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The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has announced a temporary increase in train operations along the Lagos-Ibadan Train Service (LITS) corridor ahead of the Sallah celebration to cater for the expected rise in passenger traffic.

The Corporation said the adjustment will take effect on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, with the number of daily train trips increased from four to six during the festive period.

Chief Public Relations Officer of the NRC, Callistus Unyimadu, disclosed this in a statement issued in Lagos, explaining that the move was aimed at easing movement for travellers during the holiday season.

According to him, the additional train services are temporary and will only operate throughout the Sallah celebration period.

"Under the special arrangement, the corporation will operate six train trips on Tuesday instead of the usual four trips currently operated on the corridor," Unyimadu stated.

He explained that train departures from

Lagos are scheduled for 7:45 a.m., 1:40 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., while departures from Ibadan will take place at 8:00 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The NRC spokesman added that the regular timetable would resume after the festive period.

He also noted that the usual Thursday six-trip schedule would be temporarily reduced to four trips on May 28 before normal operations fully resume the following week.

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In a statement issued on Sunday, FAAN said the interactive session was led by the Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Henry Agbebire, and focused on improving service delivery as well as fostering stronger working relationships between airline operators and the authority's Department of Protocol and Passages.

According to the statement, airline operators raised concerns over inadequate signage around ongoing landside construction works, insufficient lifts, shuttle bus challenges, and issues relating to airside ramp markings affected by ongoing construction activities.

The airlines also called for greater support from FAAN to improve customer experience for passengers using Nigerian airports.

Responding to the concerns, Agbebire assured stakeholders that the authority would review all complaints and observations raised during the meeting with a view to enhancing operational standards and overall service delivery at airports nationwide.

FAAN noted that the engagement formed part of ongoing efforts to address operational bottlenecks and ensure improved coordination between airport authorities and airline operators.

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The inspection exercise covered several terminals and jetties, including Ipakodo, Bayeku, Ijede, Ebute-Ero, Liverpool, Sabokoji, Alex and Coconut, with officials focusing primarily on boat seaworthiness and life jacket safety compliance.

During the operation, LASWA confiscated and removed 120 damaged life jackets from circulation, describing the action as necessary to eliminate safety risks and ensure adherence to established waterways standards.

According to the Authority, the inspections revealed varying levels of compliance among boat operators. While a number of vessels were found to have met required safety standards,



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some operators were directed to carry out repairs and maintenance to achieve full seaworthiness.

LASWA stressed that compliance with safety protocols, particularly regarding vessel conditions and the use of certified life jackets, remains mandatory for all operators on the state's waterways.

The Authority further stated that

enforcement activities would continue across ferry terminals and jetties to ensure strict observance of safety regulations.

It added that operators are legally required to maintain seaworthy boats and provide passengers with functional and approved life jackets at all times.

Reaffirming its commitment to safer water transportation, LASWA said it

would continue to strengthen regulatory oversight in line with efforts to build a reliable and well-regulated waterways transport system in Lagos State.

The agency also urged members of the public and water transport operators to cooperate with safety officials and comply with all waterways regulations to prevent accidents and safeguard lives.

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NRC Raises Alarm Over Coordinated Railway Vandalism In Plateau, Bauchi

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The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has raised fresh concerns over what it described as coordinated attacks on railway infrastructure in parts of the country, following recent incidents of vandalism in Plateau and Bauchi states.

In a statement issued on Friday in Lagos, the corporation said the incidents posed a serious threat to public safety, economic development and national security.

According to the NRC, one of the latest cases occurred on May 21, 2026, when a truck allegedly conveying vandalised railway materials became stuck between Kuru and Science School in Kuru, Plateau State, exposing the activities of suspected criminals involved in the destruction and illegal transportation of railway assets.

The corporation also disclosed that along the Zango axis in Bauchi State, between kilometre 878 and 889, railway slippers were completely removed on both sides of a level crossing, leaving behind only a few disjointed rail components.

The NRC warned that such acts of sabotage could trigger fatal train accidents, disrupt railway services, endanger lives and destroy government investments worth billions of naira.

The corporation stressed that railway tracks, sleepers, clips, fastenings and signalling materials are critical national assets funded with public resources to support transportation, trade and economic growth, noting that they should not be treated as scraps for illegal business activities.

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According to the memo, the affected airlines were placed on the NCAA's updated "No-Pay-No-Service" list following their failure to remit statutory charges, including the five per cent Ticket Sales Charge and Cargo Sales Charge collected on behalf of the regulator.

The charges are used to fund critical aspects of aviation oversight, including safety regulation, personnel training and economic monitoring within the industry.

The airlines affected by the directive are

Air Peace Limited, Ibom Air Limited, Arik Air Limited, United Nigeria Airlines, Umza Air, NG Eagle, Max Air Limited, Caverton Helicopters, Overland Airways, Rano Air and ValueJet.

The memo stated that no NCAA directorate should provide any form of service to the listed operators without obtaining financial clearance from the Directorate of Finance and Accounts.

"The DGCA has directed that no directorate should render any service to the above airlines without financial clearance from the Director of Finance and Accounts," the memo read.

The development could lead to disruptions in regulatory support services for the affected carriers, raising concerns about possible operational delays and wider implications for Nigeria's aviation industry if the debts remain unresolved.

Industry stakeholders say the enforcement action underscores the NCAA's renewed efforts to ensure compliance with financial obligations among domestic operators.

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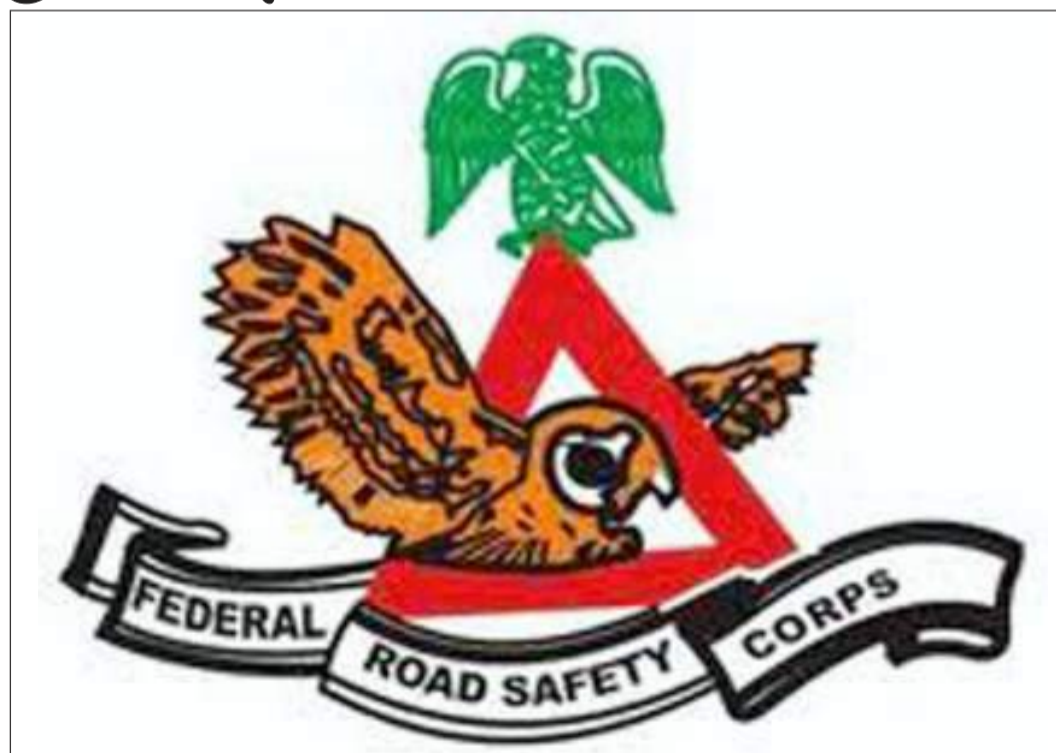
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The Federal Road Safety Corps has advised motorists travelling on the Abuja-Kaduna Highway to exercise patience and strictly adhere to traffic regulations amid heavy congestion caused by increased Eid-el-Kabir travel and ongoing road construction works.

In a travel advisory posted on its official X handle on Sunday, the Corps said the most affected stretch remains the Nasarawa-Azara axis between Katari and Jere towns, where traffic movement has slowed significantly, a situation it attributed to congestion worsened by dangerous overtaking and lane indiscipline.

FRSC urged road users to remain patient, stressing that discipline on the highway is key to easing the current gridlock.

"Motorists are advised to exercise patience and strict compliance with traffic regulations as the corridor currently experiences heavy congestion due to increased Eid-el-



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Kabir traffic and ongoing road construction works," the Corps said.

It specifically identified the Nasarawa-Azara axis as the worst-hit section, noting that "traffic flow has slowed considerably, further worsened by dangerous overtaking and lane indiscipline by some motorists."

To ease movement, the Corps recommended an alternative route for travellers.

"Motorists travelling between Kaduna and Abuja are advised to use the alternative route through Kaduna-Kachia-Maraban Kubacha-Jere-Bwari-Dutse Abuja, and vice versa," it stated.

The FRSC also cautioned against reckless driving behaviours that worsen congestion and increase crash risks.

"The Corps also urges all road users to

maintain lane discipline, avoid one-way driving, obey traffic officials, and drive responsibly," it added, while assuring that it remains committed to safer road movement during the festive period.

In a related development, the Corps announced the commencement of nationwide Special Patrol Operations ahead of the 2026 Eid-el-Kabir celebrations, deploying over 30,000 personnel across the country.

According to FRSC, the operation is part of its annual festive intervention aimed at improving road safety and emergency response during periods of increased travel. The Corps said the special operation will run from May 25 to May 31, 2026.

It added that the exercise is designed to reduce road crashes, fatalities, traffic congestion and other highway emergencies associated with festive movements, stressing that it remains committed to "ensuring safer roads, hitch-free movement, and prompt emergency response across the country."

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FRSC Deploys 555 Personnel For Eid Special Patrol In Osun

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Federal Road Safety Corps, Osun State Sector Command, has deployed 555 personnel for special patrol during the Eid-el-Kabir celebrations in the state.

The Osun Sector Commander, Mr Sunday Adebayo, made the disclosure in a statement issued by the Sector Public Education Officer, Mrs Agnes Ogungbemi, on Saturday in Osogbo.

Adebayo said the week-long operation would commence from May 25 to May 31 across the state to prevent road accident and ensure free flow of traffic during the festive period.

He enjoined road users to adhere strictly to road safety guidelines to avoid being sanctioned for wrongful or dangerous driving.

According to him, three ambulances, two roadside clinics, one tow truck and 15 patrol vehicles will be deployed for the exercise.

"The operation will be carried out in collaboration with other sister security agencies.

"The statutory responsibilities of the corps include clearing obstructions on roads, identifying causes of road traffic accidents and proffering solutions to them," he said.

The sector commander advised motorists to cooperate with the corps, obey traffic regulations and avoid speeding during the celebration.

He further appealed to media organisations and other stakeholders to continue supporting campaigns against road accident in the state.

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The Federal Government has said it is targeting the establishment of 2,322 Compressed Natural Gas stations nationwide by 2027 as part of efforts to deepen the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles and expand gas mobility infrastructure across the country.

The Executive Chairman and Chief Executive of the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas and Electronic Vehicles, Ismaeel Ahmed, disclosed this during the Nigerian Oil and Gas Midstream and Downstream Summit organised recently by the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board in Lagos.

Represented by an official of the agency, Olayinka Rufai, the chairman said the government had made significant progress in expanding CNG infrastructure and vehicle conversion across the country within less than three years.

According to him, at inception, about one state had CNG available commercially, but the gas is now available in 24 of the 36 states of the country.

"Today, in less than three years, we now

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have 24 states active. We are looking at what goes on elsewhere. I think we can safely say that it is probably the fastest we have seen anywhere in the world, especially if you consider the conditions under which we are doing this, the economy, and everything," he said.

Ahmed stated that over 100,000 vehicles had already been converted to run on CNG, noting that most of them were commercial vehicles due to the government's focus on reducing transportation costs for ordinary Nigerians.

"Because of the palliative nature with which we started, the majority of those vehicles turned out to be commercial vehicles, because we intended to make an impact that touched the common man," he said.

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Mbah Unveils Plans For Monorail, Intercity Rail In Enugu



Governor Mbah

Enugu State Governor Peter Mbah has promised that the state will get monorail and intercity rail line as part of his plans for holistic development of the state.

He said that he would inaugurate the projects in the next four years as it has become a necessity for Enugu, the capital city, to have a multi-modal transportation system as obtainable in great cities across the world.

Mbah revealed his bag of more goodies for Enugu in his acceptance speech after he was declared the winner of the All Progressives Congress (APC) governorship primary.

His party, APC, has given him the ticket to seek revalidation of his mandate in 2027, following a

resounding 96 per cent affirmative votes of Enugu APC members.

Mbah stated that the multi-modal transportation system that "will be launched (is) not essentially designed to earn us any bragging rights. They are municipal necessities".

He invited Enugu people to "think about any great city you know (and envision how Enugu would be in four years' time)" hence his drive to build a world-class city.

The governor stated: "All our projects are mutually reinforcing" for economic growth and holistic development of Enugu State hence they were never conceived as grandiose projects that have no bearing to the needs of the people.

"From agriculture to the international cargo terminal, hotels to the massive tourism sites, and security to real estate, they are all connecting the dots," he said, adding that "in the coming years, their benefits will be more".

He hinted that what he has in store for the people of Enugu in the years ahead

is huge, adding that "what we have done in the last three years is simply laying the foundations for greater things to come".

The governor, who reviewed his achievements since he was ushered into the Lion Building in May 2023, said that he has proved that political promises could be kept.

"We have smashed the notion that promises matter more than performance. Instead, the emphasis has been on real substance, on ensuring that every effort translates into outcome, and that resources are used with care and intent," Mbah stated.

According to him, his promises and the ideas he conceived to make Enugu better have been translated to tangible projects impacting the economic and social lives of the state.

"It is visible in the routines of our daily life, in how we study, how we travel, how we work, how we access services that were once unreliable or out of reach.

"You can see it in sectors beginning to function with greater coherence," he said.

Mbah said he could not afford to fail because "every young person looking ahead to their future life is relying on us to follow through these promises.

"Mothers, fathers are watching the future of their children, praying that this time it will not be fake. We have a duty not to dash that goal, but to stand behind a vision that demands security and real choice for every young man".

However, he acknowledged that he came with an ambitious "Tomorrow is Here" project, with the attendant scepticism that it could end up as mere slogan.

But he has proved doubters wrong as "what once felt distant, that tomorrow could be different, is no longer abstract. It is taking shape".

According to him, his ideas have become realities because "we stepped away from the politics of appearance, the kind that looks impressive from a distance but delivers little on close".

In driving the development of Enugu State, Mbah assured the people that he would not sacrifice their welfare on the altar of infrastructural development.

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TRACE Receives International Award For Discipline And Road Safety Excellence

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The Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE) has been honoured with the "Most Disciplined Road Safety Agency of the Year 2025 Award" by the African Emerging Leadership, Research and Development Organization (AELRDO) in recognition of the agency's commitment to discipline, ethical conduct, road safety and traffic management.

The award was presented by the Country Representative of AELRDO, Dr. Rhuefe Khaese, to the most senior TRACE Commander overseeing the day-to-day administration and operational duties of the agency, Cmdr. Elias Omonayajo.

Speaking during the presentation, Dr. Khaese commended TRACE operatives for their dedication, steadfastness and professionalism,



The TRACE officials receiving the award

noting that the level of discipline displayed by the agency stands out among traffic management organisations in the country. He also praised the agency's efforts in

promoting road safety ethics, public enlightenment and traffic sensitisation programmes for motorists and other road users across the Ogun State despite shunning extortion

and overbearing responsibilities.

conduct in the discharge of their duties. He advised operatives to maintain friendliness, warmth and decorum in their interactions with members of the public, particularly motorists.

Responding on behalf of the agency, Cmdr. Omonayajo expressed appreciation to AELRDO for finding TRACE worthy of the honour, describing the recognition as a motivation for operatives to remain committed to the agency's mission and vision of effective service delivery.

According to him, the award would further inspire personnel to rededicate themselves to the core values and ideals of the organisation in ensuring improved traffic management and road safety enforcement across the state.

The latest recognition marks the second time in five years that TRACE has received an award of distinction from AELRDO for exemplary service delivery and adherence to ethical standards in the discharge of its responsibilities.

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FG Expands AfCFTA Export Corridor With New RwandAir Cargo P'ship



Dr. Oduwole

The Federal Government has expanded Nigeria's African Continental Free Trade Area export corridor through a new partnership with RwandAir aimed at reducing cargo transportation costs and opening additional trade routes into East and Southern Africa.

The agreement, announced by the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment on Sunday to mark Africa Day 2026, extends the Nigeria-East and Southern Africa Air Cargo Corridor to Kigali, Rwanda; Harare, Zimbabwe; and Lusaka, Zambia.

The arrangement also provides Nigerian exporters with an additional carrier option on the Nairobi and Johannesburg routes.

According to the ministry, the initiative is designed to address high logistics and transportation costs that have long hindered Nigerian exporters from competing effectively in African markets.

The ministry stated that cargo rates on the new RwandAir routes would cost less than \$2 per kilogramme across all five destinations, compared to previous charges ranging from \$3 to \$10 per kilogramme before the establishment of the corridor.

The statement noted that the Federal Government had initially launched the Nigeria-East and Southern Africa Air Cargo Corridor in 2025 through a partnership with Uganda Airlines.

It explained that the earlier arrangement provided exporters with discounted cargo rates of up to 70 per cent below prevailing commercial charges for goods transported to Entebbe, Nairobi and Johannesburg. The ministry said the new RwandAir partnership would further strengthen

Nigeria's implementation of the AfCFTA agreement by improving market access and lowering export costs for local businesses.

Speaking on the development, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Jumoke Oduwole, said the government was beginning to witness practical results from its AfCFTA implementation strategy.

She said the initiative was created to solve the challenge of expensive cargo transportation, which had limited the ability of Nigerian businesses to access African markets competitively.

According to her, Nigeria's non-oil exports to African countries increased from \$150m in 2024 to \$207m in 2025, reflecting the impact of ongoing trade reforms.

Oduwole added that the partnership with RwandAir would enable more Nigerian exporters to reach additional African markets at competitive costs.

She described the development as

evidence of what could be achieved when government provides an enabling environment for businesses to grow.

The minister also commended the governments of Uganda and Rwanda for supporting the initiative, alongside Nigerian agencies and private sector organisations involved in the project.

Among the agencies recognised were the Nigeria Customs Service, the Nigerian Export Promotion Council, the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, the Nigerian Shippers' Council and the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture.

The ministry disclosed that negotiations leading to the agreement were coordinated in collaboration with technical advisers from the United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Africa and the Nigeria AfCFTA Coordination Office.

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Suicide Bombing Near Railway Track Kills In Pakistan's Quetta

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At least 23 people were killed and more than 70 others injured after a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden vehicle near a railway track in Quetta, the capital of Pakistan's troubled Balochistan province.

According to officials, the explosion occurred on Sunday as a passenger train was passing through the area, causing two train carriages to overturn and burst into flames. Thick smoke was seen rising from the scene, while nearby buildings and several vehicles were severely damaged by the blast.

Medical officials in Quetta said dozens of injured victims were taken to hospitals for treatment, with at least 20 reported to be in critical condition. Security personnel and rescue workers were immediately deployed to the scene to assist victims and evacuate the wounded.



The banned separatist group, the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it targeted a train allegedly carrying security

personnel.

Balochistan, an oil- and mineral-rich province in south-western Pakistan, has witnessed years of insurgency and militant violence, with separatist

groups frequently attacking security forces, government facilities and civilians.

Condemning the attack, Balochistan government spokesperson Shahid

Rind described the incident as a tragic assault on innocent civilians and announced that a medical emergency had been declared in hospitals across Quetta. He added

that investigations were ongoing.

Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, also condemned the bombing, describing it as a "cowardly act of terrorism," while expressing condolences to the families of the victims.

Similarly, Balochistan Chief Minister, Sarfraz Bugti, vowed that those responsible would be hunted down, accusing the attackers of deliberately targeting innocent civilians, including women and children.

Pakistan's President, Asif Ali Zardari, also denounced the bombing, pledging continued efforts to defeat terrorism and those supporting militant activities in the country.

The attack comes amid persistent insecurity in Balochistan despite repeated government assurances that militant activities in the region have been largely contained. [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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General News

EU, ActionAid Unveils \$2.5m Project To Strengthen Social Protection In Nigeria

Culled: ActionAid Nigeria through the support of the European Union has unveiled the EU Support for Strengthening Social Protection in Nigeria, (ESSPIN) project to improve social protection programmes in the country.

The 3-year project with an investment of about \$2.5million will be implemented in 96 local government areas across Abia, Benue, Oyo, and Sokoto state. The project is expected to reach 126,000 people comprising of 69,301 women.

Speaking at the launch of the project yesterday in Abuja the Minister of Budget and National Planning Dr Atiku Bagudu stated that the objective of the initiative was to address existing gaps in the National Social Protection Register.

He added that the project also seek to consolidate lessons learned from earlier initiatives while strengthening community resilience by promoting efficient and responsive social protection network systems in selected pilot states.

The Minister who was represented by a Director in the Ministry, Dr



Bagudu

Sampson Ebimaro stated that the project is targeted at bridging the identified gaps in the Nigeria Social Protection Policy, saying "we want to identify the performance gaps? What are the challenges? What do we need to do?"

He added "From the sense of economic development, we cannot continue to do social protection forever. Nigeria should be moving to the era of development and investment. We can't

continue to do handout and humanitarian. Yes, the challenges will be there, but we can't continue to remain there. We must leave that point to begin to emphasize on development and investment."

He however commended the EU, ActionAid and other development partners for the initiative. He reiterated commitment of the Ministry in ensuring the successful and impactful delivery of the program.

The representative of the European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS Chioma Osuji in her remark mentioned that the project is part of the European Union's \$46 million support to Nigeria's social protection system under the 2021-2027 Multi-Annual Indicative Programme.

She said "The \$2.5 million project was signed in December and is expected to run for three years, from 2026 to 2028.

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Nigeria Pledges Deeper Ties With Benin Republic

Culled:

Vice President Kashim Shettima has reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to a deeper strategic partnership with the Republic of Benin, describing the two countries as sharing a common destiny rooted in history, culture and trade.

Shettima made the remarks on Sunday in Cotonou, where he represented President Bola Tinubu at the inauguration of President Romuald Wadagni at the Presidential Palace. The event drew leaders and envoys from across West Africa.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice President said Nigeria views its relationship with Benin as fundamental to regional integration and democratic stability within the ECOWAS bloc.

"Our presence here in Cotonou underlines President Tinubu's unwavering, deep-seated commitment to strengthening ties with our neighbours," Shettima said.

He drew attention to the depth of the two countries' historical bonds, noting that the Nigerian border with Benin Republic stretches nearly 600 kilometres across six states.

He also pointed to overlapping ethnic identities, including Yoruba communities and shared Borgu heritage straddling both sides of the border, as evidence of a relationship that predates modern political boundaries.

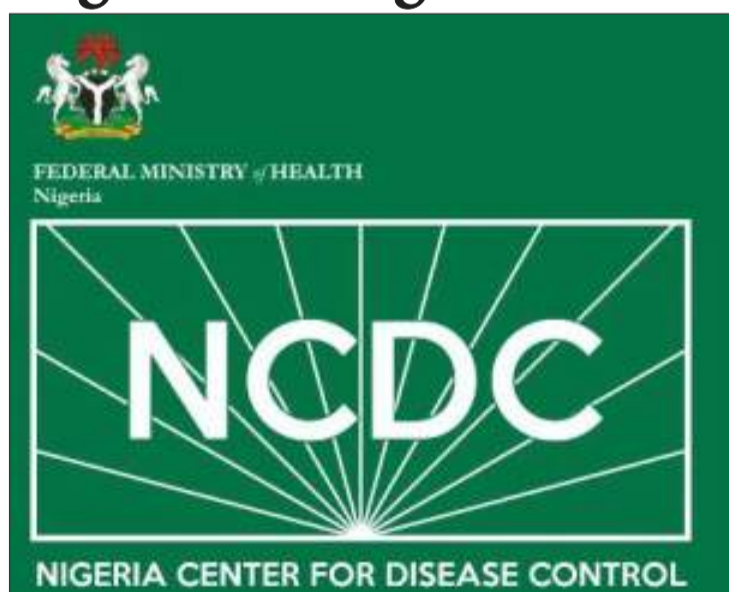
"We are essentially one people tied to a common destiny," he said.

Trade between both countries currently stands around \$2billion annually, according the Vice President, who added that about an estimated five million Nigerians live in Benin Republic, which has a total population of roughly 15 million.

Shettima also highlighted recent progress in formalising grassroots cooperations, referencing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed last August that established a direct collaboration between Nigerian border Local Government Areas (LGAs) and communities in Benin, particularly in towns such as Seme, Igbokofi and Ilara.

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Nigeria At High Risk Of Ebola Importation - NCDC



Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC)

Culled: The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) has placed Nigeria on high risk of Ebola importation due to the ongoing transmission in the DRC and Uganda, international travel and population movement as well as the uncertainty regarding the full magnitude of the outbreak.

This followed a dynamic risk assessment conducted by the agency which estimated the risk of Ebola importation into Nigeria to be high and

also identified high-risk states, border communities, major transport hubs, and Points of Entry (PoEs).

In a public health advisory issued yesterday in Abuja, Director-General of NCDC, Dr Jide Idris noted NCDC is intensifying national coordination activities to strengthen Ebola preparedness and rapid response capacity across the country adding that the National Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is on the alert mode for heightened preparedness.

He noted that though Nigeria has not recorded any confirmed case of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) associated with the current regional outbreak as at the time of this release, however, in view of the Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

declaration by the WHO, and the rising no of cases in DRC and Uganda, our surveillance and preparedness activities continue across the country.

Idris observed that NCDC has intensified event-based surveillance and epidemic intelligence activities across the country, including enhanced monitoring of alerts, rumours, and unusual public health events to support early detection, reporting, and response activities.

He urged travellers arriving from countries with confirmed Ebola cases to monitor their health for 21 days and immediately report symptoms such as fever, weakness, vomiting or unexplained bleeding.

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FairMoney Unveils Asset Financing Solution For Mobility Entrepreneurs

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A new product known as Asset Financing Solution, tailored for those in the Nigerian transportation and logistics sector, has been introduced by a technology-enabled financial institution, FairMoney Microfinance Bank.

This initiative marks a significant expansion of FairMoney's product ecosystem, moving beyond personal and working capital loans into commercial asset financing. By helping entrepreneurs build a verifiable credit history through vehicle repayments, the company is supporting financial inclusion and

participation within the formal economy.

Asset Financing Solution forms part of the lender's broader commitment to responsible lending and structured financing for eligible operators, as it expands access to asset financing for mobility entrepreneurs across the country through an application process subject to credit assessment and eligibility requirements.

The sector continues to record sustained market activity with reported growth rates of approximately 9.87 per cent–10.1 per cent in late 2025.

As road freight and passenger

transport remain the nation's dominant modes of transit, FairMoney's new initiative aims to improve access to structured asset financing for thousands of transporters and delivery merchants. By providing access to business-use transport assets, the product helps address limited access to structured financing for micro-SMEs and supports activities within Nigeria's logistics and mobility sector.

Mobility entrepreneurs seeking to acquire vehicles can now access flexible repayment plans through an application process that is subject to credit assessment and eligibility

requirements.

Leveraging its technology-enabled onboarding and risk assessment capabilities, applicants can move through a structured onboarding and evaluation process.

Repayment structures are specifically tailored to the daily and weekly cash-flow realities of mobility businesses, supporting operational continuity and business growth within structured repayment arrangements.

The programme is open to eligible applicants via the FairMoney Business platform and through designated partner hubs across major cities.

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NSITF Raises Fresh Concerns Over Nigerian Workplaces

The Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund, NSITF, has raised fresh concerns over the state of workplaces in the country, declaring that Nigerian workers have become one of the most vulnerable groups in society due to increasing occupational risks and inadequate workplace protection measures.

Managing Director of NSITF, Oluwaseun Faleye, made the declaration during a panel session at

the just-concluded International Civil Service Conference in Abuja, where stakeholders discussed "Inclusive public services for women, youths, persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups."

Represented by the Fund's Abuja Regional Manager, Mrs Bridget Ashang, Faleye said the NSITF remained committed to protecting vulnerable groups, especially persons living with disabilities, through effective

occupational safety and health measures as well as the Employees' Compensation Scheme, ECS.

According to him, the Fund's Employees' Compensation Scheme serves as a critical social protection mechanism for workers who suffer injuries, disabilities, diseases or death in the course of work.

He explained that under the scheme, dependants of deceased workers are supported until the last child attains the

age of 21 or graduates from a tertiary institution.

Faleye stressed that while compensation remains part of the Fund's statutory mandate, the agency now places stronger emphasis on prevention of workplace accidents and occupational hazards.

"Prevention is better than compensation. That is why we are leading when it comes to Occupational Safety and Health."
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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
2. Africa Road Transport Safety Summit and Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO) - The largest gathering of Researchers and Industry Leaders in Road Transport Safety featuring exhibitions of technology devices and Innovations.
3. Africa Safe School Volunteer Project (ASSVP) - A social responsibility project that members of DSSAA will get directly involved in their various countries which includes volunteering to control traffic and help Children cross the Road during school hours in schools, funding installation of STOP Road signs and marking of zebra crossings at school Intersections, as well as carrying out the training of children on Road Safety practices in schools.
4. Africa Road Safety Partnerships and Research board (ARSPARB)- A hub for the advancement of partnerships with development agencies, National Governments and corporations as well as a Research Faculty for Road Safety Research Projects.

About DSSAA

Driving Schools and Safety Alliance Africa - DSSAA is Africa's premier Professional Association of Driving School Owners, Instructors, Driver Assessors and Road Safety professionals.

It is registered in the Gambia and UK with National offices in all the Capital cities in Africa.

DSSAA aims to bring all the critical stakeholders together to build the capacity of Driving School operators and support Road Safety through advocacy, public education, lobbying, fund raising, training and certification.

We are the promoters of various Road Transport Safety initiatives and programmes among which are the African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP), Africa Road Transport Safety Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO), Africa Safe school volunteer project (ASSVP) and the Africa Road Safety Partnership and Research board (ARSPARB) domiciled in our Overseas Office in Bournemouth United Kingdom.

Membership is open to Road Safety advocates all over the world.

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