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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has recognised and rewarded outstanding officers as part of ongoing efforts to reinforce integrity, transparency, and professionalism within the Corps.

At a ceremony held in Abuja, the Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, presented commendation letters and cash rewards to selected personnel drawn from commands across the country. The awardees were recognised for their consistent display of ethical conduct, discipline, and dedication to duty.

According to the FRSC, the recognition was not based on isolated acts of performance but on sustained commitment to the Corps' core values, including accountability, service excellence, and professionalism. The initiative, the leadership noted, is designed to promote a culture where integrity is not only expected but consistently rewarded.

FRSC spokesperson, Felicia Kalu, stated that the awards form part of a broader institutional framework aimed at motivating personnel, boosting morale, and strengthening public confidence in the agency's operations. She explained that the Corps maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards unethical behaviour, adding that recognising officers who uphold high standards is critical to driving internal reforms and improving service delivery.

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Return services will depart Barbados at 13:00, arrive Antigua at 14:20, and proceed to Lagos at 15:50, arriving at 01:50 the following day.

Air Peace noted that the service would allow passengers from across the region to connect through Lagos to the

Caribbean, significantly reducing travel time and eliminating the need for multiple stopovers through Europe or North America.

The airline said the route showcased its commitment to strengthening economic, cultural and tourism ties between Nigeria and Caribbean nations, while also providing competitive and reliable travel options across both regions.

He said: "This underscores Air Peace's commitment to bridging continents and fostering stronger economic, cultural, and tourism ties between Nigeria and the Caribbean region.

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In a statement issued on Tuesday in Lagos, the corporation said the Lagos-Ibadan Train Service (LITS) will operate three trips to meet anticipated demand. From the Mobolaji Johnson Station in Ebute Metta, departures are scheduled for 7:45 a.m., 1:40 p.m., and 4:00 p.m., while trains from the Obafemi Awolowo Station in Moniya, Ibadan, will depart at 8:00 a.m., 10:50 a.m., and 4:30 p.m.

The NRC also disclosed plans to run a special Easter train on the narrow gauge corridor in partnership with the Osun State Government. The service, which will be free for passengers, will depart Iddo Station in Lagos for Osogbo at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 3, and return on Monday, April 6, at the same



NRC Train

time.

Meanwhile, the Abuja-Kaduna Train Service (AKTS) will maintain its regular schedule, with two trips on Thursdays and three daily trips from Friday through Monday, covering morning, mid-day, and afternoon services between Idu and Rigasa.

On the Warri-Itakpe corridor, services will continue to run daily except

Thursdays, which are reserved for maintenance.

Trains from Warri to Itakpe will operate on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 8:00 a.m., while return services from Itakpe to Warri will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 12:00 noon.

Similarly, operations on the Port Harcourt-Aba narrow gauge line will

continue on their regular schedule, with departures at 8:00 a.m. from Port Harcourt to Aba and 3:00 p.m. for return journeys.

The corporation assured passengers of its commitment to safe, reliable, and efficient rail services across all routes. It advised travelers to plan ahead, arrive early at stations, and comply with ticketing and security procedures.

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Dangote Refinery Secures \$2.5bn Loan From Afreximbank

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The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) said Tuesday it has underwritten \$2.5 billion of a \$4 billion senior syndicated term loan for Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals FZE. Afreximbank and Access Bank were appointed co-mandated lead arrangers for the five-year facility to consolidate existing financing, optimise its capital structure, and align with the refinery's operational status and long-term growth plan. The transaction marks a major milestone for DPRP, Africa's largest refinery and petrochemical complex with a capacity of 650,000 barrels per day. The facility will enhance balance sheet flexibility, strengthen the company's financial position, and support the refinery as a strategic supplier of refined petroleum products to Africa and the global market. Afreximbank's participation of \$2.5 billion is the largest share in the syndicate and underscores the bank's leadership in

mobilising capital to support Africa's industrialisation, advancing import substitution, promoting intra-African trade in refined petroleum products, and strengthening energy security. Since the commencement of refining operations in February 2024, Afreximbank has supported the refinery with a \$1 billion working capital facility, as well as acting as a financial adviser on the Naira-for-Crude initiative, which is facilitating the purchase of crude oil and sale of refined product in local currency.



FG Reaffirms Commitment To Operationalise Sokoto Hajj Airport

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The minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo has reaffirmed the federal government's commitment to ensuring that the Sokoto State Hajj Airport becomes fully operational in time for the 2026 Hajj operations. Keyamo gave this assurance when the governor of Sokoto State, Dr Ahmed Aliyu Sokoto paid him a courtesy visit in his office in Abuja. Keyamo expressed appreciation for the governor's visit and emphasised the strategic importance of Sokoto as a major hub for Hajj operations in Nigeria. He assured that all relevant aviation agencies would be mobilized to ensure that the necessary infrastructure and operational requirements are put in place for the airport to commence full operations. The director press of the ministry, Chindaya Ahmadu further stated that Keyamo directed the permanent secretary of the ministry, Dr Mahmud

Adam Kambari, the managing director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Olubunmi Kuku, the managing director of the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), Farouk Ahmed, as well as the secretary to the state government of Sokoto State, Alhaji Mohammed Bello Sifawa, to immediately engage and identify any bottlenecks, with a view to providing practical solutions that will ensure timely delivery of the project. Earlier, the governor of Sokoto State had commended the minister and the ministry's leadership for their continued support and collaboration with the Sokoto State government. He disclosed that the airport project, which is fully funded by the Sokoto State government, has reached about 90 per cent completion. Aliyu further revealed that arrangements have been concluded for the acquisition of five aircraft, expected to be delivered within the next two to three weeks, in preparation for the commencement of operations.

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Capt Alex Badeh and Engr Olubunmi

According to him, "This partnership reflects our collective commitment to maintaining high standards in aviation safety investigation across West Africa. It creates a clear pathway for deeper cooperation between Nigeria and Sierra Leone, strengthening the systems of both institutions. When investigators share knowledge, tools, and experience, response time improves, findings become more precise, and the focus

remains on preventing future occurrences. That is what this partnership is designed to achieve." Captain Badeh added that the agreement reinforces both organisations' commitment to upholding the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) contained in Annex 13 of the Chicago Convention on

International Civil Aviation. Commissioner of the Sierra Leone Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation Bureau, Engr. Olubunmi Wellington, described the agreement as a significant step toward strengthening investigative systems across the region. He said, "This partnership presents a strong opportunity for SL-AAIB and the wider West African aviation community to build more effective investigative systems through structured collaboration. Through our engagement with NSIB, our investigators will gain access to advanced training, improved investigative methods, and the shared experience of a leading safety investigation authority in the region." Both organisations reaffirmed their commitment to the principle set out in Annex 13 of the Chicago Convention that the primary objective of aircraft accident and incident investigation is the prevention of future occurrences, not the apportionment of blame or determination of liability.

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Nigeria Launches New Vehicle Compliance Framework

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The Nigerian Government has launched a vehicle compliance framework aimed at tightening import controls and improving road safety as part of efforts to eliminate substandard vehicles from the country's automotive market.

The Minister of State for Industry, John Enoh, announced the policy during the official launch of the SON–NADDC Vehicle Conformity Assessment Programme (VehCAP) in Abuja, describing it as a major shift in Nigeria's regulatory and industrial strategy.

He said the initiative reflects a coordinated government response involving multiple institutions.

“This is not just another regulatory intervention. It is a necessary shift in how vehicles enter, operate, and ultimately impact our country,” Enoh stated.

The minister warned that Nigeria's automotive market had been exposed to significant risks due to weak import controls.

“A significant proportion of vehicles

imported into Nigeria, particularly used vehicles, enter without adequate verification of structural integrity, safety conditions, emissions performance, and lifecycle history,” he added.

Enoh explained that VehCAP introduces a stricter pre-shipment verification system developed by the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) and the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC), designed to ensure that only certified vehicles enter the country.

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Oyo Road Maintenance Boss Resigns, To Contest Rep Seat

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The Chairman of the Oyo State Road Maintenance Agency, Soladoye Ogunlade, on Tuesday, formally tendered his resignation from office to pursue his aspiration to represent Oyo Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives come 2027.

In his resignation letter addressed to the Oyo Governor, Seyi Makinde, through the Secretary to the State Government, Ogunlade expressed deep appreciation for the trust, confidence, and support the governor extended to him throughout his stewardship at the agency.

He said, “Serving under your visionary leadership has been one of the greatest honours of my public service journey. Your kind gesture, unwavering support, and firm belief in my capacity to contribute to the development of our dear state have strengthened my resolve to continue serving humanity in a higher capacity.”

Ogunlade noted that his decision to step down was driven by a genuine desire to further contribute to nation-

building, stating that the call from his constituents has become too compelling to ignore.

The Chairman added that his aspiration remains aligned with the ideals of progress, stability, and good governance championed by Governor Makinde's administration.

Reaffirming his loyalty, Ogunlade pledged total support to the governor and to whoever emerges as the consensus candidate for both his Federal Constituency and the party's governorship ticket in the state.

“I remain fully committed to the success of this administration and our great party. My loyalty to you, Your Excellency, and to the collective decisions of our leaders is unwavering.

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Jonathan, Others Task FG On Deep Sea Port



Sea port

Former President, Dr Goodluck Jonathan, former Chairman of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and politician, Chief Bode George and other maritime stakeholders have called on the Federal Government to urgently develop deep sea ports, and decisive action on port infrastructure, hinterland connectivity, and regulatory reform.

Dr Jonathan spoke at the inaugural International Deep Sea Investment Forum (IDSIF), organised by Maritime Media Limited at the Oriental Hotel in Lagos. The event brought together former heads of state, port administrators, government officials, state governors, and industry leaders to

interrogate Nigeria's deep sea port development prospects and chart a path forward.

Dr Jonathan, who was also presented with an award at the event, set the tone with a historical caution rooted in the collapse of Nigeria's earlier maritime enterprises.

Thanking the organisers, he said: “Let me sincerely thank Maritime Media Limited, led by my good friend and brother, Asu Beks for this initiative. And I will say that this International Deep-Sea Port Investment Forum should not be a one-off business.”

He recalled the fate of the Nigerian Shipping Line, tracing its collapse to a failure to adapt when the global industry was transitioning to containerised shipping.

“You know, we had Nigerian Airways, Nigerian Shipping Line, and nobody has really investigated why these enterprises just went down. When the world was migrating from that to the container, container means that you need ships that are deeper. Nigerian

Shipping Line spent all their money to go and buy ships from people who wanted to throw their ships away, to migrate to where the world was going. “And after acquiring this, they couldn't move. And of course, the Nigerian Shipping Line has to go down. It may not be 100% correct, but there is something.”

The former president said the lesson from that era made the forum's conversation even more urgent.

“That shows that the world is migrating to another phase and Nigeria must do something before we wake up one day, and no ship will come to Nigeria again, then we will begin to find a way to transport our goods from neighbouring countries down to Nigeria,” he warned

He called for the next edition of the forum to be more action-oriented, with bankable projects on the table. He also called for inclusion of litoral states, banking sector, among others.

“I believe the next one that will be organised, all these actors should be brought so that they can come up with

projects that are bankable.

“We should continue to interrogate the way forward before Nigeria is caught up in a situation where we will be transporting our goods from neighbouring countries to Nigeria.”

Chairman of the occasion Chief George struck a strategic note, warning against the dangerous concentration of port infrastructure in Lagos.

Drawing on his experience as a seafarer and NPA chief, he said: “It cannot be right to concentrate all your infrastructure and resources in one place. I have been at the war college, what is happening in the Strait of Hormuz now is a wake-up call. Who knows what could happen tomorrow.”

George pressed the federal government to take stronger action, including signing the Nigerian Ports and Regulatory Authority (NPERA) Bill, and insisted the port rehabilitation loan secured during President Bola Tinubu's recent visit to Britain should be deployed beyond Lagos.

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Speaking at the engagement, the Commissioner for Transportation, Oluwaseun Osiyemi, praised transport operators and drivers for their contribution to economic activities and mobility in the state, noting that their conduct directly reflects on Lagos' image.

He urged operators to strictly observe traffic regulations and maintain discipline on the roads to ensure safety and order across the transport network.



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He warned that nued support, Bus Services at compliance with encouraging transport LAMATA, Kemi Amure, who represented the companies to prioritise staff welfare to improve Managing Director, Abimbola Akinajo, efficiency and promote professional conduct presented a progress among drivers and report on the decisions reached at previous stakeholders of the operators. safety and commuter experience statewide.

Osiyemi also assured government's conti- At the meeting, Head of stakeholder engage-

ments, highlighting areas for improvement and outstanding challenges within the sector.

The session, she said, was designed to evaluate implementation of earlier resolutions, identify operational gaps and strengthen collective responsibility among stakeholders in delivering improved transport services.

Representatives of key regulatory and security agencies also made presentations at the forum, including officials from LAMATA's Environmental, Social, Health and Safety unit, the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Access ARM Pensions, the Lagos State Drivers' Institute and the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority.

The presentations outlined safety guidelines, regulatory compliance requirements, driver welfare initiatives and operational standards aimed at improving the quality of public transportation and supporting Lagos' ambition for a modern mobility system.

Participants said regular meetings between agencies and operators are vital to improving safety and commuter experience statewide.

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FG Begins Reconstruction Of Ado-Aramoko-Itawure Road



Olatunbosun

Ekiti State Government said on Tuesday that the Federal Government had begun reconstruction work on the 56.18km Ado-Itawure Road, a major route linking Ekiti State to the Osun State border.

The state Commissioner for Information, Taiwo Olatunbosun, said that the Federal Government awarded the contract to Messrs CBC Global Civil & Building Construction Nigeria Limited, with a completion timeline of 24 months starting from March 23, 2026.

Olatunbosun, who disclosed in a statement made available to journalists in Ado Ekiti, said, “The 56.18-kilometre road will begin from Fajuyi Park in Ado Ekiti and will be constructed

using reinforced concrete from the Police Headquarters in Ado-Ekiti all the way to the Osun State boundary”. According to him, the project has already moved beyond the planning stage, as the site has been handed over to the contractor and construction work has commenced around the Erio-Ekiti axis, reflecting the Federal Government's commitment to delivering the project on schedule.

The commissioner described the development as a significant boost to the socio-economic growth of Ekiti State and the Southwest region as a whole.

He said, “The road serves as a critical corridor connecting key parts of the country, and its reconstruction will greatly improve movement, ease transportation challenges, and open up more opportunities for trade and commerce.

“This project goes beyond road construction; it is about improving lives, strengthening economic ties,

and enhancing regional integration. We sincerely appreciate the Federal Government for this intervention and assure the Federal Ministry of Works of our full support to ensure its successful completion,” he said.

He further reaffirmed the commitment of the Governor Biodun Oyebanji administration in the state to initiatives that drive sustainable development and improve the people's well-being, noting, “The project is one of the gains of the governor's frequent engagements and strategic visits to the President and federal establishments in Abuja”.

Olatunbosun commended President Bola Tinubu for fulfilling his campaign promises to the people of Ekiti State through impactful infrastructure development.

He appealed to residents, road users, and other stakeholders to cooperate with the contractor and relevant authorities, particularly in managing traffic and observing

safety measures throughout the construction period.

Recall that the state government had in November last year, disclosed that President Tinubu had approved the inclusion of the construction of Itawure – Aramoko – Ado Ekiti and Aramoko – Ijero – Ifaki Ekiti roads in the 2026 budget of the Federal Government.

The Special Adviser to Ekiti State Governor on Media, Yinka Oyebode, had in a statement stated that a letter to the effect of the approval “has since been forwarded from the Office of the President to the Minister of Works, Engr David Umahi. The Governor of Ekiti State, Mr Oyebanji, was also copied.”

Oyebode added that “when constructed, the two newly approved roads will further ease travelling, enhance connectivity across different parts of the country, boost commercial activities and open up the state to greater economic opportunities and development.”

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FG Unveils National Laureate Prize, Offers Up To N20m For Research

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The Federal Government has unveiled a new initiative aimed at recognising and financially rewarding exceptional academic research in tertiary institutions.

In a statement issued on Tuesday by the Director of Press and Public Relations at the Ministry of Education, Boriowo Folasade, the government announced the launch of the Nigeria National Laureate Annual Prize Programme, which awards up to N20 million to students whose dissertations and theses demonstrate outstanding intellectual and commercial potential.

The statement explained that “Undergraduate dissertation winners will receive a minimum of N5m, master's thesis winners will receive N10m, while doctoral thesis winners will be awarded N20m, alongside national recognition befitting their scholarly contributions.”

Announcing the programme, the Minister of Education, Dr Maruf Alausa, described it as “a strategic national intervention aimed at reshaping Nigeria's educational incentive structure by placing



Dr. Alausa

scholarly achievement, academic excellence, and research innovation at the forefront of national recognition.”

According to the statement, Alausa stressed the broader goal of the programme, noting, “By elevating our students to the status of celebrated National Laureates, we are ensuring that the rigour of research and academic excellence is matched with the highest level of national

prestige and financial reward.”

He added, “While it is not wrong to celebrate social influencers, this must not be at the expense of innovators. With the National Laureate Prize, we are signalling a new era where a student's thesis is no longer merely a graduation requirement but a potential blueprint for national industrialisation and development.”

The initiative will be fully

financed by the Nigeria Education Repository and Databank and its strategic partners, ensuring sustainability without additional pressure on public funds.

A 10-member NERD National Laureate Prize Committee, chaired by Prof. Abubakar Sambo, will oversee the implementation of the programme, including submission vetting and final selection of laureates.

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Nigeria, Islamic Bank Deepen Partnership

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The Federal Government and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen their collaboration, focusing on sustainable economic development and growth.

The partnership aims to drive economic growth, reduce poverty, and improve Nigerians' overall well-being.

The partnership is built on four pillars: infrastructure for economic transformation, social development and education, innovative and ethical finance, and regional leadership and South-South cooperation.

It also includes agriculture, renewable energy, and healthcare.

Speaking at the IsDB Group Day in Lagos, the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr Wale Edun, emphasised the need for Nigeria to shift from reliance on public financing to mobilising private sector investment, leveraging partnerships with institutions like the IsDB to attract capital with purpose.

The minister called on investors, partners, and stakeholders to join Nigeria in its next phase of growth and development, saying the country was building an economy that would be resilient by design, inclusive by nature, and globally competitive by ambition.

On his part, the Director General, Country Programmes at IsDB, Anasse Aissami, said the group had approved total financing of more than \$2.32 billion in investment for Nigeria, with a focus on special agro-industrial processing zones and halal economy development.

The partnership also explores opportunities for Sharia-compliant financing and innovative financial instruments, including Sukuk financing.

The event was attended by government officials, representatives of the IsDB, and other stakeholders.

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Nidacity Launches To Tackle Startup Failures In Nigeria



Kemi Adeosun

Culled:
Former Minister of Finance, Kemi Adeosun, has launched a new private sector platform, Nidacity, aimed at addressing the high failure rate of startups in Nigeria by equipping young and female founders,

entrepreneurs with practical knowledge, mentorship, and business intelligence. The digital platform officially went live on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, and is designed to support Nigerian entrepreneurs, particularly

in building resilient and sustainable businesses.

Speaking at the launch, Adeosun said the initiative was driven by the urgent need to confront the alarming rate of startup failures in the country, estimated at 95 percent within the first five years. “Nigeria has the world's highest entrepreneurship rate, yet most businesses do not survive beyond five years,” she said, noting that Small and Medium Enterprises account for about 85 percent of employment, making the human cost of failure deeply felt across communities. Despite this, she described the situation as an opportunity to strengthen the country's economic base by supporting those already driving job creation. “If we can help more of these businesses survive and

grow, the employment gains for Nigeria will be enormous.

Nidacity is not a charity, it is an investment in the people already building this economy,” she added.

As part of its rollout, Nidacity has introduced its first major initiative, the “Many Roads” Survey, a nationwide digital project aimed at documenting the origins and evolution of Nigerian entrepreneurship. According to Adeosun, the survey seeks to answer how Nigeria's deeply rooted entrepreneurial culture emerged and continues to thrive across generations, with findings expected to generate data driven insights into the structural and cultural drivers of enterprise.

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INEC Recognises Abdulrahman Mohammed As PDP Nat'l Chairman

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The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has updated its website to reflect Abdulrahman Mohammed as the National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Mohammed is part of the PDP faction loyal to the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Wike.

Others recognised as part of the PDP National Working Committee are: National Secretary, Senator Samuel Anyanwu; National Treasurer, Ahmed Yayari Mohammed; National Financial Secretary, Daniel

Woyengikuro; and National Legal Adviser, Kamaldeen Adeyemi Ajibade, SAN.

This is despite Kabiru Tanimu Turaki, SAN, and his faction laying claim to the PDP National Chairman position.

Last week, Turaki issued a statement saying members of rival factions of the party are exploring various pathways towards a lasting resolution to the crisis rocking the party.

He urged the party's supporters across the board to immediately de-escalate heated communications and actions to avoid jeopardising ongoing peace efforts.

He said the reconciliatory move is in

obedience to the advice of the Court of Appeal, Ibadan, which, a few weeks ago, told parties in a suit regarding the PDP crisis to explore reconciliation to save the party from further strife.

Turaki stated that, following the court's advice to create a platform for aspirants to seek elective offices in the upcoming elections, the Board of Trustees of the party, led by Senator Adolphus Wabara, established a high-powered committee to engage with estranged party members, aiming to resolve outstanding issues and reposition the party for the elections.

Part of the reconciliatory move

embarked on by the party includes the National Working Committee postponing the National Executive Committee and National Caucus meetings earlier scheduled. Turaki said the party also de-escalated combative communication on all fronts.

"While we expected a reciprocal gesture, what we have witnessed instead is the weaponisation of hurtful rhetoric and the issuance of derogatory statements. Notwithstanding, we remain mindful of the far-reaching implications of this dispute, particularly within the tight timelines of the extant Electoral Act.

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Nigeria Targets 230m Internet Users With 5G

Nigeria is aiming to expand internet access to 230 million subscriptions by 2030 through a strategic focus on 5G network densification, Internet of Things adoption, and satellite connectivity, according to the Nigerian Communications Commission.

The 2026–2030 spectrum roadmap, guided by the Nigerian Communications Act 2003, is designed to transform the country's

digital infrastructure from basic connectivity to a high-capacity, multi-layered ecosystem capable of serving a projected population of 245 million. Central to the plan is extending 5G coverage in urban centres, industrial hubs, and underserved regions, with the Commission targeting minimum nationwide data speeds under its 'Quality of Experience' initiative. Additional spectrum releases in the

mid-band, including 3.5 GHz and 6 GHz, and high-band 26 GHz allocations are expected to provide the bandwidth necessary for advanced 5G services.

To bridge Nigeria's persistent digital divide, the Nigerian Communications Commission is prioritising non-terrestrial networks and direct-to-device satellite services to reach 87 unserved or underserved clusters, affecting roughly 23 million citizens.

Satellite-to-mobile technology is expected to deliver connectivity to areas where fibre-optic infrastructure is difficult or costly to install, ensuring even remote communities are integrated into the national network.

The roadmap anticipates monthly mobile data usage per user to rise from 8.5 gigabytes in 2025 to 17.7 gigabytes by 2030, fuelled by video streaming, artificial intelligence, and Internet of Things applications.

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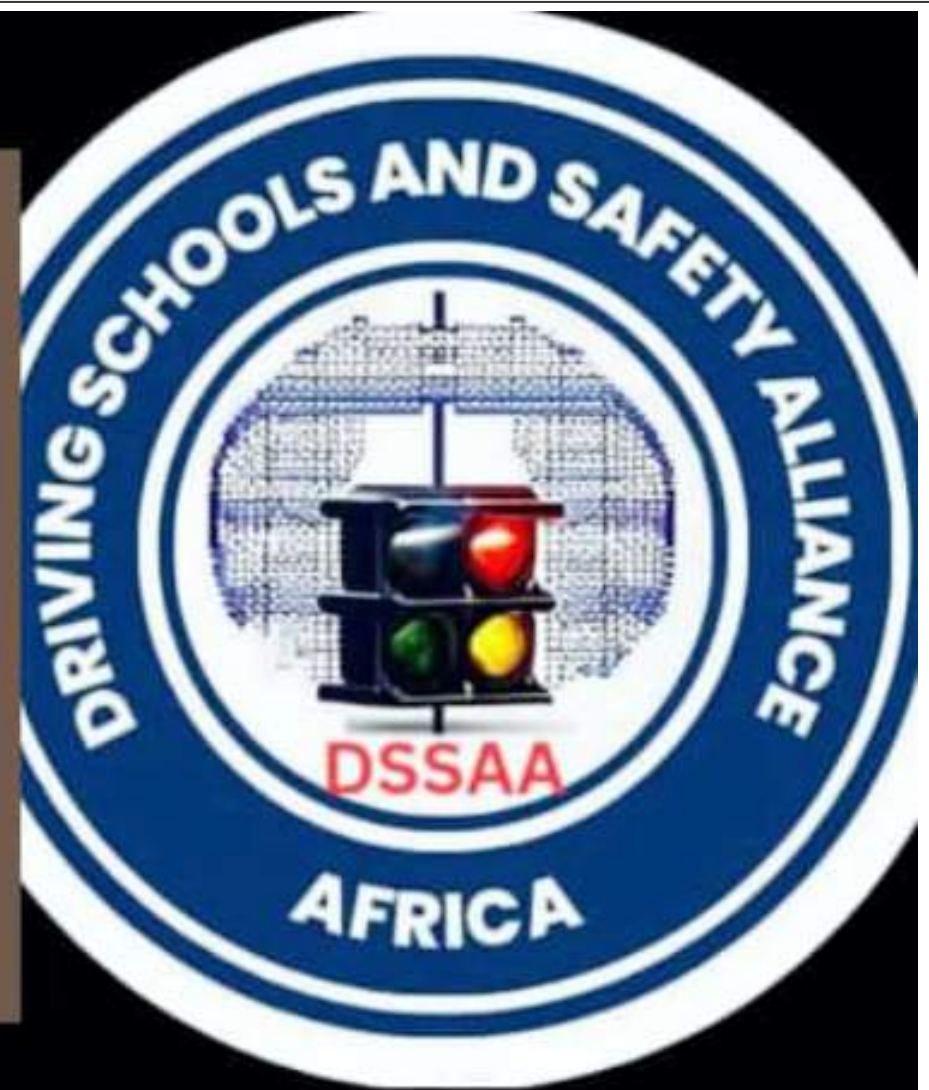


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