused fuel marketers of "decimating the aviation industry," warning that the situation poses wider risks to Nigeria's economy, safety, and national security.

The AON disclosed that the impact of the price surge is already being felt across the sector, revealing that one airline has grounded all operations since March 13, 2026, due to the rising fuel cost.

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### Tinubu Promises Rail Link, Backs Infrastructure Push For Enugu

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has assured leaders from Enugu State of stronger federal backing for key infrastructure projects, including a proposed rail connection linking Parako to Enugu — a project widely seen as vital to unlocking economic activity in the South-East.

The President gave the assurance on Tuesday while hosting a delegation led by Governor Peter Mbah at the Presidential Villa in Abuja.

During the meeting, Tinubu acknowledged the state's long-standing demand for improved federal infrastructure presence and said his administration would give it due attention.

He pointed to structural funding challenges as a major reason such projects have stalled in the past, noting that Nigeria has often tried to finance long-term infrastructure with short-term resources — a model he described as unsustainable.

Tinubu also used the opportunity to defend ongoing reforms in the power sector, taking a swipe at past policies he said failed to deliver stable electricity.

According to him, his administration is working to reverse those setbacks and build a more reliable system that supports economic growth.

In a lighter but pointed tone, the President urged the Enugu leadership to remain focused despite criticism, adding that progress often attracts resistance.

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Engr. Francis Isabiyi made this observation during an on-site assessment of the major structural failures along the Saki-Ago Are road.

He stated that over eighty per cent of the visible faults on the road are man-made.

Isabiyi pointed out that incidents such as diesel spills and the digging of holes have contributed significantly to the poor condition of the roads.

He urged road users to refrain from these damaging practices, emphasising the substantial resources the federal government, through its relevant agencies, invests in road maintenance.

According to him, 'Both the road users and the residents should see the roads in their respective areas as their property because the government is spending so

much on the maintenance of the roads.

"We have heard a situation where people will dig holes in the middle of the roads. This is a bad habit that need to be corrected.

"The community people should report anybody caught in this ignoble act to the relevant security agencies.

"We should all note that motorable roads play a pivotal role in the socio-economic growth of the Country.

On the rehabilitation of the major sectional failures along Saki/Ago Are road, he said, "I am satisfied with the level of work being carried out on the noticeable sectional failures along the route.

"The road serves as a link to the various agrarian communities in the area. The fixing of the bad portions will make the transportation of the farm produce to the market less cumbersome.

"It will also reduce carnage on the highway. I am, therefore, appealing to the road users to reciprocate the government gesture by ensuring proper maintenance of the roads.

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The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, has disclosed plans by the federal government to grant domestic airlines discount on debts currently owed aviation agencies.

The Minister said the percentage of the discount would be decided by President Bola Tinubu who directed him to submit a request to him on Thursday for immediate action.

Keyamo also revealed that the President would set up a committee to review levies and taxes on tickets.

The Minister disclosed this after a meeting with Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON) and other stakeholders following plans by the AON to suspend flight operations and increase airfares due to the high cost of JetA1 fuel.

Speaking on plans to address the situation, Keyamo said: "Before this meeting, I had the privilege of meeting Mr. President to brief him about the meeting and he mandated us to quickly bring a request to him, a formal request in writing, first thing tomorrow morning.



Keyamo

"The request he will consider and grant is a generous discount on the debts the airlines are owing the aviation agencies like the Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), and the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA).

"So Mr. President, specifically told me not to wait for a council memo, he said I should bring the letter to him as early as possible tomorrow. The percentage of

discounts would be decided by Mr. President because he is so concerned about what is happening.

"The second request Mr. President has asked that we should bring for him to fully consider and grant is that he wants to set up a committee to address the issues of levies, taxes and fees on domestic tickets once and for all. This request has been on for a long time. So Mr. President will put the team together

and he will give them a deadline to report to him as quickly as possible on the government fees, charges and levies that we can take off domestic tickets for now to give respite to Nigerians who are also buying tickets".

He added that the President will also consider a date for the airline operators to meet with him for more robust discussions regarding access to capital.

The Minister of State for Petroleum (Oil), Heineken Lokpobiri who was represented by the Permanent Secretary of Ministry, Mrs. Patience Onyekunle said a meeting would be held with oil marketers on Thursday to address the issue of pricing.

She said: "At this point, since this is an urgent matter on the table, there is the suggestion and the agreement that the marketers will be invited here tomorrow for us to continue this deliberation.

"Hopefully, come tomorrow (Thursday), we would have some of these issues resolved. So that is where we are from the side of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources.

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# Reps Endorse Transfer Of NSIB From Aviation Ministry To Presidency

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The House of Representatives at the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, adopted a report on a bill for an Act to amend the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) Act and for Related Matters

The bill which seeks a legislative framework to move the bureau from the Ministry of Aviation to the Presidency for more efficient, robust performance and administration was presented by Rep. Fred Agbedi (PDP-Bayelsa)

Presenting the report, Agbedi who is the Chairman, House Joint Committees on Special Duties and Aviation recalled that the bill was referred to the committee on May 14, 2025.

The lawmaker said that the committee proceeded to conduct the mandatory public hearing on the bill on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

According to him, majority of stakeholders agree with the

amendment for the bureau to be domiciled at the Presidency as its scope is beyond Aviation Ministry.

"The sections of the Act affected by the amendment are sections 8, 11, 13, 22, 35

"I urge the House in Committee of Whole to consider and approve the report. I so move," he said.

The report was unanimously adopted after the Deputy Speaker, Rep. Benjamin Kalu who presided over the house, called for votes.

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NSIB headquarters

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The Shipping Association of Nigeria (SAN) has dragged the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) before the National Assembly over persistent operational inefficiencies, limited infrastructure for marine services and security lapses that places additional cost and continue to undermine port competitiveness and investor confidence.

Speaking before the House Committee on Shipping Services, the Chairman of SAN, Boma Alabi, said the NPA has failed to provide adequate functional tugboats and pilotage services, which are critical for safe vessel navigation.

Alabi said shipping companies are frequently forced to make alternative arrangements to move vessels at additional cost.

She said the situation is worsened by what she describes as "double billing", where charges are imposed for services of tugboats and pilotage not rendered, even when private alternatives are sourced to facilitate vessel movement.

# Shipping Firm Knock NPA Over Poor Services, Insecurity

"Tugboats and pilotage services are statutory responsibilities of the NPA and are critical to safe and efficient vessel movements. Some members continue to experience inadequate availability of functional tugboats and pilot boats. In many cases, shipping lines are compelled to make alternative arrangements at additional costs to keep vessels moving and ensure safety. These challenges negatively affect vessel turnaround time and overall port efficiency, charging for services not rendered," he lamented.

Alabi said the double billing is without clear reform or credit mechanism, saying charges should strictly be based on services delivered in line with global maritime best practices.

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# Tinubu Vows Deeper Nigeria-UK Ties As British Airways Mark 90 Years



President Bola Tinubu

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Wednesday reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to strengthening its economic and diplomatic relations with the United Kingdom, declaring that deeper cooperation, particularly in aviation, will drive growth, investment and shared prosperity.

The President gave the assurance while receiving a delegation from British Airways led by the British High Commissioner to Nigeria, Richard Montgomery, and the airline's Commercial Officer, Colm Lacy, at the State House, Abuja.

The meeting coincided with the airline's 90th anniversary of operations in Nigeria.

Tinubu, who reflected on the longstanding bilateral relations between Nigeria and the United Kingdom, said the partnership has evolved into a strategic alliance that must continue to be nurtured.

According to a statement issued by his Special Adviser on Information and Strategy, Mr Bayo Onanuga, President Tinubu said "it is a very great joy to share with you this afternoon. The transformation and strengthening of our relationship over the past 90 years is a milestone worthy of celebration".

He recalled his recent state visit to the UK, where he was hosted by King Charles III, noting that the experience reinforced the importance of sustaining strong ties between both countries.

"I still relish the memory of my last visit to Great Britain and the wonderful reception I received from His Majesty King Charles III. I will forever cherish that memory," Tinubu added.

The President emphasised that Nigeria values its relationship with

Britain, particularly in areas that align with national development priorities, including trade, investment and institutional reforms.

According to him, ongoing reforms across the aviation sector and the broader economy are aimed at meeting global standards, boosting investor confidence and enhancing connectivity.

"Nigeria is still going through reforms and transformation of our aviation industry and every aspect of our economy. We must meet global standards and encourage people-to-people connections while promoting trade and partnership," he said.

Tinubu also disclosed that one of the early actions of his administration was the resolution of longstanding financial obligations owed to international airlines, a move he said has helped restore confidence in Nigeria's aviation market.

"You've seen that since I assumed office, outstanding liabilities and other hindrances to our relationship are being resolved by the Central Bank of

Nigeria," he stated.

He expressed appreciation to the British Government for sustained business and investment opportunities extended to Nigeria, pledging continued collaboration for mutual benefit.

"We celebrate with you your remarkable 90 years of operation in Nigeria, and we hope to enhance and encourage that relationship for a stronger and more rewarding partnership," the President said.

In his remarks, Lacy described Nigeria as one of the airline's most important markets, noting that the relationship, which began in 1936, has spanned generations.

"Nigeria is not simply a destination but a long-standing, most valued market with strong people-to-people, business, educational and cultural ties," he said.

He added that the airline's operations have consistently supported Nigerian entrepreneurs, students and families, while facilitating trade and investment between both countries.

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The agency signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nigerian Consumer Credit Corporation (CREDICORP), Moniepoint Microfinance Bank Limited (Moniepoint MFB), and National Credit Guarantee Company Limited (NCGC) and Pi-CNG & EV.

Speaking at the signing in Abuja on Wednesday, the executive chairman, Pi-CNG & EV, Ismaeel Ahmed, said that the partnership was designed to ease CNG adoption by reducing upfront installation costs.

"Financing generally gives flexibility. That is what this partnership will do," he



Ahmed

said.

The commission noted that the partnership, which kicked off the next phase of Nigeria's clean mobility rollout, responds to financial strain on Nigerians from high energy and

transportation costs.

According to him, the new fund, repaid with interest of nine to 20 per cent, provides credit for CNG conversion kits over six months.

Ahmed explained: "The financing arrangement

will allow users to repay

installation costs over agreed periods. For example, if the cost of installation and the kit is N100,000, instead of paying upfront, users pay over six months.

Commercial operators

using tricycles or other transport save on fuel

and maintenance." He added that operators switching to CNG see fuel costs drop by 60 to 70 per cent, with a typical operator spending N40,000 weekly on fuel and N10,000 on maintenance reducing to N10,000 monthly on maintenance, saving up to N30,000.

On rollout, Ahmed said about 100,000 vehicles are targeted initially, with potential expansion.

The managing director and CEO of CREDICORP, Uzoma Nwagba, said the collaboration supports the federal government's efforts to address impacts of policy changes like exchange rate unification and fuel subsidy removal, targeting low- and middle-income citizens. Once converted, fuel costs can drop by 75 per cent, such as from N80,000 to N20,000 weekly.

CREDICORP enables financial institutions to offer consumer credit at rates as low as nine per cent, with higher-risk borrowers at 20 per cent, backed by credit guarantees from NCGC.

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## Oyo Approves N5.8bn For Circular Road Property Owners



Governor Makinde

The Oyo State Executive Council meeting, chaired by the State Governor, has approved compensation for over 900 property owners whose lands were affected by the ongoing construction of the Ibadan Circular Road

In a statement by the Commissioner for Information, Prince Dotun Oyelade, a total of N5,813,000,000 will be paid to these categories of people.

The Council noted that the compensation will not only put a stop to the agitation and misinformation surrounding this laudable project but will also pave the way for accelerated planning and development,

foster investors' confidence, and bring to reality the vision of a transformed urban development of Ibadan and Oyo State as conceived by Governor Seyi Makinde.

The Council recalled that over N800,000,000 had earlier been paid in the first phase as compensation for displaced persons in the past 18 months

According to the Information Commissioner, Oyo State is one of the few states in the Federation that has continued to support the masses since the removal of the fuel subsidy

The introduction of the Sustainable Action for Economic Recovery (SAfER), set up by the State Government since 2023, has positively impacted the lives of the masses through interventions such as food relief/palliatives, health insurance, MSME support, and transportation

The Council also approved the sum

of N710,382,000 (Seven Hundred and Ten Million, Three Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand Naira) to cover transportation subsidy for the period between March and August 2026.

Oyelade recalled that last year alone, over 4 million commuters, including pensioners, students, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups, benefited from between 50 and 100 per cent transportation subsidies in the State.

The State Executive Council noted the strategic importance of the ongoing reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Okaka Junction-Otu-Igbeti-Kishi road and the construction of bridges over the Otu and Ofiki rivers at a cost of N26,482,664,000 (Twenty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Eighty-Two Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Four thousand naira)

Council also approved the expansion of this project by

N3,981,431,000 (Three Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Four Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand Naira)

According to the Information Commissioner, Council further approved the completion of the Oyo State Christian Wing multipurpose hall, which was initiated over 25 years ago during the administration of Governor Lam Adesina

He said that the completion will cost N126,912,000 (One Hundred and Twenty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Twelve Thousand Naira)

Oyelade added further that, in continuation of the Administration's belief in entrenching the State's culture and expanding its global potentials, Council approved the hosting of the Year 2026 Oyo state International Tourism Summit, stressing that the Council believed that the approval will consolidate the huge successes recorded in previous editions.

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# Fraport Inaugurates The New Terminal 3 At Frankfurt Airport

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Fraport AG officially opened the new state-of-the-art Terminal 3 at Frankfurt Airport with a ceremony attended by more than 400 invited guests from government, business, and the aviation industry.

The inauguration marks the completion of the largest infrastructure project ever undertaken by the MDAX-listed company, ushering in a new era in Frankfurt Airport's history.

Guests of honour included German Federal Minister for Transport Patrick Schnieder; Hesse's Minister-President Boris Rhein; the Lord Mayor of Frankfurt, Mike Josef; Michael Boddenberg, Chair of Fraport's Supervisory Board; and Christoph Mäckler, the architect responsible for designing Terminal 3.

"Today is a special day – for Fraport, for Frankfurt, for Hesse, and far beyond,"



emphasises Stefan Schulte, Chief Executive Officer of Fraport AG. "With the inauguration of our Terminal 3, one of Europe's most advanced terminals, we are

positioning ourselves for long-term success. This brand-new structure is more than just a major step forward in our airport's evolution; it also stands as a symbol of the

outstanding collaboration among all those involved in the project. Each of them has contributed to its success with their expertise, lifeblood, and abilities,"

he adds. Minister-President Boris Rhein states: "It's a great achievement that the new Terminal 3 is being inaugurated this Wednesday. As Europe's

largest privately funded infrastructure project, it demonstrates what Germany is capable of. Germany can build. We can deliver ambitious projects. 'Made in Germany' remains a badge of quality. The new terminal strengthens both our airport and our economy. We need strong air transportation hubs to keep our country internationally connected. That is why we want to further enhance Germany's competitiveness in the global aviation industry."

The grand opening of the new passenger terminal was celebrated with an impressive light show and a choreographed dance performance in Terminal 3's central marketplace. The official program concluded with the announcement: "Terminal 3 is ready for check-in!"

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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

# Tinubu Reaffirms C'tment To Workers' Social Security, Expands Coverage N'wide

**Culled:** President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that Nigerian workers are guaranteed social security and a dignified life after retirement.

The President gave the assurance in a message at the opening of the International Social Security Association (ISSA) 2026 West Africa Seminar in Abuja, themed "Improving inclusiveness and accessibility of social security services through effective communication in West Africa."

He said the commitment is embedded in his administration's Renewed Hope Agenda, which prioritises the protection of livelihoods and economic security.

"Across government, we are deliberately strengthening institutions that form the pillars of Nigeria's evolving social security architecture

"Through the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund, we have fundamentally strengthened workplace injury protection

"Today, over 7.5 million Nigerian employees are covered under the Employees' Compensation Scheme, ensuring that when workplace accidents or disabilities



President Bola Tinubu

occur, families are protected from sudden economic ruin," President Tinubu emphasised.

He further said that compensation payments reinforce the government's commitment to workers' welfare.

Represented by the Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Senator Abubakar Bagudu, the President disclosed that over 10 million Nigerian workers are contributing to the

Contributory Pension Scheme, with pension assets exceeding ₦25 trillion.

"Today, under the oversight of the National Pension Commission, over 10 million Nigerian workers are actively contributing to the Contributory Pension Scheme, with pension assets now exceeding ₦25 trillion," the President revealed.

He explained that data integration through the

National Social Register is central to expanding social protection coverage nationwide.

"Our objective is clear, to move toward an integrated and digitally enabled social protection system, where pensions, healthcare, employment support, social assistance, housing, and compensation programmes operate not in isolation, but as coordinated guarantees of social and economic security," he affirmed.

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# Alcohol Manufacturers Raise The Alarm Over Illicit Trade

**Culled:**

The Spirits and Wines Association of Nigeria has raised concerns over the scale and impact of illicit trade in the country, warning that it poses serious risks to public health, government revenue and legitimate businesses.

The association raised the concerns at a press conference held immediately after a one-day workshop in Abuja on Wednesday, themed 'Combating Illicit Trade in the Spirits and Wines Industry'.

SWAN, the industry body representing companies engaged in the manufacturing, importation, distribution and marketing of spirits, wines and other alcoholic beverages in Nigeria, counts both global and local firms among its members, including Bacardi, Diageo, Distell, Guinness Nigeria, Moët Hennessy, Nigerian Bottling Company, Nigerian Breweries and Pernod Ricard.

The SWAN President, Michael Ehindero, said that the workshop brought together regulators, policymakers, enforcement agencies and key industry players to address the challenge.

"Our discussions are based on a fairly shared concern. Illicit trade, particularly in spirits and wines, remains a significant threat to the public health of Nigerians, to government revenue, and to the sustainability of legitimate businesses operating within the law in Nigeria," Ehindero said.

He stressed the need for stronger collaboration among stakeholders to tackle the issue effectively.

"Throughout this workshop, participants examined the scale and impact of illicit alcohol, shared insights from both local and international perspectives, and more importantly, identified practical and coordinated approaches to tackle the problem.

"One of the important takeaways from today's session is about collaboration. No single stakeholder can address the issue," he said.

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# Adelabu Resigns As Power Min To Pursue Oyo Governorship Bid



Adelabu submits his resignation letter to Akeme, SGF

**Culled:** Nigeria's Minister of Power, Adebayo Adelabu, has resigned from the Federal Executive Council to pursue his governorship ambition in Oyo State ahead of the 2027 general elections.

The resignation, confirmed on Wednesday, follows weeks of speculation over his political plans and consultations within the presidency.

Adelabu's decision comes despite an earlier March 31 deadline issued by President Bola Ahmed

Tinubu, directing political appointees seeking elective office to step down.

Explaining his move, Adelabu said he resigned to enable him to devote adequate time and resources to his gubernatorial campaign, marking a shift from federal responsibilities to state-level politics.

His renewed bid comes amid earlier uncertainty over his participation in the race after initially missing the resignation deadline.

The development adds to a growing wave of political realignments ahead of the 2027 elections, as key figures reposition for contests at both state and national levels.

Adelabu's exit also comes at a critical period for Nigeria's power

sector, which continues to grapple with challenges including grid instability, supply deficits, and tariff-related concerns. Discussions are ongoing within policy circles on potential reforms aimed at improving coordination and efficiency across the country's energy landscape.

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Nigeria eyes \$500bn investment deal at Abuja 2026 investment summit

# Nigeria Eyes \$500bn Investment Deals At Abuja Investment Summit

**Culled:**  
 As Nigeria intensifies its push to reposition its economy on the global stage, a major international investment has targeted \$500 billion in investment pledges and Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs).

The gathering scheduled for June in Abuja is being framed as a pivotal moment to test the country's renewed outreach to global capital. The Director General and Convener General of the World Investment Summit, Prince Adeniyi Adeyemi Matthew, said the administration of Bola Ahmed

Tinubu is advancing a policy direction aimed at opening the country to large-scale international investment.

According to him, "a new era of Renewed Hope has begun—one where Nigeria is ready, open, and strategically positioned for global investment at an unprecedented scale."

He added, "Under the visionary leadership of President Tinubu, Nigeria is experiencing a bold transformation driven by the Renewed Hope Agenda."

The remarks were made during a press conference in Abuja on

Wednesday ahead of the World Investment Summit scheduled for June 24 to 26, 2026.

The organisers say the summit is designed to address interconnected global challenges affecting investment flows, including food security, healthcare systems, technological shifts, sustainable finance, energy transition and climate concerns.

A dedicated segment will focus on climate finance and investment, aligning with broader global climate discussions.

Beyond thematic sessions, the summit is expected to feature 15

tracks covering gender equality, youth participation, academia, investment facilitation, public-private partnerships and sustainable finance.

Positioned as a high-level platform, the gathering aims to bring policymakers, private sector leaders and development stakeholders into direct engagement on investment issues.

Organisers describe it as an opportunity for participants to shape policy conversations, influence investment strategies and build networks across business and government circles.

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## NCDC Confirms COVID-19 Case In Cross River

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) has confirmed a case of COVID-19 in Cross River State, assuring Nigerians that the situation is under control with no evidence of widespread transmission.

In a press statement issued by its Corporate Communications Division, the agency disclosed that the infected individual has been isolated and is currently stable,

receiving care in line with national treatment guidelines.

The NCDC stated that immediate response measures have been activated in collaboration with the Cross River State Ministry of Health and relevant partners.

"These include intensified contact tracing, strengthened surveillance, and reinforced infection prevention and control measures to contain any possible spread," they said.

According to the agency, all identified contacts are being closely monitored, with appropriate follow-up ongoing to ensure early detection and response where necessary.

The public health agency urged Nigerians to remain calm but vigilant, maintain proper hygiene practices such as regular hand washing, observe respiratory etiquette, and stay at home when

feeling unwell.

It further advised the public to rely only on verified information from official health authorities, warning against misinformation that could trigger unnecessary panic.

The NCDC reaffirmed its commitment to closely monitoring the situation and providing timely updates, while encouraging citizens to use its toll-free hotline and official platforms for accurate information.

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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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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.
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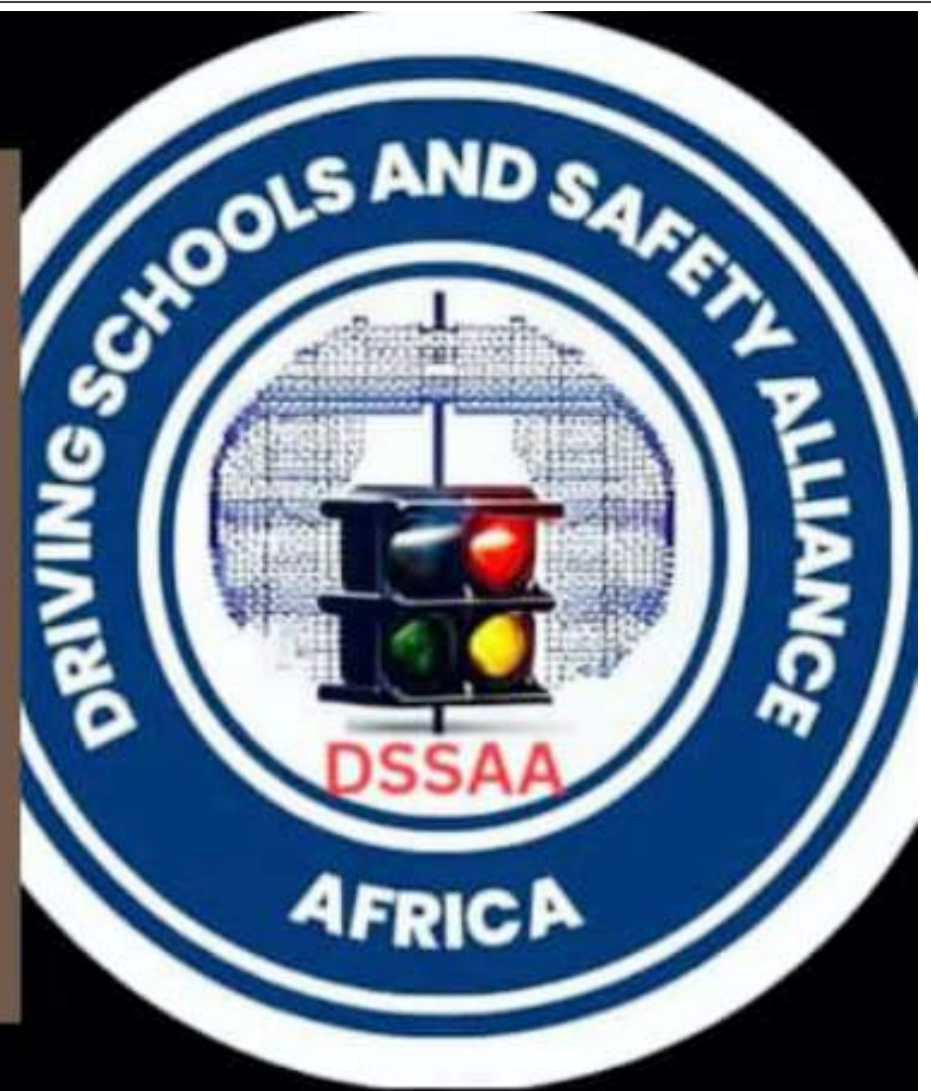


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