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The training, which commenced on Monday, is part of the agency's broader effort to build a more efficient and responsive workforce capable of handling the complexities of traffic control in Lagos.

According to the Authority, the programme is designed to equip senior personnel with skills to manage emotions effectively, maintain professionalism in public interactions and optimise time in the discharge of their duties.

Participants were also trained on maintaining composure under pressure, particularly in challenging situations that require patience, tact and sound judgment. The initiative is

expected to foster courteous interpersonal relations, strict adherence to operational procedures and consistent professionalism in engagements with motorists and other road users.

Speaking on the development, LASTMA General Manager, Olalekan Bakare Oki, said the success of the agency depends largely on the discipline, professionalism and emotional stability of its personnel.

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He disclosed this while referencing the airline's emergence as the Most Passenger Friendly Domestic Airline Award at the 15th edition of the Nigeria Aviation Award (NIGAV).

The ValueJets Airlines Managing Director described the award as a validation of the airline's customer-first philosophy.

He said the award reinforces its growing reputation for customer-focused service and operational excellence within Nigeria's aviation industry.

The ceremony, brought together key stakeholders across the aviation ecosystem, including regulators, airline operators, airport authorities, and industry professionals, to celebrate outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the sector.

ValueJet's recognition in the passenger-friendly category, its Managing Director said reflects a strong affirmation of its commitment to putting passengers at the centre of everything we do.

"At ValueJet, we continuously strive to improve the travel experience by ensuring safety, reliability, and service excellence.

"These achievements highlight the airline's strong investment in people, training, and service culture, ensuring that passengers consistently enjoy a high standard of in-flight experience.

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NCAA Engages Airlines To Ensure Smooth 2026 Hajj Operations

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The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has intensified preparations for the 2026 airlift of pilgrims by holding a strategic engagement with selected domestic airlines to ensure a smooth, efficient, and well-coordinated operation.

The meeting, which took place in Abuja on Monday, brought together key stakeholders in Nigeria's aviation and pilgrimage logistics chain. It is part of early planning measures designed to avoid operational bottlenecks and enhance service delivery during the upcoming Hajj season.

Speaking at the engagement, the Director-General of the NCAA, Chris Najomo, said the Authority convened the meeting to review ongoing preparations and identify practical steps that would improve coordination among operators. He noted that the objective is to ensure efficiency in flight scheduling, strengthen collaboration between stakeholders, and enhance the overall experience of pilgrims travelling from



Capt. Najomo

Nigeria.

Najomo emphasized that early coordination remains critical to the success of Hajj airlift operations, particularly given the scale and sensitivity of transporting thousands of pilgrims within a limited operational window. He added that the NCAA remains committed to maintaining strict regulatory oversight while also

facilitating seamless airline participation.

Key issues discussed at the meeting included the allocation of operational slots, flight scheduling procedures, and broader logistics management. Stakeholders also deliberated on the proposal to involve additional Saudi-based carriers in order to supplement the capacity of Nigerian airlines and improve flexibility in passenger

movement.

After extensive deliberations, participants reached a resolution that slot approvals would be granted strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. According to the NCAA, this decision is aimed at encouraging early preparation, timely documentation, and improved coordination among all participating airlines.

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Akwa Ibom Govt Raises Alarm Over Hike In Aviation Fuel

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Akwa Ibom State-owned airline, Ibom Airlines Limited has raised alarm over the skyrocketing price of aviation fuel in Nigeria unlike in other climes.

It urged Nigerian fuel marketers to reconsider the pricing of aviation fuel to make the airline business model continue to work in the country.

Group Manager, Marketing and Communication of Ibom Airlines, Aniekan Essienette who noted this in a statement in Uyo on Monday said if the price continues to worsen, they'll have no option than to reduce the number of flights in operation.

Reiterating the unbearable cost of fueling their aircraft, Essienette said, "From an average of N2.1m per flight in January, as at today, the 27th of April, we are paying approximately N7.6m to fuel every flight. This is a more than 350% increase since the beginning of March, a space of just 7 weeks!"

She explained that domestic airlines are in awe of why the price of aviation

fuel in Nigeria is way above the rest of the world, while the fuel marketers obtain 95% or more of their aviation fuel from Dangote Refinery.

The Spokesperson said based on the twin factor of patriotism and competitive pressure, Ibom Air, has refused to increase the price of its fares, adding that the company as well as other domestic airlines had to absorb the immense operating losses resulting from the situation.

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Lagos Debunks Viral Traffic Restriction Claim On Ikeja Bridge

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The Lagos State Ministry of Transportation has dismissed as false a viral message alleging new traffic restrictions around the Sheraton Link Bridge inward Opebi Road in Ikeja.

In a statement issued on Monday via its official X (formerly Twitter) handle, the ministry clarified that there had been no changes to traffic rules in the area, urging motorists to disregard the circulating information.

The Commissioner for Transportation, Oluwaseun Osiyemi, described the message as "false and misleading," stressing that no diversion plans or alterations to the existing traffic flow had been introduced.

According to the ministry, traffic regulations around the Sheraton Link Bridge and its environs remain unchanged until officially announced otherwise.

It also refuted claims that task force officials had been deployed to harass or extort motorists in the area, stating that

such allegations were unfounded.

The clarification followed the widespread circulation of a WhatsApp and X message on Sunday, which claimed that motorists approaching the bridge were required to divert through alternative routes, including the Ojota-Opebi link, and warned of aggressive enforcement by officials.

The ministry advised residents and road users to rely only on verified government channels for traffic updates and to avoid sharing unconfirmed information.

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The Managing Director, Kayode Opeifa, made the position known as the corporation joined the global community to commemorate the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, aligning with this year's theme focused on psychosocial working environments. In a statement issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer, Callistus Unyimadu, Opeifa said the evolving nature of workplace safety demands a shift beyond physical hazards to include mental and emotional wellbeing. Addressing workers across the



Dr. Opeifa

corporation's nationwide operations, including the Lagos-Ibadan, Abuja-Kaduna and Warri-Itakpe standard gauge lines, as well as narrow gauge routes, the NRC boss stressed that employee welfare is directly tied to passenger safety.

"Nigerians trust us to move them safely, and that trust begins with how safe and supported we feel at work," he said. Opeifa noted that the pressures of

railway operations, long shifts, night duties and strict scheduling demands, have heightened stress levels among staff, warning that such conditions could compromise safety if left unaddressed.

"A tired driver, a distracted technician, or a demoralised station officer is a risk to the entire rail system," he said.

He revealed that concerns raised during internal engagements, including heavy workloads, irregular shifts,

limited welfare facilities at remote stations and strained interdepartmental relations, have prompted management to adopt a more holistic safety approach.

According to him, psychosocial safety will now form a core component of the corporation's broader operational strategy.

As part of its 2026 agenda, Opeifa said the NRC would improve working conditions, strengthen staff welfare systems and promote a more inclusive and respectful workplace culture across all levels of the organisation.

He added that access to medical and welfare support would be expanded, with greater attention given to mental health services, urging workers experiencing emotional or psychological strain to seek help promptly.

"Silence is not safety," he said, calling on employees to report concerns early through supervisors, union representatives or designated support channels.

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Yobe Approves N59.8bn Road, Other Projects

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The Yobe State Executive Council has ratified N59.8 billion to fast-track the execution of viable projects and services earlier approved by the state government.

Commissioner for Home Affairs, Information and Culture, Alhaji Abdullahi Bego, disclosed this shortly after the council's meeting in Damaturu on Monday.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that the memoranda ratified covered road construction, healthcare services, transport, energy, commerce, and sports development. Bego said the council approved N34.1 billion for road projects, including 59 kilometres of Kaliyari-Baymari and 53km Bayamari-Geidam.

He said that N8.5 billion was approved for the construction of Jajimaji Modern Market, external works at Machina and Buni Yadi modern markets.

"In the transport and energy sectors, the sum of N5.3 billion was ratified for

the procurement of new 800KVA power generators and laying of underground armoured cables and switch gears at Government House, Damaturu.

"Procurement and installation of 2,200 units of integrated 100-watt (all-in-one) solar-powered street lights in 11 local government area headquarters at (Bara; Babbangida, Dapchi, Yunusari, Fika, Damagum, Nangere, Jakusko, Jajimaji, Machina and Yusufari," he said.

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Governor Mai Buni

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The Governor of Taraba State, Dr. Agbu Kefas, has commissioned the five-kilometer Ibi-Nwonyo road, a project executed by his administration to bolster infrastructure and stimulate economic activities in Ibi local government area of the state.

The Ibi-Nwonyo road, which serves as the primary access route to the venue of the Nwonyo International Fishing Festival, has provided a facelift to the area and its economy.

Speaking on Monday during the commissioning ceremony, Governor Kefas emphasized that his administration remains committed to prioritizing infrastructure, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

He noted that the newly constructed road would ease movement for both residents and visitors, while enhancing the commercial potential of the area.

The Governor also shared a major development regarding connectivity to the state via Ibi, announcing that work is set to resume on the Ibi Bridge project.

He attributed this breakthrough to fruitful

Gov Kefas Commissions 5km Ibi-Nwonyo Road

discussions held last week with President Bola Tinubu.

In his remarks, the Permanent Secretary overseeing the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, Mr. Samuel Lauya, observed that prior to this intervention, access to the Nwonyo festival grounds posed a serious challenge to motorists and tourists.

He added that the completed project would not only improve accessibility but also alleviate traffic congestion during the annual festival periods.

Lauya disclosed that the project was awarded in March 2026 at a cost exceeding ₦3 billion.

The Managing Director of Mould Nigeria Limited, the firm that handled the construction, Samuel Oyafemi,

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ATBOWATON, Police Boost Security On Lagos-Ogun Waterways



ATBOWATON strengthens alliance with the Police on Lagos-Ogun W'ways

The Association of Tourist Boat Operators and Water Transporters of Nigeria has stepped up efforts to enhance security across Nigeria's coastal waterways, forging stronger collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force in Lagos State and Ogun State.

This renewed commitment to tackling maritime crime was underscored during a courtesy visit by ATBOWATON executives to the Assistant Inspector General of Police overseeing both states, Olohundare Jimoh.

The high-level engagement focused on developing practical strategies to curb kidnapping, sea piracy, and other criminal activities plaguing inland and coastal

waterways.

Speaking during the meeting, AIG Jimoh praised the association for its proactive contributions to security operations, stressing the importance of sustained collaboration between law enforcement agencies and private sector stakeholders.

He expressed readiness to strengthen ties with boat operators and other maritime players to improve surveillance and response mechanisms along critical water routes. According to him, effective partnership remains a cornerstone in addressing security challenges within the maritime transport sector.

He noted that closer coordination between the police and industry operators would not only suppress criminal activity but also rebuild public confidence in water transportation systems across the region.

Earlier, the National President of ATBOWATON, Ganiyu Shekoni Balogun, popularly known as "De Boatman Tarzan," explained that the

visit was part of ongoing efforts to consolidate progress already made in reducing insecurity on the waterways.

He highlighted that incidents of kidnapping and sea piracy, once rampant, have significantly declined due to improved security interventions and stakeholder cooperation.

Balogun, who also serves as Managing Director of Tarzan Jetties and Maritime Enterprises, recalled that previous cases involving passengers and expatriates had discouraged the use of water transport, negatively impacting business operations and investor confidence.

"This engagement will have a very positive impact on our operations. While criminal activities have reduced considerably, we believe that with enhanced support – particularly in terms of equipment for marine policing – these threats can be minimised further, if not completely eliminated," he stated.

He reaffirmed the association's readiness to support security agencies with logistics, including the provision of

boats for patrols, rescue missions, and emergency response operations.

Given the extensive coverage of its members across coastal communities, ATBOWATON pledged to remain a reliable partner in safeguarding waterways.

The association has also intensified sensitisation campaigns among its members, promoting the "See Something, Say Something" approach to security.

Operators have been urged to promptly report suspicious movements to authorities, recognising that waterway crimes often occur unpredictably, at any time of day or night. Past incidents along the Lekki corridor were cited as evidence of the need for constant vigilance and swift communication.

Representatives from state chapters echoed the importance of sustained cooperation. Officials from the Lagos chapter noted that compliance with security protocols and timely intelligence-sharing have already contributed to noticeable improvements in safety across major routes.

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The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria on Monday in Lagos.

According to him, the agency is in the final stages of securing approval from network providers to replace the current long telephone number with a more accessible short code.

He said the service is expected to become operational within the next two to three weeks.

"The agency is working on ensuring that we get a short code instead of the long digit that is currently running. In the next two to three weeks, our call centre will come up with a short code that will be free," Bakare-Oki said.



Bakare-Oki

He explained that the on duty. short code to submit platform would allow Bakare-Oki added that the feedback, report Lagos residents to agency is currently emergency situations, directly engage with the installing the necessary and share any other integration of the new short code. agency by providing real- machinery and equipment relevant information that He, however, assured residents that the time information on traffic required to commence the could aid traffic challenges would soon be resolved. congestion, road service. management efforts in the "We give the assurance that in the next two to three weeks, we will be back on board strong and emergencies, and the He noted that residents state. with better service delivery to Lagos residents," conduct of traffic officers would be able to use the The LASTMA boss further

revealed that the agency's digital call centre currently has 10 responders and offers support in English, Yoruba, and other local languages to ensure wider accessibility.

He also highlighted the existing collaboration between LASTMA and other emergency response agencies, including the Lagos State Ambulance Service, Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, the Nigeria Police Force, and the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency.

According to him, this inter-agency cooperation has been instrumental in addressing emergencies and traffic-related incidents promptly.

Bakare-Oki disclosed that the agency received nearly 300 calls between January and March, although he admitted that service delivery had been affected by system downtime linked to the integration of the new short code.

He, however, assured residents that the challenges would soon be resolved.

"We give the assurance that in the next two to three weeks, we will be back on board strong and with better service delivery to Lagos residents,"

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NNPCL Crude Oil Trading Hits 5 Years Highest Of 1.71mbpd



NNPC

Under the watch of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) Group Chief Executive (GCEO) Engr. Bashir Bayo Ojulari, the state-owned firm crude oil trading has hit 1.171 million barrels per day (mbpd), the highest in five years.

Similarly, the NNPC Exploration and Production Limited (NEPL) achieved an all-time peak production of 365,000bpd in December 2025.

This was contained in the one-year scorecard of Ojulari that the company released yesterday. The document was titled "NNPCL April 2025 – April 2026- One Year Mandate Report Summary."

The report also said in the period under review,

Petroleum Prospecting Licenses 2000 and 2001 Production Sharing Contract (PSC) model were successfully executed.

According to NNPC, it was the first PSC to include comprehensive terms designed to facilitate the development of deepwater non-associated gas resources.

The report disclosed that NNPC supported the former OPL 245-Zabazaba/Ethan Project and achieved the resolution of a long-standing dispute concerning OPL 245 that resulted in its own conversion to a new PPLs for PMLs 102, 103 and PPLs 2011, 2012.

On gas production, the report revealed that the Ajaokuta Kaduna Kano AKK River Niger crossing and welding of the entire line was achieved in July 2025.

NNPC also disclosed that in the period under review, it achieved the commissioning of the Assa North Ohaji South (ANOH) gas processing plant Obiafu-Obrikom-Oben (OB3) gas pipeline connections.

In 2025, according to the report, NNPC closed gas supply at 7.5bscf/d.

The period under review, NNPC executed a Network Exit Agreement (NEXA) between NGIC and Dangote Fertilizer Ltd (DFL).

The report added that NNPC also executed a supply agreement between NNPC Has Marketing Limited (NGML) & Dangote Refinery.

Continuing, it revealed that NNPC optimized the Soku pipeline, which is a key infrastructure project to enhance gas production capacity.

On market expansion, the report said NNPC emplaced shipping partnership with Stena Bulk, Sonanagol.

According to the report, NNPC recorded the export of Cawthorne- a new grade oil grade and also expanded Oleum lubricant brand to the West African subregion.

On NNPC Ltd refineries, the report revealed that the company emplaced an incorporated Joint Venture (IJV) model to create a sustainable structure where refinery can self-finance and

operate as a competitive business.

It further noted that NNPC equity stake in Dangote Refinery were consolidated, stressing "Consolidated our holding of 7.25% equity stake in the Dangote Refinery to ensure national interest."

The report also revealed that in the period under review, NNPC secured Presidential approval for project-specific incentives to address the hurdles hindering the Final Investment Decision (FID) on Bonga South West Aparo project within the OML 118 PSC. NNPC disclosed that it has sustained its support for Dangote Refinery through crude oil supply under the "crude-for-Naira" program.

In the one year, the report said NNPC signed a tripartite MOU with China Gas Holding Ltd and Pelygang Chemical Singapore PTE Ltd (PCCS) to unlock Nigeria's vast gas resources.

NNPC, said the report, has resumed full monthly payment into the Federation Account and continued consistent payment since July 2025.

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Electric Air Taxes Take Off From Manhattan For First New York Airport Trips

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An all-electric aircraft has flown demonstration flights from Manhattan to John F. Kennedy International Airport, something the operator hopes will become an everyday occurrence at locations around the world. Electric air taxi firm Joby Aviation flew the first electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) demonstration flights between two points in New York City on Friday and is continuing testing this week.

The electric aircraft, which look similar to a giant battery-powered drone, can carry five people, including one pilot. It takes off vertically like a helicopter, then some of the propellers tilt to propel the aircraft forward. The company says they are quieter than helicopters and produce zero operating emissions because they are electric.



The goal is to connect existing heliports in Lower and Midtown Manhattan to JFK International Airport in less than 10 minutes instead of the one-to

two-hour drive.

“These flights advance our work to determine how next-generation aviation technology can serve the people of New York and New Jersey,”

said Kevin O’Toole, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs the area’s airports, in a release.

Joby owns helicopter

ride-share company Blade, which flies similar routes with traditional helicopters, and the company also maintains partnerships with Delta Air Lines and Uber.

Joby has done other test flights since 2023, but this 10-day flight campaign is part of the Federal Aviation Administration’s eVTOL Integration Pilot Program.

In March, the US Department of Transportation chose eight pilot programs where eVOTLs will be tested. Besides urban air taxi services, regional passenger transportation, cargo, emergency meal response operations, autonomous flight and offshore energy sector transportation are being tested.

Joby is working with the Port Authority, as well as the Texas DOT, Utah DOT, Florida DOT and North Carolina DOT.

In 2024, the FAA published new rules inching air taxis one step closer to reality. Since then, companies like Joby have been working on testing for certification.

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An aerial drone photo taken on Nov. 15, 2024 shows people celebrating the That Luang festival in Vientiane, Laos. The China-Laos Railway cross-border passenger service marked its third anniversary on April 13, representing a significant milestone in regional connectivity

and cultural exchange.

Linking Kunming in southwest China’s Yunnan Province with the Lao capital Vientiane, the railway enables same-day trips between the two cities. By significantly slashing journey time, the railway also brings people of the two countries

China-Laos Railway Boosts Cross-Border Connectivity

closer to each other.

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This photo taken on Sept. 26, 2024 shows a view of Patuxay Park in Vientiane, Laos. The China-Laos Railway cross-border passenger service marked its third anniversary on April 13, representing a significant milestone in regional connectivity and cultural exchange.

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This photo taken on April 16, 2026 shows an exterior view of the Luang Prabang Station of the China-Laos Railway in Luang Prabang, Laos. The China-Laos Railway cross-border passenger service marked its third anniversary on April 13, representing a significant milestone in regional connectivity and cultural exchange.

Linking Kunming in southwest China’s Yunnan Province with the Lao capital Vientiane, the railway enables same-day trips between the two cities. By significantly slashing journey time, the railway also brings people of the two countries closer to each other.

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General News

Lagos Leads As Most Indebted State In Nigeria, Owes N1.22trn, \$1.17bn

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Lagos State has emerged as the most indebted state in Nigeria. As at the fourth quarter (Q4) 2025, the state is said to be owing a total of N1.22 trillion and \$1.17 billion as domestic and external debts respectively.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) which announced this on Monday in its Nigeria's Q4 2025 domestic and external debt report, said the country's total debt stock, comprising domestic and external debt, during the quarter rose from N153.29 trillion or \$103.94 billion in Q3 2025 to N159.28 trillion (\$110.97 billion) in Q4 2025.

The report said this is an increase of 3.90 per cent on a quarter-on-quarter basis.

According to the report, total external debt stood at N74.43 trillion, while total domestic debt was N84.85 trillion in Q4 2025.

The share of external debt (in naira value) to total public debt was 46.73 per cent in Q4 2025, while the share of domestic debt (in naira value) to total public debt stood at 53.27 per cent.

Among the subnationals, Lagos state recorded the highest domestic debt in Q4 2025 with N1.22 trillion, followed by Rivers with N378.81 billion, while



National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

Jigawa state recorded the lowest with N1.60 billion, followed by Ondo with N8.42 billion.

Lagos State also recorded the highest external debt over the reference period with \$1.17 billion, followed by Kaduna with \$684.29 million, while FCT had the lowest with \$26.80 million, followed by Zamfara with \$41.93 million.

Other heavily indebted states are Bauchi with \$220.57 million and N156.05 billion as external and domestic debts

respectively; Delta with \$63.42 million and N248.83 billion as external and domestic debt respectively, and Enugu with \$99.88 million and N157.60 billion as external and domestic debts.

The issue of the rising debt burden has been a course for concern for Nigerians as the debt service obligation is putting high pressure on the country's revenue.

Early this month, the World Bank warned that the country's rising debt service

costs are reducing its ability to fund critical infrastructure. It noted specifically the sharp drop in capital spending to 1.0 per cent of GDP from 1.3 per cent in 2024 because debt servicing is crowding out investment.

The International Debt Report 2025 noted that Nigeria and other Sub-Saharan African countries must initiate what it call export diversification and fiscal reforms to address their rising debt challenges.

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Gbajabiamila Endorses Hamzat For Lagos Governorship

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The political momentum behind the governorship ambition of Lagos State Deputy Governor, Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, received a significant boost as former Speaker of the House of Representatives and current Chief of Staff to the President, Femi Gbajabiamila, publicly declared his full support for his candidacy.

Gbajabiamila made the endorsement while responding to Hamzat's request for support during a consultation visit, expressing strong confidence in the deputy governor's competence and leadership capacity.

According to him, Lagos State would remain in safe hands under Hamzat's leadership.

"Dr. Hamzat you're a man of honour and it shows by not taking things for granted judging by this consultation move. But I am saying it publicly that you can take me for granted because I have confidence in your ability and capacity. So, take my support for granted. My constituency, Surulere is for you and Lagos is for you", said Gbajabiamila.

Earlier in his remarks, Musiliu Obanikoro, a member of the Governor's Advisory Council (GAC), highlighted the extent of consultations carried out by Hamzat across key political stakeholders, noting that the level of endorsement recorded so far had been overwhelming.

"I can confidently tell the Chief of Staff to President Bola Tinubu that the level of endorsement has been overwhelming," Obanikoro said.

The consultation visit formed part of Hamzat's ongoing engagement with party leaders and influential figures ahead of the 2027 governorship race in Lagos State.

Members of the entourage included Secretary of the GAC, Alhaji Muti Are; Senator Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon; Hon. Bode Oyedele; Engineer Adekunle Olayinka; and Dr. Hakeem Shittu. Others were Hon. Saheed Kekereekun, Dr. Jebe, and Hon. Rasaq Ajala, among others.

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Onicha Stakeholders Back Nwifuru's Re-election



Governor Francis Nwifuru

Culled: Stakeholders and political leaders of Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State have unanimously endorsed Governor Francis Nwifuru for a second term in office.

They cited the infrastructure develop-

ment strides of the Governor, sustained peace-building initiatives, and far-reaching human capital development programmes of his administration across the state as reasons for the endorsement.

This was the outcome of a stakeholders' meeting held

on Monday at the ALGON Conference Hall in Abakaliki.

The Chairman of Onicha LGA, Hon Ikechukwu Ogbuoffia in his remarks explained that the meeting was convened to take a decision on the governor's performance and forge a unified political front ahead of the 2027 gubernatorial election.

Ogbuofia stated that having assessed the performances of the State Governor, the people of Onicha had collectively resolved to support his re-election, stressing that the Governor's administration had delivered measurable dividends of democracy across communities.

He highlighted extensive road construction projects, improved educational infrastructure, and ongoing development projects in

all sectors as clear indicators of the administration's commitment to grassroots transformation.

"Virtually all communities in Onicha can attest to either completed or ongoing road projects," he said, noting that the scale of intervention in schools and public facilities reflects a deliberate governance strategy anchored on inclusive development.

The motion endorsing the governor which was moved by the Lawmaker representing Onicha East State Constituency, Hon Celestine Ogba and seconded by the Member representing, Onicha West State Constituency, Hon Charles Onu, was subsequently subjected to a voice vote and it

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UNODC at the Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA)

Nigeria No Longer Permissive Ground For Drug Cartels - UNODC

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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has declared that Nigeria is no longer a permissive ground for international drug cartels given the strong message that has been sent out by the unprecedented number of arrests, seizures and convictions of drug traffickers recorded by the current leadership of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in the past five years.

The UNODC Country Representative in Nigeria, Mr. Cheikh Ousmane Toure stated this in Abuja on Monday 27th April during a brief ceremony to

hand over to NDLEA audiovisual interview rooms equipped with modern technology provided by UNODC and funded by the United States International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (US-INL).

According to him, "Transnational drug trafficking remains one of the most destabilizing forces of our time; it fuels corruption, funds violence, destroys communities, and exploits the most vulnerable. Nigeria, at a critical sub-regional crossroads, has been both a target and a transit hub for criminal networks stretching from Latin America to Asia and across Africa.

"Under the strong and visionary leadership of Brig Gen Mohamed Buba Marwa (Rtd), NDLEA has demonstrated remarkable courage and professionalism in confronting these networks. Since his appointment in 2021, the agency has significantly strengthened enforcement, increased major seizures, and expanded prevention and treatment initiatives. The result has been clear: it has sent very strong messages to transnational criminal organizations because Nigeria is no longer a permissive environment."

He expressed appreciation to the US government for funding the project.

"To our partners and the United States, your investment goes far beyond bricks, cables, and cameras—it is an investment in the idea that a stronger, fairer, and more transparent Nigeria is a safer Nigeria. As we formally hand over these upgraded interview rooms, we are reaffirming our shared conviction that the fight against drug trafficking and organized crime must be waged within the bounds of law, with full respect for human rights, and with unwavering transparency", he added. He urged that the facility be replicated in all commands and formations of the Agency across the country.

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Visa Overstays Harm Fellow Citizens, US Warns Nigeria

The United States Mission in Nigeria has cautioned that visa overstays by some Nigerian travellers undermine opportunities for law-abiding students, business people, and families seeking legitimate entry to the United States.

In a post on X on Monday, the mission stated: "Visa overstays by Nigerian travelers can affect opportunities for their fellow citizens. Strengthening compliance helps protect access for students, business travelers, and

families who travel responsibly."

It urged anyone with information on visa fraud to report it confidentially to AbujaFPU@state.gov or LagosFPU@state.gov, using the hashtag #VisaWiseTravelSmart.

The reminder follows heightened US measures prompted by Nigeria's documented overstay rates. According to US Department of Homeland Security data cited in a December 2025 presidential proclamation, Nigeria

recorded a 5.56 per cent overstay rate for B-1/B-2 visitor visas and 11.90 per cent for F, M, and J student and exchange visas.

These figures contributed to Presidential Proclamation 10998, which took effect on 1 January 2026. The measure partially suspended issuance of B-1/B-2 visitor visas, F/M/J student and exchange visas, and all immigrant visas to Nigerian nationals (among 19 countries in the partial category), citing

security and vetting challenges alongside overstay risks. Visas issued before that date remain valid.

In March 2026, the US State Department expanded a visa bond requirement to 50 countries, including Nigeria. From April 2026, many B-1/B-2 applicants must post a refundable bond of up to \$15,000 (£11,500) to address overstay concerns, with a reported 97 per cent compliance rate among earlier participants.

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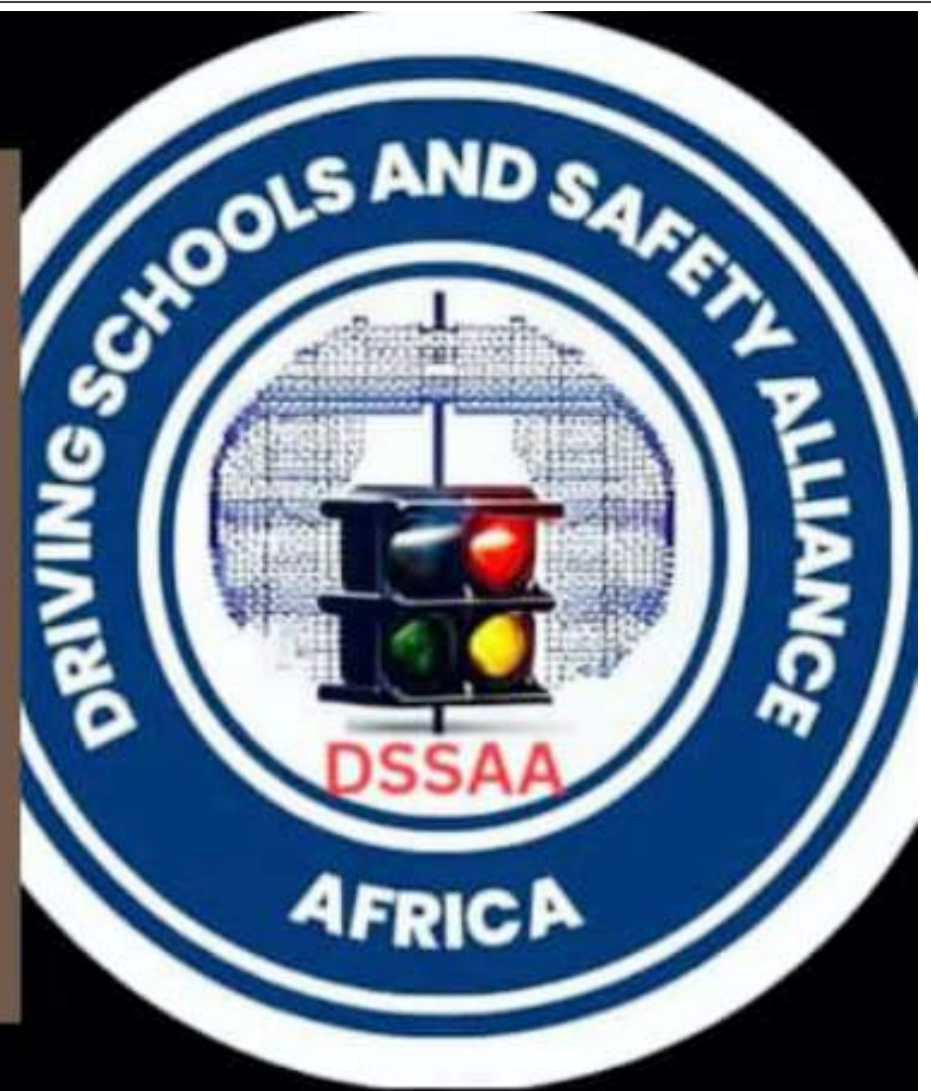


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