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FRSC Urges Motorists To Reduce Speed During Rainy Season

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The Federal Road Safety Corps in Ogun State has advised motorists to reduce speed and exercise patience when approaching potholes on highways to avoid preventable crashes during the rainy season.

The Ogun Sector Commander of the FRSC, Oludare Ogunjobi, gave the advice while speaking with the News Agency of Nigeria on Monday in Ota.

Ogunjobi said the advice became necessary to remind motorists that wet roads are slippery and that speed makes it difficult to control vehicles, especially during the rainy season.

He urged motorists to maintain double or triple the distance between their vehicles and the car ahead to allow for extra braking time.

“The FRSC is appealing to motorists to apply common-sense speed limits by reducing their speed below the posted limit when it rains.

“Also, motorists should focus on extreme caution and proactive vehicle

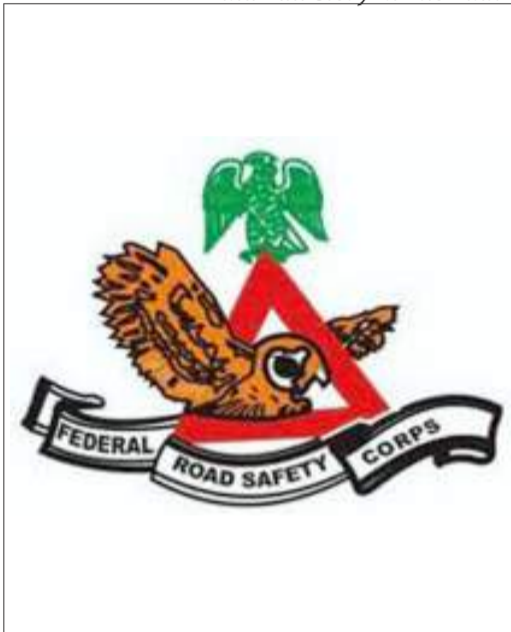
maintenance to prevent unnecessary loss of lives,” he said.

He advised all drivers to check worn-out tyres and ensure that their vehicles are weather-ready by inspecting essential components such as windscreen wipers before embarking on any trip.

He also urged drivers to replace worn-out wiper blades immediately to maintain clear visibility on the road.

Ogunjobi emphasised the need for motorists to ensure that all headlamps,

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The agreement, which was consummated by the Corps Marshal, FRSC, Shehu Mohammed and Beer Sectoral Group Chairman, Thibaut Boidin, at the FRSC National Headquarters on Monday in Abuja, binds the parties to protect every commuter, every family, and every life on Nigerian roads.

TheFact Daily reports that the Beer Sectoral Group is an advocate of beverage alcohol intake among adults, and on the mission to develop the beer industry by encouraging sound professional practice.

According to a statement by the Deputy Corps Commander, Corps Public Education Officer, FRSC, Osondu Ohaeri, the MoU declares war on complacency.

It also mandates intensified nationwide campaigns, aggressive public education, and targeted interventions that confront drunk driving at its source.

While the Corps brings statutory authority and data driven enforcement to the table, the brewing giants, Beer Sectoral Group, brings reach, resources, and responsibility. Together the two partners will dismantle the culture that treats alcohol and steering wheels as compatible.

Expectedly, for the next five years, this alliance will measure success in bodies kept alive, families kept whole, and roads made safe.

The FRSC and Beer Sectoral Group are setting a precedent and the message to every Nigerian is absolute. Drink responsibly or do not drive at all.

The pact was executed in the presence of the chief executives of Guinness Nigeria Plc, Girish Sharma, and International Breweries Plc, Nicholas Kade, alongside BSG Executive Director Abiola Lasehinde and the full weight of FRSC Management.

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The initiative forms part of a broader programme targeting 1,000 tricycle operators across Maiduguri metropolis and Jere Local Council.

The environmentally friendly tricycles were earlier inaugurated on December 20, 2025 by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, as part of efforts to modernise transport and ease economic hardship.

At the launch held over the weekend at the Government House in Maiduguri, Zulum said the initiative was designed to support less-privileged tricycle operators and reduce transportation costs for residents.

“The e-tricycles initiative was designed to empower less-privileged Keke Napep riders and reduce transportation costs for residents across the Metropolitan Council and Jere Local



Governor Babagana Zulum

Council,” he said.

“I am privileged to launch this empowerment programme for about 1,000 beneficiaries among tricycle riders in Maiduguri and Jere today.”

He said the tricycles, procured months earlier, were now being formally distributed to beneficiaries.

“These eco-friendly tricycles represent a step towards modernising

transportation while promoting environmental sustainability,” he added.

The governor said a designated committee would oversee the payment structure, while the state government would subsidise 30 per cent of the cost to make the tricycles affordable.

He added that beneficiaries are expected to comply with established

guidelines to ensure accountability and sustainability.

Zulum also disclosed that 16,783 registered tricycle operators drawn from 25 associations in Maiduguri and Jere would each receive N50,000 to cushion economic hardship.

“We have approved a financial intervention amounting to N1 billion to support transportation workers.

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A fatal road accident has claimed the life of a dispatch rider in the Alapere area of Lagos, while swift intervention by the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority prevented further escalation at the scene. The incident occurred along the Motorways inward Estate axis of Alapere, where an empty NIPCO tanker with registration number TTN-776ZQ reportedly rammed into the moving dispatch rider.

According to preliminary findings, the tanker driver was allegedly travelling at excessive speed when the collision occurred, leading to the rider's immediate death.

Officials of LASTMA arrived promptly at the scene and took control of the situation. Their quick response was crucial in preventing a breakdown of law and order, as a group of aggrieved dispatch riders had gathered and attacked the tanker driver in anger.

LASTMA officers successfully rescued the injured driver from the mob and handed

him over to personnel of the Lagos State Ambulance Service. He was subsequently taken to a nearby hospital for urgent medical treatment.

Security was further reinforced with the arrival of officers from the Alausa Police Station, whose presence helped disperse the crowd and restore calm in the area.

Reacting to the incident, the General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, expressed condolences to the family of the deceased rider and urged all road users to exercise caution.

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The Accident Scene

CNG Transport Rollout Sparks Delays And Long Queues At OAU

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Students of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Osun State, have raised concerns over long queues and delays in movement across campus following the introduction of compressed natural gas (CNG)-powered vehicles.

The complaints came just days after the Students' Union suspended a 72-hour lecture boycott held between April 14 and April 16, 2026, over transportation challenges affecting academic activities.

The new transport system was introduced after the donation of 80 CNG buses and tricycles by Oluremi Tinubu, aimed at improving mobility within the university.

However, students say the rollout has created fresh problems, particularly due to restrictions limiting intra-campus transport to the new vehicles.

Videos circulating online show long queues at bus stops, with students waiting extended periods—especially during peak hours.

Reacting to the situation, some students took to social media to express frustration. One user described it as the worst transport experience in years, noting that queues stretched as far as Mayfair.

Another criticised the implementation, pointing to an insufficient number of buses, while others said the new system had worsened conditions despite earlier protests.

The Students' Union Government, led by President Adelani David and Secretary-General Habeeb Oke, had earlier demanded an increase in the number of buses to serve the over 35,000 students on campus.

The union also called for the temporary reinstatement of the previous transport system and urged management to engage student leaders before implementing major policy changes.

While acknowledging the First Lady's intervention, the union maintained that inadequate fleet size and poor planning have resulted in the current challenges.

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FAAN Dismisses Airport Security Concerns, Warns Against Outdated Claims

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The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has issued a rebuttal to recent reports of airport vulnerabilities, characterising the commentary from prominent aviation experts as “sensational” and based on “outdated knowledge.”

In a statement, Henry Agbebire, FAAN's Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, addressed allegations of 'porous' borders and security gaps, arguing that while vigilance is paramount, the public discourse must be rooted in current operational realities rather than decades-old data.

At the heart of the dispute is the reliance on a 2004 audit by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to justify claims of current vulnerability. Agbebire dismissed this approach as flawed, noting that aviation security is one of the most dynamic fields in global operations.

“To anchor present-day conclusions on assessments conducted over twenty years ago is to ignore the very nature of



Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN)

how aviation security evolves,” Agbebire stated. He emphasised that Nigeria has undergone numerous ICAO audit cycles and technological upgrades in the intervening two decades, driven by evolving threats and global standards.

The agency also challenged the tendency of commentators to focus on visible infrastructure, such as perimeter fencing, as the sole indicator of security. Agbebire argued that modern airport

defense is a layered architecture—much of which is intentionally kept out of the public eye.

“Security is not a spectacle; it is a system,” Agbebire noted. “The absence of publicly available details is not evidence of inaction; it is a fundamental principle of security management.”

A significant portion of the rebuttal touched on the 'currency of knowledge.' FAAN pointed out that critics who are

no longer embedded within the current operational or intelligence frameworks of the agency may be misinterpreting the lack of visible activity as a lack of readiness.

More critically, the agency warned that 'alarmist' commentary does more than just critique—it potentially invites the very risks it seeks to prevent. By shaping a global perception of vulnerability, such narratives can undermine investor sentiment and, in the worst-case scenario, provide hostile actors with a “reinforced perception of opportunity.”

While welcoming constructive critique, FAAN urged industry experts to seek updated information and engage with relevant authorities before making sweeping generalisations.

“What is required at this moment is not alarm, but alignment,” the statement concluded, reaffirming that Nigeria's aviation sector remains in line with global best practices through continuous, deliberate, and often discreet efforts.

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Nigeria, South Africa Navies Seal Strategic Maritime Partnership

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The Nigerian Navy and the South African Navy have concluded their maiden Naval Staff Talks to formalise a strategic maritime partnership aimed at strengthening security cooperation and safeguarding shared interests across African waters.

The high-level engagement, held from April 12 to 18, 2026, at Naval Base Simon's Town, marks a significant milestone in bilateral defence relations between both countries. It established a structured framework for sustained naval collaboration between two of Africa's leading maritime forces.

The Nigerian delegation led by the Flag Officer Commanding Western Naval Command, Rear Admiral A.A. Mustapha, while Rear Admiral S. Makhanya headed the South African team.

According to a statement by the Nigerian Navy, the talks were convened as part of a strategic initiative endorsed by the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Idi

Abbas, and his South African counterpart, Vice Admiral Monde Lobese, to deepen bilateral ties and enhance maritime security cooperation. Deliberations during the talks focused on critical areas of mutual interest, including maritime domain awareness, joint training, operational coordination, and capacity development. The outcomes are expected to bolster collective responses to maritime threats such as piracy, illegal fishing, and transnational organised crime across African waters.



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The Osun Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, has announced the official resumption of Corps Commander Sunday Adebayo as the new Sector Commander in the state.

The announcement was made in a statement issued by Agnes Ogungbemi, the Sector Public Education Officer, confirming that Adebayo took over leadership on Tuesday, April 13, 2026.

According to the statement, "Adebayo is an experienced officer with extensive background in road safety administration, traffic management, and public service within the Corps."

It noted that he had previously served in several operational and administrative roles, where he demonstrated leadership, discipline, and effective coordination in executing the Corps' mandate.

The statement indicated that his appointment followed recognition of his competence and outstanding service record within the organisation.

"As Sector Commander, Adebayo is expected to oversee road safety

Adebayo Assumes Office As Osun FRSC Sector Commander

operations, enforcement of traffic regulations, public enlightenment campaigns, and administrative coordination across Osun State."

Meanwhile, Adebayo upon assumption of duty expressed appreciation to the Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, for the confidence placed in him.

"I am grateful to the Corps Marshal for this opportunity to serve. I remain committed to upholding the core values of the Corps through discipline, professionalism and teamwork," he said.

He emphasised the importance of sustained public education, strict enforcement of traffic laws, and stronger collaboration with stakeholders in the transport sector.

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S'holders Renew Calls For Suspension Of Taxes, Levies On Local Airlines



Local flight

Stakeholders in Nigeria's aviation sector have renewed calls for the Federal Government to suspend multiple taxes and levies imposed on domestic airlines and flight tickets, warning that the charges are crippling operators and pushing airfares beyond the reach of many travellers.

Industry groups said easing the tax burden had become urgent to stabilise airline operations, keep domestic routes open and make air travel more affordable amid rising operating costs, particularly the soaring price of aviation fuel.

The renewed appeal followed concerns by local carriers over the cost of Jet A1 fuel, with some operators claiming prices had risen

sharply in recent weeks.

The Airline Operators of Nigeria had earlier threatened to suspend flight operations from April 20 over the rising cost of fuel, but later announced a temporary suspension of the planned shutdown after intervention by the Minister of Aviation, Festus Keyamo.

Stakeholders said about 35 percent of airfare paid by passengers consists of taxes, levies and statutory charges, making Nigerian domestic tickets among the most expensive in the region.

They urged the Ministry of Aviation to direct the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria and other aviation agencies to temporarily reduce or suspend levies on local airlines and flight tickets for at least three months.

According to them, such relief would help airlines remain in business and support growth in the sector.

Managing Director of Flight and Logistic Solutions Limited, Amos Akpan, listed some of the charges faced by operators to include cargo

sales tax, passenger sales tax, charter sales tax, passenger service charges, fuel levies, import duties on aircraft spare parts, company taxes and various regulatory fees.

He said airlines also pay navigation charges, aircraft landing fees, parking charges, inspection fees, certification fees and bank transaction deductions.

Akpan noted that a one-way ticket with a base fare of N148,000 could attract about N55,000 in taxes and additional charges.

He added that the International Civil Aviation Organisation recommends that member states remove taxes such as Value Added Tax on aircraft, spare parts and aviation consumables.

Also speaking, Ado Sanusi said multiple taxation was undermining airline operations and threatening the survival of domestic carriers.

He said a downward review or temporary suspension of charges would help airlines withstand the current pressure of high fuel prices.

Meanwhile, Keyamo appealed to airlines to suspend any plan to raise

ticket fares or halt operations, assuring operators that the government was taking their concerns seriously.

He announced a high-level emergency stakeholders' meeting scheduled for April 22, in Abuja to seek a practical and sustainable resolution to the crisis.

The minister said any immediate increase in ticket prices would place additional hardship on Nigerians, reduce demand for air travel and limit accessibility.

He added that shutting down operations would negatively affect the economy, disrupt logistics networks and weaken public confidence in the aviation sector.

In a related development, the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority dismissed fears of an aviation fuel shortage, stating that the country currently has 74 days of combined inland and refinery stock.

The agency said the aviation fuel market remains adequately supplied and that current retail prices range between N1,960 and N2,800 per litre, contrary to claims of N3,300 per litre.

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NPA Pensioners To Shutdown Port Over 16 Years Unpaid Benefits

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Retirees of the Nigerian Ports Authority have threatened to shut down seaports nationwide over more than 16 years of unpaid pension benefits.

The warning was issued by the Nigerian Ports Authority Pensioners Welfare Association, which said it would begin a nationwide protest within seven days if its demands are not met.

The association's president, Charles Ayo Binitie, said the action was prompted by the failure of NPA management to implement the constitutionally mandated five-year pension increment, which he said had not been applied since 2008.

"It is sad and regrettable to say the least, that amid the present high inflation rate and economic downturn in Nigeria, only a few NPA retirees receive up to N100,000, while more than 50 percent of them earn between N50,000 and as low as N30,000 monthly," Binitie said.

He added that the current pension structure falls short of provisions under



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Section 173(3) of the constitution, which guarantees periodic increases in pension payments.

According to him, repeated efforts by the association to resolve the issue have yielded

no results. He said the group had written to the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission and the presidency through the secretary to the government of the federation, but no action

had been taken.

"The NPA is yet to furnish the Wages Commission with its documents for over 15 years now, so that the necessary upward review can be made," he said.

Binitie also dismissed

claims of factional disputes within the association, noting that internal disagreements had been resolved through court rulings, including a Lagos High Court judgement and a September 2025 decision by an Apapa magistrate court affirming his leadership.

He said the association now speaks with one voice, stressing that the economic hardship faced by retirees has become unbearable.

The group called on the federal government and relevant authorities to compel the NPA to settle all outstanding benefits, including pension increments tied to the 2024 minimum wage.

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Osinbajo Inaugurates 6.72km Community Road In Bayelsa



Prof. Osinbajo

Former Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, officially opened the 6.72km Agbura Oxbow Lake Road in Bayelsa on Monday.

The newly completed Agbura-Oxbow Lake road will serve as a convenient bypass for residents of Agbura, Ogbia communities, and motorists traveling to road in Nembe and beyond from Swali Market.

During the inauguration, former Vice President expressed his appreciation to Governor Diri for his efforts made to improve the lives of the people of Bayelsa through enhanced infrastructure

Osinbanjo, while thanking Gov. Diri for the

invitation to commission the project, said that it is not often in politics that people keep to their words.

He said Diri is a straight forward person that keeps to his promise.

"I was here four years ago for groundbreaking, but today the project has been actualized, for this is a man of his words.

"This road is very special to the people of this area, which open access to the Federal University Otuoke, and Oloibiri where oil was first discovered in large quantity.

"This road is an access to many Communities and even the state capital. I want to thank Diri for making life easier for the people of Bayelsa," he said.

Governor Douye Diri of Bayelsa expressed gratitude to the people of Bayelsa and Prof. Yemi Osinbajo for honoring the invitation to inaugurate the project, which was initially groundbreaking in 2022.

According to him:" you houred us during the ground breaking in 2022 as the vice President, but today the projects has been commissioned by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, early this month and today you are here coming another road project.

"Sitting by you today that you are a real Bayelsa man, as you said you eat plantain everyday.

"Development must be felt in every part of Bayelsa State, as for us their is nothing like difficult terrain, we must follow it squarely," he said.

Diri commented the federal government led by President Tinubu, who has been supporting Bayelsa as a State, and Nigeria at large.

The governor equally appreciated the contractors and the Ministry of works and infrastructure, for seeing that the construction is fully completed.

Hon. Moses Teibowei, the

Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, highlighted that the project involved the construction of a 6.72km single-carriageway road with specific features such as a 7.3-meter width finished with two layers of asphalt binder and wearing courses, along with 2.35-meter shoulders on both sides.

Additionally, 1 kilometer of drainage was included on each side in the development areas. The construction began on May 17, 2024. The completion of this bypass will facilitate easier access to Swali Ultramodern Market, reduce travel time, alleviate traffic congestion, and enhance commercial activities for the residents of Agbura and neighboring Ogbia communities. This achievement signifies a significant milestone in the administration's commitment to improving infrastructure, connectivity, and the overall quality of life for the people in the region.

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Astana Hosts 70th Anniversary Meeting Of Railway Leaders Across Eurasia

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The XL meeting of the Organization for Cooperation between Railways Conference of General Directors (OSJD) has officially opened in Kazakhstan's capital, bringing together top railway officials from across Europe and Asia.

This year's gathering carries added significance as OSJD marks its 70th anniversary, highlighting decades of cooperation in building and modernizing international rail systems.

Established in 1956, the organization has played a central role in developing a unified legal framework for rail transport while strengthening the competitiveness of overland routes linking East and West.

Held in Astana, which sits at the heart of Eurasia, the meeting underscores Kazakhstan's growing



importance as a transit hub connecting major global markets.

The country sits at the crossroads of key transport corridors that facilitate trade between

Asia and Europe, making it an ideal host for discussions on the future of railway cooperation.

The conference has drawn representatives

from around 30 countries, including China, Russia, Hungary, Vietnam, Azerbaijan, Poland, Estonia, Armenia, Georgia, and South Korea.

Participants are engaging in high-level talks aimed at improving coordination across borders and enhancing the efficiency of rail networks spanning vast

geographic regions.

Central to the agenda are issues such as the development of freight and passenger transportation, modernization of infrastructure, and the integration of digital technologies into railway systems.

Delegates are also addressing the synchronization of transport corridors; a critical step toward reducing transit times and increasing reliability for international shipments.

In addition, the meeting is focusing on workforce development, recognizing the need for skilled personnel to support increasingly complex and technology-driven railway operations.

The outcomes of the conference will shape OSJD's work program for the coming period, outlining priorities for cooperation and investment. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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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. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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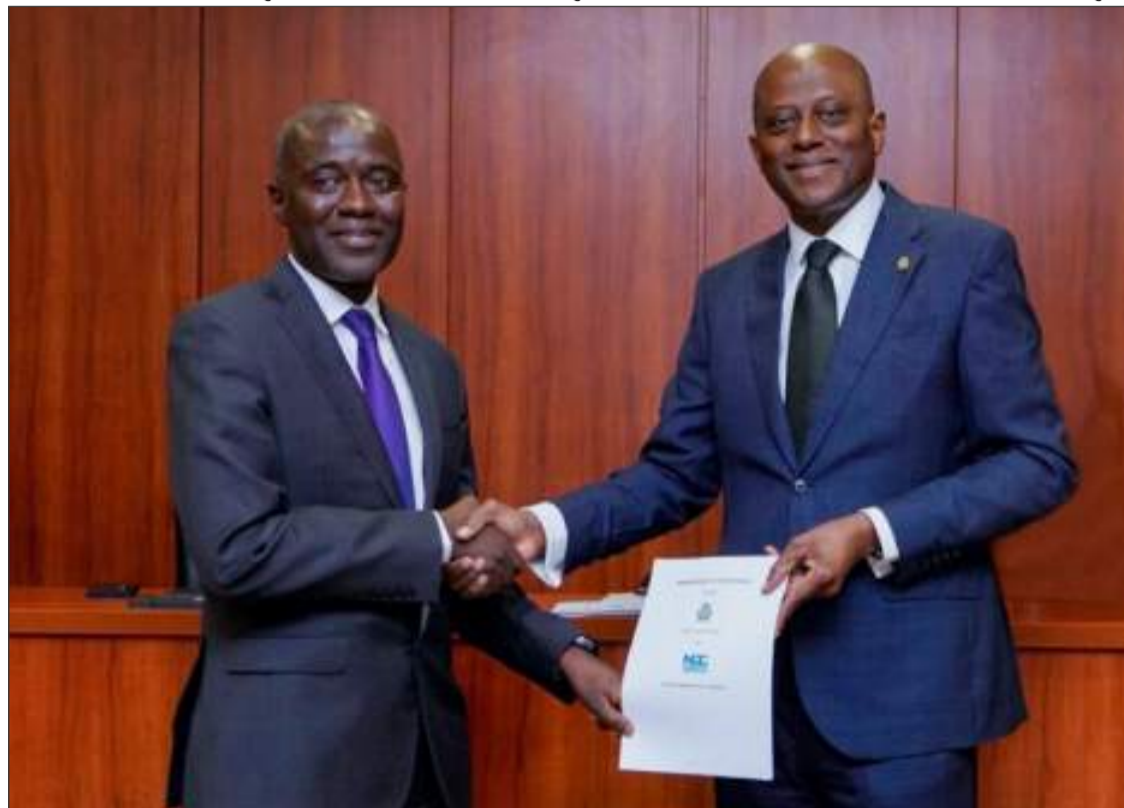
CBN, NCC Partner To Curb E-Fraud, Bolster Nigeria's Payment System Stability

Culled:

In response to the complexity of the current digital financial ecosystem, which requires a more comprehensive, forward-looking framework, the Central Bank of Nigeria has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to reinforce the stability of Nigeria's payment system. Speaking during the signing ceremony in Abuja on Monday, Olayemi Cardoso, CBN governor, noted that across Nigeria, citizens and businesses increasingly depend on digital channels to save, pay, trade, access credit, and build livelihoods, adding those channels, in turn, depend on resilient telecommunications networks, trusted identity systems, and secure data flows.

He emphasised that when the communications sector is strong, the financial system is more inclusive and more efficient; and when the financial system is sound, investment and innovation in the digital economy can thrive.

Cardoso explained that the rise in digital adoption has also attracted increasingly sophisticated fraud schemes, stating that addressing



CBN, NCC partners to curb e-fraud

these threats requires joined-up action—shared intelligence, clearer escalation paths, stronger operational readiness across regulated entities, and consistent public education. Under this MoU, he said measures such as strengthened authentication for higher-risk transactions, effective transaction monitoring, functional fraud reporting channels, and a harmonised consumer sensitisation

programme—particularly for underserved segments and MSMEs—will be introduced. “That is why this MoU is not merely an administrative document—it is a practical statement of national interest. CBN and NCC have a history of constructive engagement on matters such as short code governance for payment service providers, coordination to support cross-platform stability, and the resolution of challenges

around US\$ payments.

“First, we are reinforcing the stability and integrity of Nigeria's payment system. As we deepen instant payments, expand QR-based payments, and advance open banking and API interoperability, it is essential that infrastructure across both sectors is aligned—so that transactions are reliable, services scale smoothly, and consumers enjoy safe and seamless experiences.

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FAE Pushes Revival Of Nigeria's Paper Industry

Culled:

Princess Bakare-Okeowo, managing director and chief executive officer, FAE Limited, has called for the revival of the country's paper industry, insisting that digitalisation can coexist with a thriving paper ecosystem.

Okeowo made this known at the recent unveiling of FAE Limited's Eco Fine photocopier paper in Lagos as part of activities to mark this year's World Envelopes Day.

According to her, Nigeria's paper industry remained underdeveloped compared to its population, noting that the country has only a few paper mills despite its large market size.

Egypt has about 25 paper mill industries. What is the population of Egypt? In Nigeria, we are over 250 million, and we have just three paper mills,” she said.

“We have Chinese coming in to make papers in Nigeria; meanwhile, our old paper mills are not working,” she added.

She stressed that the push for a paperless society should not come at the expense of the country's paper industry, adding that Nigerians should be allowed to choose their preferred mode of communication.

“I am using this opportunity of World Envelope Day to plead with the government to make our post office work. Let the Nigerian people judge where and how they want their communications to be. They shouldn't kill the paper industries in Nigeria.”

Highlighting the economic potential of the industry, she noted that paper production is highly lucrative, while calling for increased investment.

“We need a lot of investors when it comes to papermaking because papermaking is a gold mine. A ton of paper now is \$1,300. Imagine, we are exporting that out of Nigeria,” Bakare-Okeowo said.

She maintained that local manufacturers currently cannot meet demand, adding that her firm was already grappling with supply constraints.

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Firm To Position Nigeria's Artists For Global Relevance



CraftVantage

Culled: CraftVantage has announced its 2026 cohort, which will bring together a carefully selected group of outstanding art graduates and place them within a structured programme designed to move talent

into visible, commercially viable practice.

According to the firm in a statement, the 2026 cohort will bring together exceptional graduates from leading institutions, including Yaba College of Technology and the University of Lagos.

It said that each artist is commissioned to produce original work, supported through dedicated funding and production resources, with direct access to experienced curators and practitioners, and a clear expectation of delivering work that is distinctive, compelling, and exhibition-ready.

“This body of work will be presented in 'Bold Stories, Sustainable Futures,' a curated exhibition taking place at the Wings Office Complex in Lagos in May 2026. The exhibition is conceived as a cultural moment of intent, bringing together collectors, institutions, media, and a wider HNI audience,” the statement added.

Providing curatorial direction for the programme, a Senior

Lecturer, Department of Fine and Applied Arts, Dr Bolaji Ogunwo, stated that talent has never been the issue, stressing that what has been missing is structure, access, and continuity. CraftVantage is closing that gap in a way that is deliberate and uncompromising, so that artists are not only seen, but taken seriously.”

For the Founder, Misi Ogunbodede, the platform speaks to something larger. She said: “This is about how we choose to invest in the future we want to see. When young people are given real opportunity, they don't just create art; they shape narratives, economies, and identity.

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MTN Nigeria

Subscribers Renew Complaints Over Data As MTN Faces Fresh Scrutiny

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A Nigerian subscriber has publicly called out MTN Nigeria on X (formerly Twitter), over what he described as unusually rapid data depletion, reigniting concerns about billing transparency in the country's telecom sector.

In a widely circulated complaint, the customer alleged that a weekly data subscription was exhausted in less than 48 hours despite regular usage patterns. "How can someone do a weekly subscription and it finishes in less than 48 hours? I'm spending ₦10,000 every week buying data," he said,

reflecting growing frustration among users over rising data costs and perceived inconsistencies in usage tracking.

The complaint adds to a pattern of criticism previously directed at the telecom giant by activist and former presidential candidate Omoyele Sowore, who had accused the company of exploiting subscribers through excessive and unexplained data charges.

Sowore, in earlier remarks, described telecom providers, particularly MTN as engaging in practices that allegedly shortchange users, claiming that

purchased data often depletes faster than expected.

While such claims remain contested and unverified, they have continued to fuel public debate around accountability and consumer protection within Nigeria's telecommunications industry.

The renewed backlash also comes amid the recent announcement of MTN Nigeria, suspending its airtime and data advance service known as Xtratime.

Industry observers note that the suspension of these services has

further intensified scrutiny of telecom pricing models and revenue streams, with consumers increasingly questioning billing structures and service delivery standards.

The situation underscores broader concerns about transparency, regulation, and consumer trust in Nigeria's fast-growing digital economy.

Subscribers continue to call for clearer communication from service providers and stronger enforcement of consumer protection standards to address recurring complaints in the sector.

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Uganda Partners Nigeria To Advance TVET Across Africa

The Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Olatunji Alausa has lauded the Uganda government for its commitment to partner Nigeria to advancing Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) across Africa.

The Minister who made the commendation in his keynote address at the opening ceremony of the Benchmarking visit by the Uganda Vocational and Technical

Assessment Board (UVTAB) to the National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTEB) in Benin city on Monday also emphasized the need for collaboration with international partners and stakeholders to enhance skills development and create a productive workforce.

Dr. Alausa who was represented by Kolawole Osundeyi said Nigeria is actively aligning its education

policies with continental and global frameworks, including the African Union's TVET Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 4), to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all.

According to the Minister, this visit reflects the growing importance of regional collaboration in strengthening educational systems, particularly in the area of skills development and

assessment.

"It is through such partnerships that we can collectively address the challenge of youth unemployment, bridge skills gaps, and drive sustainable economic growth.

"Today's event is not only timely but highly significant, as it reflects our shared commitment to strengthening Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) systems across Africa.

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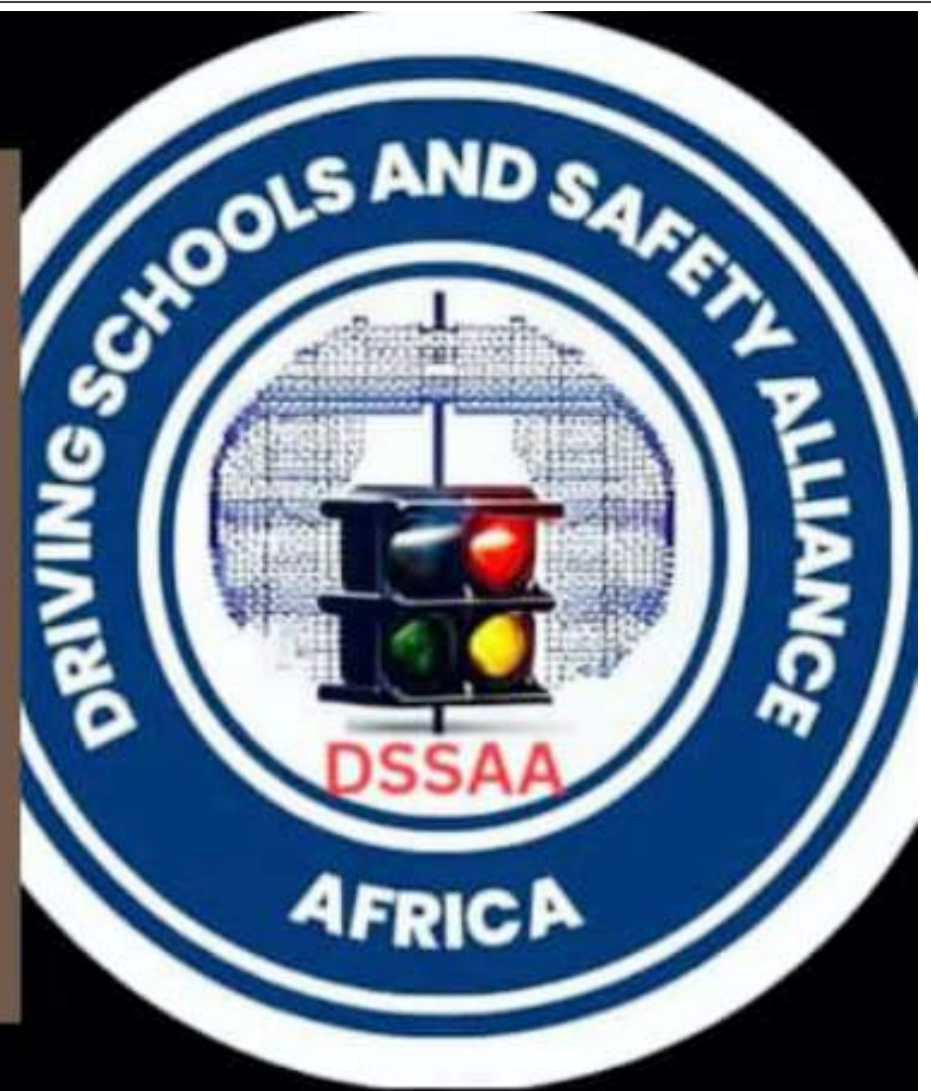


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