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# Shippers Council Recovers N348.8m From Disputes In Q1

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The Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) has saved N348.8 million in its dispute resolution intervention involving importers, exporters, freight forwarders and shipping agents in the first quarter of 2026.

According to the Council's sectoral data in its quarterly newsletter covering January to March, the complaints status showed that out of 32 cases handled during the period under review, 19 were successfully resolved, 12 are still ongoing, and one case has been closed.

The complaint analysis of the report showed that shipping companies and their agents accounted for the highest number of complaints, with 22 cases filed against them, followed by freight forwarders/clearing agents and government agencies, with three cases each.

Other entities that complained include seaport terminal operators, exporters, importers, and deconsolidators, with

one case each.

The report noted that complaints lodged during the period cut across a wide range of operational and financial issues, with five cases of container deposit refund disputes, followed by four cases of arbitrary charges and two unsettled demurrage cases.

Other issues included two cases each of missing cargo, service failure, damaged cargo, wrong port of discharge and non-release of auction cargo.

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At the core of the solution is a secure, token-based system that allows travellers to purchase digital tickets across multiple channels, including

web, mobile, and dedicated point-of-sale (POS) devices deployed at transport terminals.

These tokens serve as verifiable digital vouchers, which are validated and redeemed at boarding points, significantly reducing inefficiencies associated with manual ticketing, cash handling, and fragmented sales processes.

Commenting on the launch, the Managing Director, Industry Ecosystems, Interswitch, Chinyere Don-Okhuofu, said.

"Transportation remains a critical backbone of Nigeria's economy, yet much of the sector still operates with fragmented systems and manual processes that limit efficiency and growth. With the Ticket Vending Platform, we are introducing a scalable digital infrastructure that empowers transport operators to modernise their operations, expand their reach, and deliver a more seamless experience to travellers.

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# Adamawa Govt Warns Residents Against Farming, Construction On Waterways

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The Adamawa government has warned residents against farming, building structures, and dumping refuse on waterways ahead of the 2026 rainy season.

Mrs Syngana Dahdah, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, gave the warning in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday in Yola.

Dahdah urged residents occupying water channels to vacate immediately to prevent unnecessary loss of lives and property during flooding.

"Many residents have diverted natural waterways into residential buildings and farmlands, thereby obstructing the free flow of water.

"We are appealing to them to stop farming, building structures, and dumping refuse on waterways as the rainy season approaches," she said.

According to her, water channels are natural passages that must remain open, warning that blocked waterways often result in severe flooding during



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heavy rainfall.

"No matter how long it takes, water will always find its way and so blocking waterways with buildings or farms only exposes communities to danger," she added.

The permanent secretary also advised farmers against cultivating in flood-prone areas and drainage paths, noting that such activities could affect

agricultural productivity and increase erosion.

Dahdah said that the ministry had forwarded a memo to Gov. Ahmadu Fintiri on the desilting and reconstruction of some drainage along the Shagari and Yolde Pate axis of Yola South Local Government Area (LGA).

She said the affected areas experienced severe flooding during the 2025 rainy

season due to blocked drains and poor water flow.

According to her, some embankments raised during irrigation activities last year also contributed to flooding in some parts of the state.

Dahdah said the government would remove the embankments since irrigation activities had ended and the structures were no longer needed.

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### Wike Commends Quality, Pace Of Abuja Road Projects

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The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Wike, has expressed satisfaction with the quality and pace of ongoing road projects across Abuja, saying residents are beginning to witness the impact of governance through improved infrastructure.

Wike made the remarks on Wednesday during an inspection tour of ongoing road projects in Karu, Apo-Karshi, and Gbazango, also known as Arab Road, in Kubwa.

The minister praised construction firms handling the projects, particularly Abdul Val and Zeberced, for delivering quality work within scheduled timelines.

According to him, the road projects inspected have shown remarkable progress and are expected to improve transportation and living conditions for residents in the affected communities.

Wike specifically commended Abdul Val for the standard of work on the Karu road project, noting that the company previously handled the Ushafa road

project commissioned last year by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu through Vice President Kashim Shettima.

He disclosed that the Karu road project is among those scheduled for inauguration during President Tinubu's third anniversary celebrations.

Speaking on the Apo-Karshi road project being executed by SCC, the minister described it as a critical infrastructure demanded by residents over the years and expressed confidence that it would be completed before the end of the year.

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Wike commends pace of Abuja road projects

### Kano South Gets N90bn Bridge, Irrigation Projects

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The Federal Government has approved a N90 billion project for the construction and rehabilitation of a bridge in Kano South and the development of 2,500 hectares of irrigable land.

Rep. Kabiru Alhassan Rurum, who represents Rano, Kibiya, and Bunkure Federal Constituency, facilitated the approval.

Managing Director of the Hadejia Jama'are River Basin Development Authority, Rabi'u Suleiman Bichi, confirmed that the project had started during a site visit. Contractors have been mobilised, he added.

Bichi said the project would be executed to approved engineering standards to ensure durability. It aims to boost agricultural productivity and improve water management across Kano South.

The dam component will supply about two billion cubic meters of water to support irrigation on the new farmland. Officials said this would enable year-round cultivation, strengthen food

security, and drive growth in the region. Work includes constructing a permanent bridge and associated infrastructure. Preliminary structural activities and land filling are set to begin before the rainy season.

Bichi assured strict supervision and monitoring to ensure quality and timely delivery. He commended the federal government for funding the project, calling it a critical step to address infrastructure gaps and expand agricultural capacity in the state. The project is expected to open new opportunities for farmers in Kano South while improving transportation and connectivity in the area.

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Speaking during the exercise, Yusuf-John said the intervention became necessary following the increasing encroachment on roadways by traders and drivers, resulting in traffic obstruction and disruption of free vehicular movement around the market.

According to him, the sensitisation campaign was aimed at improving road safety, reducing traffic congestion, and



Kogi Govt, FRSC warns traders against market traffic obstruction

restoring orderliness within and around the market environment, which has become a major traffic bottleneck in Lokoja.

He advised motorists and commercial operators to make use of designated parking spaces and approved loading points provided for business activities.

The governor's aide also warned truck drivers against offloading goods by the

roadside, stressing that offenders risk sanctions under the law.

"Truck drivers who are in the habit of offloading goods by the roadside must discontinue the practice together with owners of such goods so as not to face the wrath of the law," he said.

Yusuf-John further directed shop owners displaying wares on road shoulders and pedestrian walkways to remove them in the interest of public

safety and smooth traffic flow.

He explained that the exercise was designed to educate traders, drivers, and other road users on the dangers and traffic implications associated with roadside trading and indiscriminate parking, particularly during market days.

Commercial drivers and tricycle operators were also cautioned against picking up or dropping passengers outside approved parks and loading points.

The SSA noted that the sensitisation team engaged stakeholders on the importance of traffic discipline, compliance with road safety regulations, and the need to maintain orderliness around the market vicinity.

He disclosed that, following resolutions reached during an April 15 stakeholders' meeting held at the Government House in Lokoja, the state government would establish a task force to oversee traffic management operations across major commercial centres in the state.

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# Katsina Begins Review Of Proposed Light Rail Master Plan

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The Katsina State Government has inaugurated a technical committee to review the proposed Light Rail Master Plan as part of efforts to modernise transportation and improve infrastructure across the state.

Secretary to the State Government, Abdullahi Garba Faskari, inaugurated the committee in Katsina, describing the initiative as a step towards building an efficient and sustainable urban transport system.

Faskari said the proposed rail project is aimed at improving mobility, supporting economic growth and enhancing urban development in line with the state's long-term development agenda.

The committee is chaired by the Commissioner for Works, Sani Magaji, and comprises representatives from key ministries, departments and agencies, including the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Urban and Regional Planning Board,

State Transport Authority, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, and Ministry of Environment.

The SSG said the committee has been mandated to assess the technical and financial viability of the project and determine its compatibility with the Katsina State Development Master Plan (2025–2040).

He said members would also advise the government on the feasibility, sustainability and strategic importance of the proposed rail system.

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Kaduna State Govt

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The Federal Government, through the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas and Electric Vehicles, is set to launch the Northern Corridor of the CNG and EV programme in Kano on Thursday.

The initiative is aimed at promoting cleaner, affordable and sustainable transportation alternatives across Northern Nigeria.

Head of Brand and Communications for the programme, Onyekachi Eke, disclosed this while speaking with the News Agency of Nigeria ahead of the launch in Kano.

According to her, the programme aligns with the Federal Government's drive to expand access to alternative fuel transportation and reduce dependence on conventional fuel sources.

Eke said Vice President Kashim Shettima, Kano State Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf, Jigawa State Governor Umar Namadi and Katsina State Governor Dikko Radda are among dignitaries expected at the event.

She explained that the launch would bring together government officials, private

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sector players and transport industry stakeholders to drive the expansion of CNG and electric vehicle infrastructure in the region.

Activities lined up for the event include demonstrations of clean mobility technologies currently being deployed across the country, as well as the unveiling and commissioning of CNG and EV infrastructure and assets.

The launch is also expected to serve as a platform for collaboration and discussions on the growth of Nigeria's clean mobility ecosystem.

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Leadway Assurance, and the FRSC have worked together on road safety advocacy for years.

The partnership has been further strengthened with the launch of the Arrive Alive campaign, which aims to deepen public awareness of responsible driving, promote safer road behaviour, and encourage better

compliance with road safety regulations among motorists. The initiative also aims to reduce preventable road accidents and reinforce a stronger culture of safety among road users across Nigeria.

As part of the campaign, a webinar titled "Arrive Alive Because Life is Priceless" was held on May 6, 2026.

The session featured the FRSC Lagos State Sector Commander Corps Commander, Kehinde Hamzat, and Leadway's Head of Technical Risk Management, Otuyemi Olatunde, who shared practical insights on essential vehicle safety items every motorist should have, including first aid kits, fire extinguishers, and discussed major causes of road accidents such as driver distraction, negligence, and unsafe road behaviour.

The speakers also addressed common misconceptions among motorists and emphasised the importance of proactive safety measures to prevent avoidable road traffic incidents.

The webinar was followed by live

sensitisation engagements at the FRSC office in Ojota and the Ojota Motor Park in Lagos on May 7, 2026. During the engagements, private and commercial motorists were educated on safe driving practices, compliance with traffic regulations, and responsible road use.

Motorists, who demonstrated compliance with safety requirements, including seat belt use, possession of complete vehicle documentation, and availability of required safety equipment in their vehicles, were recognised and rewarded as part of the campaign's behavioral reinforcement strategy.

Executive Director, Technical and Operations, Leadway Assurance, Olufunmilayo Amanwa, commenting on the campaign, said, "The 'Arrive Alive' initiative reflects our long-standing commitment to protecting lives beyond insurance coverage."

According to data released by the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Nigeria recorded a total of 10,446 crashes across the country in 2025, an

increase of 9.2 percent from 9,570 in 2024, with deaths resulting from last year's crashes put at 5,289 persons.

She added that "These data points reinforce the urgent need for sustained road safety awareness and behavioural change among motorists and commuters alike. By promoting safer driving habits, we are contributing to the reduction of preventable road traffic accidents and supporting the development of a more responsible road culture in Nigeria."

Also, The FRSC Lagos State Sector Commander, Corps Commander, Kehinde Hamzat, commenting on the partnership, said, "Our collaboration with Leadway Assurance on the 'Arrive Alive' initiative strengthens ongoing efforts to improve compliance with road safety regulations across Nigeria.

We continue to emphasise that most road traffic crashes are preventable when motorists make responsible decisions on the road. This initiative reinforces our shared commitment to saving lives and promoting safer road use nationwide."

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Kuku made this known during a courtesy visit by the Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of LASEMA, Dr Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, to the FAAN headquarters in Lagos.

She commended LASEMA for its continuous support during emergency situations at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, noting that the partnership between both agencies has significantly improved emergency response coordination and incident management in Lagos State.

According to her, the relationship between FAAN and LASEMA remains strategic,



Dr Oke-Osanyintolu and Mrs Olubunmi Kuku

particularly in the areas of emergency mock drills, disaster response exercises, and safety management operations within airport environments.

Kuku also welcomed LASEMA's proposal for

FAAN's participation in the International Organisation for Disaster Migration (IOM), and other institutions.

She, however, stressed that all training programmes involving Lagos airport personnel must comply with the

operational standards and regulatory frameworks of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA).

The FAAN boss explained that the authority operates under strict aviation safety and regulatory guidelines, adding that any participation in the proposed programmes would be subject to necessary approvals and compliance procedures.

"FAAN already has a structured emergency management system with designated incident commanders responsible for coordinating emergency operations across airport facilities," she said.

To ensure sustained engagement on the initiative, Kuku named the South-West Regional Manager, Arewa Olatokunbo, as FAAN's focal point for further discussions with LASEMA.

She reiterated FAAN's commitment to maintaining its longstanding collaboration with LASEMA in promoting emergency preparedness, coordinated response mechanisms, and aviation safety management in line with global best practices.

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## NPA, NDLEA Commends Terminal's Security Standards At Seaports



APM terminals

The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and other stakeholders in the maritime industry said that APM Terminals Apapa's sustained commitment to safety has played a critical role in maintaining a secure operational environment at the seaports.

They stated this during the commemoration of the 2026 Global Safety Day at the terminal, themed 'We Are Safe Together'.

The Port Manager, Lagos Port Complex, Adebowale Lawal, praised the terminal operator for its robust safety protocols in port operations, while encouraging continuous improvement to further strengthen these standards.

Chairman of the Association of Maritime Truck Owners (AMATO), Remi Ogungbemi, lauded the terminal's positive impact on port operations, adding that its presence in Apapa has significantly improved safety awareness and helped to curb the "motor-boy syndrome", thereby reducing fatal incidents along the port corridor.

Deputy Commander of Narcotics, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Sani Nahuche, also commended APM Terminals and the NPA for maintaining a drug-free operational environment, stressing the importance of strict compliance and sustained vigilance.

Managing Director of APM, Kamal Alhraishat, reaffirmed the company's unwavering commitment to safety, describing it as the most important of all operations at the terminal and a deeply embedded culture rather than a regulatory obligation.

Addressing employees and stakeholders, Alhraishat stressed that safety goes beyond policies and procedures, stressing that it is a shared responsibility to be practiced daily by anyone within the terminal environment.

Alhraishat further highlighted the importance of vigilance and open communication in sustaining high safety standards, urging employees to speak up whenever unsafe conditions are observed.

He also called for the continuous strengthening of a workplace culture built on respect, trust and mutual support, where employees can confidently raise concerns without fear, to prevent incidents before they occur.

Also speaking at the event, the Chief Executive Officer of APM Terminals Nigeria, Frederik Klinke, underscored the role of collaboration in sustaining safe operations, adding that it will enhance productivity and create a

safer and more resilient workplace. Chairman of the Board of APM Terminals Apapa Limited, Mr David Skov, commended the initiative and encouraged employees to lead by example by taking personal responsibility for the safety and well-being of others.

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# Turkish Railways To Auction Unclaimed Items Left On Trains

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The Turkish State Railways (TCDD) has announced plans to auction unclaimed items recovered from trains after the expiration of the legally required storage period.

The items were retrieved from high-speed trains (YHT), mainline and regional services, as well as urban rail systems including Marmaray, Baskentray and the Sirkeci-Kazlıcesme line during routine inspections conducted by onboard staff at the end of trips.

According to TCDD, all recovered belongings are carefully documented with details such as train and wagon numbers, seat locations, item descriptions and distinguishing features before being transferred to lost property offices.

Under existing regulations, non-perishable items are



kept for one year, while food items and other perishables are excluded from storage due to the risk of spoilage. Items that remain unclaimed after

the retention period are disposed of through a public auction process. TCDD said the auction will take place from May 20 to May 22 at the former Ankara Railway

Station waiting hall.

The items will be grouped into three categories: electronics, mixed goods, and clothing and textiles.

Electronics to be

auctioned include mobile phones, tablets, headphones and cameras, while the mixed goods category features umbrellas, books, watches and

kitchenware. Clothing and textile items mainly consist of clean or unused garments.

The railway authority added that the full list of items scheduled for auction will be published on its official website between May 13 and May 15. The goods will also be displayed for public viewing ahead of the auction.

Official data released by TCDD showed that eyeglasses were the most commonly forgotten items on trains, with 1,066 recorded cases. Other frequently misplaced items included 783 headphone cases, 545 chargers, 294 headphones and 78 umbrellas.

The agency also disclosed that more unusual belongings such as drone equipment, food processors

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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

# Nigeria Ranks Third As Students Abroad Surge 98% In Four Years

*Culled:*

Nigeria has ranked as the third-largest country in the world for students pursuing higher education abroad, according to a new report by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

In its inaugural Higher Education Global Trends Report released on Tuesday, UNESCO said Nigeria accounted for five per cent of all internationally mobile students in 2023, placing it level with Germany. The report uses the term "outbound student mobility" to describe the countries from which international students originate.

UNESCO found that almost half of all students studying outside their home countries came from just 10 nations, with China and India far ahead of the rest.

Data showed that Nigerian students studying abroad rose by 98 per cent in four years, as numbers grew from 71,753 in 2020 to 142,000 in 2023 across 21 major study destinations worldwide. This means that Nigeria contributes five per cent of the total number of international students who studied abroad globally. China and India led as contributors to global student



Dr. Alausa

mobility, accounting for 37 per cent and 29 per cent respectively.

Top 10 Countries for Students Studying Abroad in 2023: China — 37 per cent, India — 29 per cent, Nigeria — 5 per cent, Germany — 5 per cent, Vietnam — 4 per cent, Uzbekistan — 4 per cent, United States — 4 per cent, France — 4 per cent, Pakistan — 4 per cent, and Nepal — 4 per cent.

Together, these 10

countries accounted for 45 per cent of all international students worldwide in 2023. UNESCO noted that global student mobility has expanded rapidly over the last two decades.

The number of students enrolled abroad rose from 2.5 million in 2002 to 7.3 million in 2023, and the figure is projected to reach nine million by 2030.

Despite the increase, fewer than three per cent of higher education students globally

are able to study outside their home countries.

“Despite growth expectations, the proportion of higher education students benefiting from academic mobility remains low, just under three per cent, underscoring the elitist nature of mobility as still only a privileged few individuals gain access to higher education opportunities abroad,” the report stated.

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# Omidiran Commits To Inclusive FCC For Nigerians

*Culled:*

The executive chairman of the Federal Character Commission (FCC), Honourable Hurrayat Motunrayo Omidiran, has emphasised her commitment to building an inclusive institution that serves all Nigerians, irrespective of ethnic, religious, or social background.

Hon. Omidiran stated this while receiving a delegation from Social Development Action Trust (SDA-Trust), led by its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Hussain Abdu, during a courtesy visit to the Commission's headquarters in Abuja, aimed at exploring institutional collaboration and strengthening advocacy around inclusion, equity, and national development.

Hon. Omidiran reaffirmed her resolve to reposition the Commission as a truly national institution that guarantees fairness, equity, and equal opportunity for every Nigerian.

“I just want a Federal Character Commission that works for everyone, regardless of your background, your tribe, your religion, or whatever. Nigerians should feel that this country works for all of us, and that is why we are here,” the former legislator said.

“We just need to move forward with the understanding that the capacity and quality are here, and together we are going to get this done.”

Earlier, Dr. Abdu commended the appointment and leadership style of the FCC Chairman, describing the Commission as a critical institution for advancing fairness and inclusion in Nigeria.

“I am so impressed with your appointment, and we are glad that you are here. We followed your inauguration, and we believe we must build on a new partnership because we know the Federal Character Commission exists for a reason,” he said.

“We are an African institution committed to building institutions that advance the cause of inclusion and promote democracy, and the Federal Character Commission happens to be one of those important institutions in Nigeria.”

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# EFCC Arrests Energy Commission DG Over N500bn Fraud



Mustapha Abdullahi

*Culled:*

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) have arrested Mustapha Abdullahi, director-general of the Energy Commission of Nigeria, over alleged

money laundering offences involving more than N500 billion.

The Cable understands that Abdullahi was arrested in Abuja on Wednesday and is currently being held in the custody of the anti-graft agency for further investigation.

Dele Oyewale, the EFCC spokesperson, was not available for comments at the time of this report.

In October 2023, President Bola Tinubu appointed Abdullahi as the DG and CEO of the commission.

Abdullahi was appointed after he had worked for more than 10 years in the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC).

In December 2025, Network Against Corruption and Drug Trafficking (NACAT), a civil society organisation, petitioned Tinubu, EFCC, and the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), over alleged corruption in the commission.

The CSO accused the ECN DG of engaging in what it described as a “well-coordinated and brazen scheme” involving the illegal award and payment of solar streetlight contracts worth several hundreds of millions to five companies allegedly owned and controlled by the same individuals.

The CSO alleged that all the five companies were registered within a single week in late October and early November 2023, shared similar addresses in Abuja, and allegedly had the same directors.

NACAT alleged that Nigeria's procurement laws were brazenly violated in the award of the contracts, adding that the action is a betrayal of public trust.

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Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)

# Nigeria Records Improved Internet Quality Amid Low 5G Uptake

**Culled:**  
 The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) has released its latest network performance report, showing improvements in internet service quality across the country, but highlighting a significant gap in the adoption and availability of 5G services in major cities.

The report shows that while median mobile download speeds improved in the review period due to increased infrastructure investments, many users with 5G-enabled devices are still unable to access the service because network availability remains limited.

According to the report, one of the most striking findings is the widening gap between device readiness and actual network access in the country's largest commercial centres, particularly Lagos and Abuja.

The NCC noted that although more Nigerians are purchasing 5G-compatible smartphones, most of these devices continue to rely on older 4G and 3G networks because 5G coverage has not expanded at the same pace.

Data from the report indicates that only 27 per cent to 31 per cent of 5G-capable devices are effectively using

5G services in major urban centres, despite strong consumer demand and increasing handset penetration. The Commission described the trend as a utilisation gap, where device readiness significantly exceeds network availability.

“Most 5G-capable devices are still falling back to older networks due to limited service reach, even in major commercial hubs where demand is strongest,” the report stated.

The regulator noted that this represents both a challenge and a strategic opportunity for operators, especially as the volume of 5G-ready devices in Nigeria continues to

grow.

It added that although the effective utilisation rates in Lagos and Abuja remain unchanged from the previous reporting period, the actual number of devices capable of connecting to 5G has increased substantially.

This means that while the percentage of users accessing 5G remains static, the absolute number of consumers waiting for improved coverage is rising rapidly.

Industry analysts say the data points to a supply-demand mismatch that could slow the country's digital ambitions if operators fail to accelerate rollout.

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## Data To Drive Intelligent Investing Decision In Nigeria - SEC

The Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Emomotimi Agama, has said Nigeria's capital market is positioning data, artificial intelligence and technology-driven regulation at the centre of investment decision-making to attract both domestic and foreign capital.

Speaking at the FSDH Investor Conference 2026 in Lagos, Agama said the future of investing would be defined by the quality of intelligence

and data available to investors rather than the volume of capital they control. According to him, the era of “intelligent investing” has already arrived, driven by artificial intelligence, real-time analytics, distributed ledger technology and algorithmic systems that are reshaping how investments are priced, allocated and protected globally.

He said, “We are at the threshold of what scholars and practitioners are

calling the era of intelligent investing — a paradigm in which data does not merely inform decisions, but actively participates in them.”

Agama noted that the SEC had embarked on what he described as the most comprehensive regulatory reform agenda in its history to ensure Nigeria remains competitive in the evolving global investment environment.

He explained that the Commission's reforms were aimed at creating a

forward-looking market structure capable of supporting intelligent investing through faster settlement systems, tokenised securities and deeper derivatives markets.

According to him, the Commission's seven-pillar capital market infrastructure vision includes plans to achieve T+1 settlement cycles, expand digital assets regulation and build a comprehensive framework for tokenised securities.

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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.

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