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Dangote Begins Move To Build Deep-Sea Port In Ogun

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Africa's richest businessman, Aliko Dangote, has commenced preliminary processes for the construction of a major deep-sea port in Ogun State as part of efforts to expand the logistics and export operations of the Dangote Group.

The proposed port, which is expected to be located within the Olokola Free Trade Zone, will reportedly occupy more than 10,000 hectares and is projected to become one of the largest seaports in Nigeria upon completion.

According to reports, officials of Dangote Industries Limited have begun engagements with host communities and stakeholders across parts of Ogun and Ondo states ahead of the commencement of full construction activities.

The consultations are said to focus on environmental impact assessments, compensation processes, and other issues relating to the development of the project.

The deep-sea port is expected to

strengthen Nigeria's import and export capacity while improving logistics support for Dangote Group's growing industrial businesses, including its refinery, petrochemical, and fertiliser operations.

Industry observers believe the project could also ease pressure on the congested Apapa and Tin Can ports in Lagos, which have for years struggled with heavy traffic, delays, and high transportation costs.

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Speaking on Thursday at the Annual Lecture of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Abuja, the minister said Nigeria must intensify implementation of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) and the Yamoussoukro Decision through pragmatic and phased liberalisation.

Represented by the Managing Director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, Mrs. Olubunmi Kuku, Keyamo identified the five priorities as accelerating the implementation of the Yamoussoukro

Decision, harmonising legal and judicial frameworks across Africa, unlocking innovative financing and leasing mechanisms, embedding sustainability into aviation liberalisation, and investing in human capital and institutions.

According to him, African countries must strengthen compliance with the Cape Town Convention to improve dispute resolution and investor confidence within the aviation sector.

He also advocated blended financing models and regional risk-sharing facilities to support fleet acquisition and infrastructure development across the continent.

On sustainability, the minister stressed the need for fuel-efficient aircraft, greener airport infrastructure, and reduced emissions through optimised regional hubs, noting that connectivity and environmental responsibility must go hand in hand.

Keyamo further called for increased investment in training institutions, regulatory agencies, technical education, and skills transfer partnerships to build a stronger aviation workforce across Africa.

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The meeting, hosted by the Commission Chief Executive of the NUPRC, Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, focused on strengthening cooperation between both regulators and creating a more coordinated regulatory framework across Nigeria's upstream, midstream, and downstream petroleum sectors.

According to a statement issued on Thursday by the Head of Media and Corporate Communications at the NUPRC, Eniola Akinkuotu, both agencies reaffirmed their shared responsibility for the overall health and



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stability of Nigeria's oil and gas industry. The statement read, "The Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission received a courtesy visit from the new Authority Chief Executive of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority, Mr. Rabiuh Abdullahi Umar, at the Commission's headquarters in Abuja.

"The visit, hosted by the NUPRC Commission Chief Executive, Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, centred on strengthening the working relationship between both regulators and charting a path toward a more coherent, industry-enabling regulatory environment across Nigeria's entire petroleum value chain."

The statement noted that the regulators agreed on the need to speak with one

voice on issues affecting operators, investors, and the broader energy market.

It added that both agencies acknowledged that they derive their authority from the Petroleum Industry Act and stressed that the industry would function more efficiently when that shared legal foundation translates into coordinated regulatory action.

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The Nigeria Customs Service has introduced a new operational clearance system aimed at reducing delays and improving processing efficiency at airports across the country.

The initiative is expected to ease congestion at airport entry points by streamlining inspection procedures, documentation processes, and coordination among agencies operating within the aviation sector.

According to officials, the upgraded system is designed to enhance digital processing, minimise manual bottlenecks, and improve service delivery for both passengers and cargo operators.

The reform is also aimed at promoting transparency in customs operations while reducing waiting time for inbound travellers and imported goods.

Stakeholders in the aviation and trade sectors have welcomed the development, noting that persistent delays at airport clearance points have

negatively affected logistics planning, business operations, and passenger experience over the years.

The Customs Service stated that the new system forms part of broader efforts to modernise its operations in line with global best practices and strengthen efficiency across Nigeria's entry points.

Industry analysts believe that effective implementation of the initiative could improve Nigeria's ease of doing business ranking and enhance efficiency in air cargo handling operations.

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Nigeria Handles 70% Of Regional Cargo -NPA

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The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Dr Abubakar Dantsoho, has stated that Nigeria accounts for more than 70 per cent of all cargo arriving in the West and Central African sub-region.

Dantsoho disclosed this on Wednesday in Lagos while speaking during the closing ceremony of the Mid-Year Session of the Board of Directors of the Port Management Association of West and Central Africa.

Dantsoho, who is also the President of the Port Management Association of West and Central Africa, attributed Nigeria's dominance to the size of its economy and population, as well as its role as a gateway for landlocked neighbouring countries.

"Over 70 per cent of the cargo that comes to this region of Africa ends up in Nigeria. Our economy is the biggest, our population is the highest, and we are also serving landlocked countries, Mali, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso, whose combined population is about 80 million," Dantsoho said.

He said the three-day session resolved to pursue infrastructure development and

technology adoption with urgency, adding that the session also warned that delays would allow other regions to outpace Africa. "We had gone into hibernation for too long. If we wait longer, the other parts of the world will move and leave us behind," he said.

On short- and medium-term plans, Dantsoho said the NPA had already deployed an electronic call-up system that reduced turnaround time at Apapa Port to under 15 minutes, stressing that both Apapa and Tin Can Island ports would be modernised.

In the long term, he said Nigeria and other sub-regional countries must develop deep seaports capable of receiving the largest modern vessels, citing a \$20bn deep seaport project in Guinea as a benchmark. The NPA boss also disclosed that five deep-seaport sites in Nigeria — Badagry, Olokola, Ibom Port in Uyo, Bakassi in Cross River, and Bonny in Rivers State — had received necessary approvals and certifications, with investor negotiations ongoing.

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Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, stated this on Thursday during the 2026 graduation ceremony of the Advanced Combat Training Programme for the Maritime Security Unit of the Deep Blue Project held at the 5th Battalion Army Barracks in Elele, Rivers State.

According to the minister, the Deep Blue Project has significantly improved security within Nigeria's maritime domain since its launch in 2021, helping to combat piracy, sea robbery, illegal fishing, oil theft and other maritime crimes.

Oyetola said the Gulf of Guinea had previously ranked among the world's most dangerous maritime corridors, accounting for a large percentage of global piracy incidents and crew kidnappings at sea.

He, however, noted that sustained



Oyetola at the 2026 graduation ceremony of the Advanced Combat Training Programme for maritime security

implementation of the Deep Blue Project, alongside collaboration among security agencies, had resulted in zero piracy incidents within Nigeria's territorial waters over the past four years, while piracy cases across the Gulf of Guinea had dropped by over 70 per cent.

The minister said the improved security situation had restored international confidence in Nigeria's maritime sector, reduced insurance concerns and

strengthened the country's blue economy.

He added that the government was intensifying efforts toward the removal of War Risk Insurance Premiums on Nigerian-bound cargoes, a move expected to reduce shipping costs, improve port competitiveness and boost trade and investment.

Oyetola also disclosed that the ministry was considering expanding the Deep

Blue Project to critical coastal areas, including Igbokoda and Bakassi, to further strengthen maritime security operations.

Representing the Minister of Defence, General Christopher Musa, Special Adviser Musa Likita commended the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) for sustaining the gains of the project.

Likita said the achievements recorded under the initiative reflected strategic planning, sustained investment, inter-agency collaboration and the Federal Government's commitment to securing Nigeria's maritime domain.

He added that the project had contributed to Nigeria's growing international reputation, including its election into Category C of the International Maritime Organization.

Also speaking, Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Idi Abbas, represented by Rear Admiral Suleiman Ibrahim, urged the graduating personnel to maintain discipline, professionalism and loyalty in carrying out their responsibilities.

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Umahi Commends Pace, Quality Of Road Project

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The Minister of Works, Senator David Umahi has expressed satisfaction with the pace and quality of work on the first stretch of the four hundred and sixty five kilometer third Legacy Road Project initiated by President Bola Tinubu.

The Minister of Works, Senator David Umahi stated this during an inspection of Federal Road projects in Ebonyi State.

Section one of the third Legacy Road project stretches from Calabar to Ndibe Beach in Afikpo, Ebonyi State through to Amasiri, Onueke, Mbeke Ishieke and terminates at Ebonyi and Benue State boundary.

Senator Umahi said that the contract sum for the section one of the road project was over four hundred billion Naira.

At the sixty-nine kilometer Dangote Cash Credit Road Project that runs from Amasiri through Uturu to Okigwe in Imo State and Ndibe Beach Bridge

linking South East with the Lagos – Calabar Coastal Highway, the Minister commended the contractors handling the projects for their resourcefulness. He pointed out that when completed the projects would boost economic activities and enhance security in the South East region.

Senator Umahi called on the people of South East geo- political zone to support the present administration at the federal level to guarantee more development projects in the area.



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Governor Dikko Umaru Radda of Katsina state has approved the training of 74 artisans on electric vehicle prototype development to promote youth empowerment and technological innovation in the state.

The coordinator of the Katsina Youth Craft Village, in a statement Wednesday said the six-month training programme would be conducted at the Katsina Youth Craft Village in partnership with Maglush Electric Vehicle, an indigenous EV company owned by indigenes of the state.

According to the statement, the programme is designed to equip young artisans with modern technical skills in electric vehicle technology and prepare them for opportunities in the emerging green transportation sector.

The coordinator said the trainees would be drawn from the 34 local government areas of the state to ensure the availability of skilled technicians for the maintenance and

Radda Approves Electric Vehicles Training For 74 Katsina Artisans

repair of electric vehicles across Katsina.

The statement added that the initiative would also support the state government's planned distribution of electric motorcycles to teachers by providing trained technical personnel for maintenance services.

It further noted that the partnership would include a technology transfer arrangement aimed at enabling the Katsina Youth Craft Village to independently sustain future EV training programmes.

The coordinator described the approval as a reflection of Governor Radda's commitment to innovation, youth development, and sustainable economic growth in Katsina state.

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INEC Warns Transport Operators Against Sabotage In Ekiti



INEC

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has warned transport operators in Ekiti State under the auspices of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) not to sabotage its efforts at conducting credible, free and fair governorship elections on 20 June through poor transport arrangements.

National Commissioners of the commission, led by Prof Sani Adams, warned that any transporter who sabotages the efforts of the commission would be arrested and prosecuted for breach of contract.

They protested previous attempts by transporters to hold the commission to ransom

over logistics arrangements and appealed to the union to ensure they met their end of the bargain by providing the number of vehicles required while also ensuring all drivers were paid for their services.

“This is a contract between Nigerians and your union. It is not about INEC. The entire world is watching. Please don't bring vehicles that did not meet the specifications. If you have to rent the vehicles, please bring those in good condition and pay the drivers. We don't want a situation where the drivers will hold us to ransom on election day insisting on being paid before moving.

“Also, let them know that the reverse logistics is part of the contract. When they take our men and materials to the field, they are expected to bring them back to the office and not abandoned them in the field,” Prof Sani Adams said.

Addressing the transport union, INEC Chairman Prof Joash Amupitan expressed concern over the seeming friction between the National Union of Road Transport Workers and their

counterparts in the National Association of Road Transport Owners, saying such friction could affect the integrity of the elections in the state.

He told the unions that they would have to work together for the purpose of the elections, adding that transport logistics was a major component of the success of any election, saying “your elections can only be as good as your transport logistics.”

He said while the commission did not have vehicles of its own to meet the demands of elections, it could always look elsewhere but chose to work with the transport unions because of their reach.

He told them not to collect money for vehicles they could not provide, adding that the logistics arrangements for the elections must be well planned to avoid last-minute problems, drawing attention to what happened during the Anambra elections.

He stressed that experience had shown that the union often did not have enough vehicles but preferred to rent and ended up bringing fewer vehicles

than the required number.

He reminded them that both international and local observers accredited to monitor the elections always ended up monitoring fewer than 100 polling units and based their assessments on those units, while looking out for negativity in the elections.

He said: “We must not give them any negative thing to report about the elections. Let them look for and not find. Tell us what you can do and what you cannot do. Don't lie to us.”

Head of Organisation and Industrial Relations at the NURTW headquarters in Abuja, Olayioye Adesina, told the commission that the seeming disagreement between NURTW and NARTO was a result of the fact that NARTO had no vehicles in Ekiti and should not be part of election logistics.

He said any disappointment from NARTO would be blamed on his union, hence their insistence that even though NARTO was party to the MoU, it should not be allowed to participate in the elections.

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Speaking during the handover ceremony in Maiduguri, Borno State, the Managing Director of the NEDC, Muhammad Alkali, said the intervention was aimed at strengthening critical institutions and improving services in the region after years of insurgency and conflict.

Alkali explained that the commission consulted with stakeholders before procuring the items to ensure they addressed specific needs.

"We are here as part of our mandate to support the rebuilding process in the North-East. From the beginning, we have been collaborating with the media



Airport trolleys donated by the NEDC

because everyone its priority needs.

needs information," he He added that the support extended 130 trolleys would be said.

According to him, the beyond the media distributed among the equipment donated to sector, noting that the six North-East states to the FRCN was carefully commission had also improve passenger selected following partnered with security convenience at airports. consultations with the agencies, including the He said Borno State organisation to identify police and military.

On the airport support initiative, Alkali said the 130 trolleys would be distributed among the six North-East states to improve passenger convenience at airports. He said Borno State would receive 30

trolleys, while Adamawa, Bauchi, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe states would each receive 20.

"FAAN is another very important agency. We all travel through airports and have seen the challenges. We decided to address some of the immediate needs, starting with the supply of trolleys," he stated.

Also speaking at the event, the Managing Director of the North-West Development Commission, Abdullahi Maji, who represented the NEDC management, formally handed over the broadcasting equipment to the FRCN.

The items donated included a 5KW transmitter with antenna system and installation, a six-bay broadband antenna, studio computers, a 16-channel professional console, distribution amplifiers, FM tuners, condenser microphones, drone cameras, lighting kits, routers, laptops, printers and other studio accessories.

Responding, the Director-General of the FRCN, Muhammad Bulama, commended the NEDC for the intervention, describing it as timely and impactful.

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Navy, NIWA Strengthen Part'ship To Improve Waterway Safety



Navy, NIWA strengthen maritime partnership

The Nigerian Navy and the National Inland Waterways Authority have reaffirmed their commitment to safer waterways through a partnership aimed at strengthening marine safety standards and reducing accidents across riverine communities in the Niger Delta. The renewed collaboration was highlighted during a two-day Boat Safety, Security and Risk Management Training organised by the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta in Warri, Delta State, for boat operators and jetty personnel from Delta, Bayelsa and Ondo states.

In a statement on Thursday by PIND, the training brought together marine operators,

safety officials and development stakeholders to address growing concerns over safety risks associated with water transportation in remote riverine communities.

Speaking at the event on behalf of the PIND Executive Director, Sam Ogbemi Daibo, the organisation's Security Manager, Col. Abdulfatai Mohammed (retd.), said the initiative was designed to improve safety awareness and strengthen operational standards among boat operators.

"This intervention is about protecting lives — both for those who work on the waterways and the communities we serve. By strengthening the skills, awareness and accountability of boat operators, we are addressing one of the most critical risk points in riverine operations," Mohammed said.

He noted that as development activities continue to expand across difficult-to-access communities, marine transportation has become increasingly important for reaching

vulnerable populations.

According to him, the training represents a proactive approach to addressing safety challenges by equipping operators with practical knowledge in emergency response, navigation safety, maritime security awareness and incident reporting.

Facilitators from the Nigerian Navy and NIWA led technical sessions, practical demonstrations and simulation exercises aligned with national maritime safety standards.

Also speaking, the Base Administrative Officer, Nigerian Navy Ship, Commander Samuel Ateru, described the programme as timely, stressing that improved safety compliance among operators would significantly reduce avoidable incidents on inland waterways.

"Safety on the waterways is a shared responsibility. Trainings like this strengthen preparedness, improve operational discipline and support safer navigation across riverine communities," the naval officer said.

Also speaking, the Area Manager of NIWA, Engr. Rufus Ogbonlato underscored the importance of regular training and professional conduct among marine transport operators.

"Regular training and adherence to safety procedures are essential to reducing marine accidents. We commend PIND for creating a platform that promotes professionalism and responsible marine transport operations," Ogbonlato stated.

PIND said the initiative forms part of broader efforts to improve operational safety and strengthen the duty of care across waterways frequently used by development actors and local communities in the Niger Delta.

The organisation added that it would continue to engage operators through follow-up monitoring and compliance measures to ensure that safety standards are sustained beyond the training programme.

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Germany Allocates 2026 Funding For Additional 1,500 Zero-Emission Buses

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Germany's transport ministry has launched a new funding programme aimed at supporting the deployment of at least 1,500 additional electric buses, following announcement earlier this year.

The German Federal Ministry for Transport (BMV) has published a new "Directive for the promotion of alternative drives for buses in passenger transport", continuing the national support framework for battery-electric and fuel cell buses. The new funding call was officially published in the Federal Gazette on 6 May 2026, while applications will open on 26 May.

The BMV states that since the launch of the first funding directive in 2021, more than 5,300 buses have been approved for funding across around 330



public transport operators. More than 2,300 vehicles are already in operation. In 2025, nearly half of newly registered city buses in Germany were

zero-emission vehicles. Germany's public transport sector added 1,397 emission-free buses in 2025, bringing the total fleet to 4,752 vehicles in operation

nationwide, according to PwC's E-Bus Radar 2026. The data positions electric drivetrains at around 14% of the country's city bus fleet of

approximately 35,000 units. According to the report, German operators have outlined procurement plans for around 6,400 additional zero-emission buses by

2030, bringing the total fleet to over 11,000 vehicles (a substantial increase compared to the 8,500 forecasted in 2023 by the same PwC).

According to the BMV's press note, the programme is backed by the 2026 federal budget and will support the procurement and conversion of buses with zero-emission drivetrains, together with the related charging and refuelling infrastructure. The scheme applies to battery-electric buses, trolleybuses with batteries, hydrogen fuel cell buses, battery buses equipped with fuel-cell range extenders, and retrofit projects converting conventional buses to battery-electric or hydrogen propulsion.

The new BMV framework introduces two separate funding pillars. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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Georgia is launching a large-scale overhaul of its railway system aimed at boosting capacity, efficiency, and regional connectivity, Economy Minister Mariam Kvrivishvili has said.

"We are embarking on a historic renewal of Georgian Railways –

a process that will fundamentally transform the company," Kvrivishvili said during a presentation of the reform plan.

The strategy focuses on three key directions: infrastructure development, strengthening freight transport, and

Georgia Launches Railway Modernisation Plan - Kvrivishvili

modernizing passenger services, combining operational and infrastructure upgrades into a single system.

The minister said the company's financial performance has improved, with an optimization effect exceeding ₾230 million over the past year and net profit rising to 30%. Operating profit margins increased from 25% to 36%.

Rail capacity has also expanded, with throughput on the main line up 30% and transit time across the country reduced by 20%.

Kvrivishvili said Georgia plans to purchase 50 new locomotives and 1,500 wagons, with more than ₾1 billion in investment. The upgrades are expected to cut transit time from 24 hours to 12 hours and double overall transport capacity.

Passenger services are also set for expansion, with new trains planned to increase ridership and improve travel speed and comfort.

Major infrastructure works are underway. Rehabilitation of the Tbilisi-Batumi railway and Tbilisi-Akhaltshikhe railway lines is expected to be completed by August 2026, reducing travel

time to Batumi to around four hours and halving journey times to Akhaltshikhe.

The historic Borjomi-Bakuriani railway line is also set for rehabilitation, with completion planned for winter 2027.

Kvrivishvili linked the railway upgrades to broader regional connectivity plans, including the Anaklia deep-sea port project, which she describes as a key component of Georgia's logistics network. Construction of connecting road and rail infrastructure is expected to begin soon.

She added that growing global demand for alternative trade routes has increased the importance of the Middle Corridor, positioning Georgia as a key transit partner between Europe and Asia.

The minister said modernization of major railway stations across the country is already underway, aimed at aligning infrastructure with modern standards and passenger needs.

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Nigeria-Vietnam Trade Grows From \$250m To Over \$1bn In 10 Years - Envoy

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The Ambassador of Vietnam to Nigeria, Bui Hung, says bilateral trade between Nigeria and Vietnam has grown from about \$250 million in 2015 to over \$1 billion in 2025, describing the development as a major milestone in the economic relations between both countries.

Hung disclosed this on Thursday in Abuja during a press briefing marking the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Nigeria and Vietnam.

He said the steady growth reflects deepening economic cooperation and expanding business opportunities between the two countries over the past decade.

"Bilateral trade turnover has increased significantly over the past decade. In 2015, two-way trade reached nearly USD 250 million; in 2016, it increased to over USD 300 million. From 2020 to 2023, two-way trade hovered around USD 500 – 600 million.

"Recently, for two consecutive years in 2024 and 2025, two-way trade exceeded USD 1 billion per year—marking a historic milestone for economic relations. Thus, over the past 10 years, the bilateral trade turnover between Vietnam and



The Vietnam ambassador to Nigeria, Bui Hung

Nigeria has increased more than fourfold, from nearly USD 250 million in 2015 to over USD 1 billion in 2025," he said.

The ambassador explained that Nigeria exports crude oil, liquefied gas, raw cashew nuts and other agricultural products to Vietnam, making the country an important supplier of raw materials for Vietnam's processing industries.

He added that Vietnam exports textiles, footwear,

plastic raw materials, handbags, telephones and electrical components, agricultural machinery, transport vehicles and pharmaceuticals to Nigeria.

Hung also highlighted growing cooperation in investment and energy, noting that Vietnamese shipbuilding firms had exported high-speed patrol boats to Nigeria and provided repair and construction services for large-tonnage vessels for Nigerian companies.

He said both countries had also discussed cooperation in energy, oil and gas, as well as maritime transport during bilateral engagements.

The envoy commended the role of trade associations in strengthening economic ties, noting that the Nigeria-Vietnam Economic, Trade and Cultural Association had signed cooperation agreements with the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry to boost trade relations.

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Nigeria's Economic Recovery Has Begun, Says Alake

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Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Dele Alake, has declared that Nigeria's economic recovery has commenced in earnest following the bold economic reforms introduced by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration.

Alake stated this on Wednesday at a joint stakeholders' sensitisation meeting organised by the Nigeria Revenue Service (NRS) and the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development for the North-Central zone in Abuja.

The meeting, themed "From Resource to Revenue: Aligning Solid Minerals Operations with the 2025 Tax Reform Act," brought together mining operators, regulators and industry stakeholders to deepen collaboration and improve compliance within the sector.

According to the minister, Nigeria has finally begun the difficult but necessary transition from a consumption-driven economy to productive industrial growth.

"Nigeria has hit the reset button and her economic recovery process has commenced in earnest," Alake said.

He recalled that before the discovery of crude oil, mining was one of the major pillars of Nigeria's economy and contributed significantly to industrial development.

"Our colonial masters-built rail lines primarily to support mining activities and move mineral resources.

Unfortunately, after independence and the oil boom happened to us, the mining sector collapsed while the nation became heavily dependent on oil revenue and import-driven consumption," he stated.

Alake noted that previous administrations struggled to reposition the economy because they lacked the political will to implement difficult but necessary reforms.

"Nigeria was borrowing to pay salaries before 2023. There was little room for capital development because resources were being used largely for recurrent expenditure and fuel subsidy payments that became unsustainable," he said.

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Tinubu Appoints 39-year Old Prof As New JAMB Registrar



Prof Segun Aina

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has appointed Professor Segun Aina as the new Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), succeeding Professor Is-haq Oloyede, whose two-term

tenure expires on July 31, 2026.

Professor Aina, who will be 40 in July, is a distinguished academic and systems expert with extensive experience in national examination systems, digital infrastructure, and public-sector institutional reform.

He holds a Bachelor of

Engineering in Computer Systems Engineering from the University of Kent, an MSc in Internet Computing and Network Security, and a PhD in Digital Signal Processing, both from Loughborough University, United Kingdom. He has also completed the Senior Management Programme at Lagos Business School.

A Professor of Computer Engineering at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Aina began his career with JAMB during his National Youth Service, gaining foundational experience in national admissions and data-driven institutional processes. These insights have shaped his ongoing contributions to examination reform and systems

optimisation.

With over 15 years of post-graduation experience, Professor Aina operates at the intersection of technology, policy, and institutional transformation, advising federal and state governments on system design, digital transition, and operational reform. At 39, he became one of Nigeria's youngest Computer Engineering professors and will now make history as JAMB's youngest registrar.

He has served as a consultant to major examination bodies, including NECO, NABTEB, and various State Ministries of Education, providing expertise on ICT systems, examination integrity, and digital process optimisation.

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Nigeria, Poland Deepen Ties On Digital Economy, Defence, Agriculture

Culled: Vice President Kashim Shettima has said Nigeria is ready to deepen strategic relations with the Republic of Poland across key sectors, including defence cooperation, digital economy, agriculture and maritime development. According to him, under the leadership of President Bola Tinubu, Nigeria has created a more business-friendly environment and remains open to mutually beneficial partnerships with countries willing to invest in its growth and development.

Senator Shettima stated this on Thursday while receiving the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital

Affairs of Poland, Dr. Krzysztof Gawkowski, during a courtesy visit to the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

The Vice President said Poland possesses notable comparative advantages in several sectors critical to Nigeria's economic transformation, stressing that both countries stand to benefit from stronger bilateral cooperation.

"There is room for enhanced and mutually beneficial business relations between Nigeria and Poland. We believe more in productive partnerships than dependence on foreign aid," he said.

Shettima noted that President

Tinubu's administration has implemented major economic reforms that have improved Nigeria's investment climate.

"Since assuming office over two years ago, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has unlocked the full potential of the Nigerian economy.

"We have liberalised the foreign exchange market, removed fuel subsidy and harmonised tax laws to ensure companies operating in Nigeria are not overtaxed. There is significant room for improvement in our relationship in critical sectors," he added.

The Vice President further described

Poland as one of Europe's most progressive and strategic nations, citing its achievements in shipbuilding, maritime economy, defence production, digital innovation and industrial development.

He assured the Polish delegation of Nigeria's commitment to strengthening cooperation and expanding economic ties between both countries.

Earlier, Poland's Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Gawkowski, described Nigeria as Poland's most strategic partner in Africa, noting that the country holds immense demographic and technological potential.

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Nigeria, Italy Agree On \$15bn Domestic Education Financing

Nigeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced a bilateral working group with Italy to advance the Global Partnership for Education's "Multiply Possibility Campaign," targeting \$5 billion in global funding and an additional \$10 billion in domestic education financing by 2030.

The ministry made the announcement on Thursday in a statement signed by spokesperson,

Kimiebi Imomotimi Ebienua, with the initiative set to culminate at the Global Education Summit in Rome, Italy in September 2026.

The summit, according to Ebienua, will focus on transforming learning for 750 million children and aligns with President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda priorities on youth skills, employment, and migration control.

"Nigeria and Italy have agreed to

form a Working Group to implement the proposed Global Partnership for Education (GPE) financing campaign aimed at mobilizing Five billion United States Dollars for Education," the statement read.

"The initiative, tagged the Multiply Possibility Campaign, seeks to transform learning for 750 million children and will culminate at the Global Education Summit in Rome, Italy, in September 2026. The

campaign is expected to unlock an additional ten billion dollars in domestic education financing by 2030."

Recent discussions between the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu and Italian Ambassador Roberto Mengoni also addressed tourism, economic cooperation, and defence ties, underscoring deepening Nigeria-Italy bilateral relations.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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