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Otti Names Umuahia Bus Terminal After INEC Returning Officer

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Governor Alex Otti has commissioned the newly constructed Umuahia Central Bus Terminal and named the facility after Professor Nnenna Oti, the former Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Returning Officer who declared him winner of the 2023 Abia governorship election.

Speaking during the inauguration ceremony in Umuahia on Wednesday, Governor Otti said the decision to name the terminal after Professor Oti was in recognition of her courage, integrity and commitment to democracy during the 2023 election.

According to him, Professor Oti, alongside other INEC officials and security personnel, resisted bribery, intimidation and attempts to manipulate the election results.

“This terminal has been named after Professor Nnenna Nnannaya Oti, an INEC officer, for her courage and sacrifice,” the governor stated.

Otti explained that the bus terminal was

established to improve safety and restore order in transportation operations within Umuahia, while also ensuring the smooth flow of traffic across the city.

The governor added that the project would create economic opportunities for transport operators and contribute to the growth of the state's economy.

As part of activities marking the event, Governor Otti also commissioned several road projects in the state.

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According to the AfDB, the IATP is designed to mobilise private and institutional investment, de-risk aviation financing, and position the sector as a major driver of economic growth and regional integration across Africa.

The bank commended Nigeria for its active participation in the programme, noting that the Federal Government had completed the IATP country survey, advanced work on the Nigeria Country Compact, and identified opportunities for aircraft financing within the country.

AfDB described Nigeria's engagement as exemplary, adding that the country's efforts, including plans to establish a Nigerian aviation financing platform, have positioned it among the leading champions of the initiative.

As part of his new role, Keyamo has been invited to participate in a high-level side event during the 2026 AfDB Annual Meetings titled, “Platform Solutions for Africa's Transformation: DeRisking Aviation and Health Systems through Innovative Finance.”

The event, scheduled for May 28, 2026, will bring together development partners, institutional investors, airlines, and regulators to discuss innovative financing solutions for Africa's aviation and healthcare sectors.

The bank said Keyamo's participation would provide an opportunity to showcase Nigeria's aviation reform agenda and promote the IATP as a continent-wide investment solution.

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According to a statement issued by the Corps Public Education Officer, Deputy Corps Commander Osondu Ohaeri, the traffic disruption was triggered by ongoing road construction activities and the breakdown of an articulated vehicle transporting a crane at a narrow diversion point on the highway.

The development, he said, posed a serious threat to movement along one of the country's busiest and most strategic transport corridors.

Ohaeri explained that the resulting gridlock quickly stretched for several kilometres, leaving hundreds of commuters stranded and raising fears of a complete traffic shutdown.

To avert further chaos, the FRSC boss



Abuja-Kaduna highway

reportedly moved to the scene and took direct control of the rescue and traffic management operation.

“Determined to prevent further chaos and ensure the safety of road users, the Corps Marshal swiftly moved to the scene in person, taking direct charge of operations and coordinating a multi-agency emergency response,” the statement said.

The operation involved personnel from the FRSC Kaduna and FCT Sector Commands, working alongside the Nigerian Army and construction officials to evacuate the broken-down vehicle and clear the obstruction within a short time.

The FRSC said the swift intervention not only restored traffic flow but also prevented possible secondary crashes,

security threats, and economic losses usually associated with prolonged traffic congestion on the Abuja-Kaduna highway.

The agency added that the operation underscored the Corps Marshal's hands-on leadership style and commitment to ensuring safer and more efficient road transportation across the country.

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NRC Suspends Warri-Itakpe Train Service Over Operational Issues

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The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has announced the temporary suspension of operations on the Warri–Itakpe Train Service (WITS) following what it described as operational exigencies and technical advice from its engineers.

In a statement issued by the NRC's Chief Public Relations Officer, Callistus Unyimadu, the corporation said the suspension became necessary to allow for critical operational assessments aimed at ensuring continued safety, reliability and improved service delivery along the corridor.

The corporation noted that the temporary halt in operations was part of efforts to address identified technical concerns and maintain safe railway services for passengers.

NRC expressed regret over the inconvenience the development may cause commuters and other stakeholders, assuring the public that efforts were underway to resolve the

issues within the shortest possible time. According to the corporation, passengers and intending travellers would be informed before the end of the week on the date for the resumption of normal train operations.

The NRC reiterated its commitment to providing safe, efficient and customer-friendly rail services across the country, while appreciating the understanding, patience and continued support of the public during the temporary suspension.

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Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC)

Importers Shun Nigerian Ports For Benin As Charges Hit N20m

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Importers have abandoned Nigerian ports for Benin, Ghana, Togo and Burkina Faso due to the increase in tariffs by shipping lines.

Hike in terminal charges, poor services, delays in refunding container deposits, unapproved charges and other financial irregularities amount to billions of naira.

The Board of Trustees of Importers Association of Nigeria (IMAN), in a press briefing in Lagos yesterday, condemned what it described as arbitrary increases in shipping and terminal charges without adequate consultation with importers and other stakeholders, despite the operational deficiencies and declining service delivery standards of multinational shipping lines operating within Nigeria.

Chairman, IMAN, Southwest zone, Joseph Ajoku, insisted that there had been no significant service improvement to justify another increase barely two years after the last tariff review.

Ajoku compared Nigeria's port charges

with neighbouring West African countries, stating that cargo clearance costs in countries such as Benin, Ghana, Togo and Burkina Faso were significantly lower.

According to IMAN, clearing a 20-foot container at ports in Benin Republic costs between N7 million and N8 million, compared to between N14 million and N15 million at Apapa Port.

The importers association also added that a 40-foot container costs approximately N13 million to N14 million in Benin Republic, against N19 million to N20 million in Apapa.

Ajoku warned that the rising cost of doing business at Nigerian ports had continued to push importers to divert cargoes to neighbouring countries where charges were lower, and service delivery was more efficient.

He also raised concerns over alleged infractions by shipping lines, including delays in refunding container deposits, imposition of unapproved charges and other financial irregularities amounting to billions of naira.

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FAAN Partners Judiciary, Security Agencies To Strengthen Airport Safety

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The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria has intensified efforts to strengthen security enforcement and judicial coordination across the nation's airports in a bid to enhance safety and maintain public confidence in Nigeria's aviation sector.

Speaking during a high-level stakeholders' engagement on airport security and prosecution processes, FAAN stressed that offences committed within airport environments pose significant threats to passenger confidence and national security, underscoring the need for stronger collaboration among security agencies, prosecutors, legal practitioners, and aviation stakeholders.

The engagement, themed “Strengthening Arrest, Prosecution and Judicial Administration Within the Airport Environment,” brought together legal experts, prosecutors, security agencies, and aviation stakeholders to deliberate on strategies aimed at improving arrest procedures,



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prosecution processes, and judicial administration within airport facilities nationwide.

Representing the Managing Director of FAAN, Olubunmi Kuku, the Director of Aviation Security Services, Afegbai Albert Igbafe, said effective law enforcement and inter-agency collaboration remain essential to safeguarding airport infrastructure and sustaining public trust in Nigeria's

aviation industry.

According to him, airport environments must continually reflect order, discipline, safety, and strict compliance with aviation regulations, noting that criminal offences within airport facilities should never be treated lightly because of their implications for security and public trust.

He reaffirmed FAAN's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of

passengers, airport workers, and other airport users, adding that stronger synergy among Aviation Security (AVSEC), the Nigeria Police, prosecutors, and other agencies within the aviation ecosystem was critical to achieving the objective.

Igbafe also emphasized the need to strengthen enforcement mechanisms within airports to guarantee compliance with aviation laws, safety standards, and security regulations.

In her remarks, the Director of Legal Services at FAAN, Bridget Gold, described the engagement as timely and significant, particularly in addressing practical legal and operational challenges affecting airport administration.

She explained that the forum was designed to deepen stakeholders' understanding of judicial administration within the airport environment while clarifying the roles of security agencies, prosecutors, legal practitioners, and other institutions involved in the administration of justice.

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NIWA Warns Against Overloading, Night Travel On Waterways

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The acting Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), Umar Yusuf Girei, has warned boat operators across the country against overloading and night travel ahead of the Eid-el-Kabir celebrations.

Girei gave the warning during an interview with journalists at the NIWA headquarters in Lokoja, stressing that compliance with waterways safety regulations during the festive period remains mandatory.

He noted that festive seasons often see increased movement on inland waterways, especially within riverine communities, and added that operators must strictly adhere to safety guidelines to prevent accidents. According to him, boat overloading will not be tolerated, while the use of life jackets by all passengers and operators remains compulsory.

“No overload, wearing of life jackets is mandatory, no night travel, no alcohol, and operators must ensure proper weather checks before embarking on any journey,”

he stated.
The NIWA acting managing director disclosed that enforcement teams, in collaboration with security agencies, would be deployed across jetties nationwide to ensure strict compliance with safety regulations.
He warned that violators risk arrest, vessel seizure, and prosecution.
Girei also advised passengers to avoid boarding overloaded boats, vessels without adequate life jackets, or boats operating at night.

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Nigeria's leading carrier, Air Peace, has expanded its fleet with the acquisition of a new Boeing 737-800 Next Generation (NG) aircraft as part of efforts to boost operational capacity and meet rising passenger demand across domestic and regional routes.

The airline disclosed in a statement issued by its Communication Manager, Efe Osifo-Whiskey, that the aircraft, bearing registration number 5N-CGD, arrived at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos, on Sunday.

According to the airline, the Boeing 737-800NG is configured with 189 economy class seats and is equipped with advanced avionics, modern safety systems, spacious cabin design, and fuel-efficient engines aimed at improving passenger comfort and operational efficiency.

Osifo-Whiskey noted that the aircraft would enhance Air Peace's scheduling flexibility and strengthen its growing fleet capacity.

He explained that the addition aligns with the airline's commitment to sustainable

Air Peace Expands Fleet, Launches Direct Lagos-Barbados Service

aviation operations, stressing that the aircraft's fuel-efficient performance would help reduce operating costs and carbon emissions.

He further stated that passengers would benefit from increased seat availability, improved route connectivity, and more flexible travel options across key destinations within the airline's network. Meanwhile, Air Peace has also commenced its first scheduled commercial flight service between Lagos and Barbados, marking a major milestone in air connectivity between West Africa and the Caribbean.

The inaugural Lagos-Barbados flight was operated on the airline's Boeing 777 aircraft on Sunday with more than 284 passengers on board.

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Maritime Academy Oron Bags ISO Certifications



Maritime Academy of Nigeria

The Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, Akwa Ibom State, on Tuesday gained global recognition with the official presentation of the integrated management system certification: ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 21001:2025.
The certificate was officially presented to the management of the academy by the Standards Organisation of Nigeria on Tuesday.
Addressing the gathering, the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, who was represented by a Deputy Director in the ministry, Mr John Ogwuche, lauded the management of the academy for the feat, describing it as not merely procedural but a demonstration of commitment to

excellence, quality assurance and environmental sustainability.
He described the certification as a reflection of the institution's adherence to internationally recognised standards, best practices and a strong culture of continuous improvement, accountability and operational efficiency.
According to him, “The acquisition of the IMS certification is not merely procedural; it is a clear demonstration of commitment to excellence, quality assurance, environmental sustainability, and occupational health and safety standards.

“This certification, facilitated by the Standards Organisation of Nigeria, underscores the academy's adherence to internationally recognised standards and best practices.

“It reflects a strong culture of continuous improvement, accountability, and operational efficiency, qualities that are indispensable in today's highly

competitive and safety-conscious maritime industry.”
The minister acknowledged SON for its unwavering dedication to the promotion of standardisation and quality assurance across sectors and the management of the academy for attaining the feat, urging it not to regard it as an end in itself.
While pledging support for initiatives aimed at strengthening institutional standards, the minister cautioned stakeholders that “quality, safety and environmental stewardship are non-negotiable principles in the maritime sector.”
Presenting the certificates, the Director-General of the SON, Dr Ifeanyi Okeke, described the certification as a demonstration of the academy's commitment to quality and operational efficiency, noting that the ISO 9001:2015 is a globally accepted framework for improving organisational processes and strengthening operational control.
Okeke said, “The successful certification of the Academy to ISO

9001:2015 and ISO 21001:2025 standards is a strong indication of management's commitment to quality, operational efficiency, customer satisfaction, educational excellence, and continual improvement.
“The ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Standard provides a globally accepted framework for improving organisational processes, strengthening operational control, enhancing risk-based thinking, promoting evidence-based decision making, and ensuring customer satisfaction.
“The implementation of this standard will further strengthen the academy's administrative processes, institutional governance, training delivery systems, and service efficiency.”
Earlier in his welcome address, the Acting Rector of the Academy, Dr Kevin Okonna, appreciated the minister, the Director-General of SON, and the organisation's staff for the support received during the process leading to the certification.

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Governor Alex Otti of Abia State has commissioned 14 newly completed road projects across Osisioma, Aba North and Aba South Local Government Areas, as part of ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure and stimulate economic activities in the state.

The governor disclosed this in a statement shared on his official X handle on Wednesday, stating that the projects reflect his administration's commitment to transforming Aba into a major commercial and industrial hub.

The completed projects include Aro Amano–Eke Aro Road, Adaelu Road, Geometric Road, Afule Road, Assemblies of God Church Road, Nwogu Ajagba Street, Nwala Street, Sacred Heart Street, Elizabeth Avenue, Nigerian Brewery Ring Road, Etche Road, Mosque Road, Crystal Park Road and Kingdom Hall Street.

According to Otti, the road projects are designed to improve connectivity, ease



Governor Otti commissioning major road projects in Abia State

traffic congestion and already attracting Adaelu Road highlighted support industrial industries and business the speed and efficiency growth within the opportunities to the area. of contractors handling the commercial city. The governor added that the projects. He noted that Afule Road was Otti also flagged off the Geometric Road, which strategically constructed first phase of the 4.9- was previously in poor as a bypass to reduce kilometre Aba Ring Road condition, has now been pressure on the busy project under the Greater rehabilitated and is Aba–Owerri Road, while Aba Development area.

Authority.

He explained that the ring road project is expected to decongest the Aba metropolis, improve access to neighbouring states such as Akwa Ibom and Cross River, and further enhance urban renewal and economic expansion in the region.

The governor stated that all the projects were executed with emphasis on quality delivery, including proper drainage systems, street lighting and durable construction standards.

“As we mark three years in office, these projects are proof of growth and progress, opening new pathways to prosperity for our people. Aba is rising, and together we are shaping the future Abia deserves,” Otti said.

According to Otti, the road projects are designed to improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion and support industrial growth within the commercial city.

He noted that Geometric Road, which was previously in poor condition, has now been rehabilitated and is already attracting industries and business opportunities to the area.

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West, Central African Ports Target \$27.8bn Infrastructure Expansion



Dr. Dantsoho

West and Central African countries are intensifying investments in deep seaport projects and maritime infrastructure, with proposed and committed investments estimated at \$27.8 billion across the sub-region.

The development was highlighted during the mid-year session of the Board of Directors of the Port Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA) held in Lagos.

Among the major projects is the proposed \$20 billion Simandou-Morebaya Deep Seaport project in Guinea-Conakry, which industry stakeholders described as a strategic investment aimed at improving the region's

competitiveness in global maritime trade.

Other projects include the \$2 billion San Pedro Port project in Côte d'Ivoire, the \$1.5 billion Lekki Deep Sea Port in Lagos, the \$1.5 billion Tema Port project in Ghana, and the \$1.2 billion Ndayane Port project in Dakar, Senegal.

Additional investments include the ongoing \$1 billion Apapa and Tin Can Island port projects in Nigeria, alongside a proposed \$600 million investment by APM Terminals.

Speaking at the meeting, President of PMAWCA and Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Dr. Abubakar Dantsoho, said ports within the sub-region must scale up investments in infrastructure, technology and deep-sea port development to remain competitive in global shipping.

According to him, many ports in West and Central Africa currently lack the capacity to accommodate modern shipping demands due to limited

infrastructure.

Dantsoho noted that rehabilitation efforts at older ports such as Apapa and Tin Can in Nigeria, Tema in Ghana, Cotonou in Benin Republic and Dakar in Senegal would provide medium-term solutions, while large-scale deep-sea port projects remain critical for long-term competitiveness.

He cited the Guinea-Conakry deep seaport initiative as an example of the level of investment required to position African ports on the global stage, noting that some international ports are already developing facilities capable of handling vessels carrying up to 24,000 containers.

The PMAWCA president also stressed the need for ports across the region to embrace automation, artificial intelligence, robotics and advanced data systems to improve operational efficiency and boost revenue generation.

He warned that delays in infrastructure modernisation could weaken Africa's position in global

trade and shipping.

Also speaking, President of Finance, Economy and Studies at the Port of Douala, Cameroon, Babagnack Missi, disclosed that PMAWCA had undertaken studies on financial contributions, tariff structures and administrative reforms within the association.

Missi explained that the committee reviewed member ports' financial contributions and examined frameworks aimed at improving the association's financial sustainability.

He added that the committee recommended greater use of statistical data in determining future contributions and called for a transition from cash-based budgeting to a performance-driven management system.

President of the Statistics Network at the Dakar Port Authority, Senegal, Cira Fall, said the association had made significant progress in harmonising port statistics across member countries.

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NDC Opens Door To All Aspirants, Unveils Fresh Primary Guidelines

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The National Democratic Congress (NDC) has rolled out new guidelines for its nationwide party primaries, declaring that every aspirant who purchased an Expression of Interest Form will be allowed to contest in the exercise.

The decision was reached after a high-level strategy meeting involving the party's National Working Committee (NWC), Selection Committee, senior stakeholders and presidential hopeful, Peter Obi.

At the meeting, the party formally adopted the report of its Screening Committee headed by former Ebonyi governor, Sam Egwu, following nearly one week of screening activities across the country.

In a statement issued by National Publicity Secretary, Osa Director, the party praised the committee for what it described as a thorough and demanding assignment carried out with professionalism and sacrifice. The NDC said the compressed political timetable influenced its decision to accommodate all cleared aspirants in the primaries, adding that winners from the exercise would later proceed to the



Nigeria Democratic Congress (NDC)

party's National Secretariat to complete nomination documentation and payment processes.

To ensure smooth conduct of the exercise, the party disclosed that special election teams made up of experienced administrators and senior officials had been dispatched nationwide to coordinate the primaries alongside state leaders and stakeholders.

According to the party, State Assembly primaries will be

conducted through direct voting at constituency level, while primaries and affirmations for governorship, Senate, House of Representatives and presidential positions will hold at local government headquarters.

The party said the final outcome of the primaries would be officially declared by the Selection Committee and the National Executive Committee (NEC) at the national headquarters.

While urging aspirants to embrace consensus arrangements where necessary, the NDC stressed that unity and internal stability must take precedence over personal ambitions.

The party also reaffirmed its commitment to youth and women inclusion, encouraging delegates to support aspirants with grassroots acceptance and demonstrable electoral strength.

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Education S’holders Push For Inclusive Learning In Nigeria

Culled:
A Coalition of education experts, inclusion advocates and international practitioners has called for urgent systemic reforms to ensure that no Nigerian child is left behind in learning, especially neurodiverse learners and children with disabilities.

The call was made during a media briefing held at The Learning Place, Lekki, Lagos, ahead of the upcoming National Inclusion Conference, billed to hold between May 29 and 30, 2026, in Victoria Island, Lagos.

Representatives of the International Forum of Inclusion Practitioners (IFIP), United Kingdom (UK)-based consultants, educators, and school leaders, who spoke at the event, emphasised that inclusion should move beyond policy discussions into practical implementation across Nigerian schools.

According to the President of IFIP, Daniel Sobels, the conference aims to bring together education stakeholders from Nigeria and across the world to share best practices in inclusive education.

He said that inclusion covers a broad spectrum of learners, including children with dyslexia, autism, ADHD, mental health challenges, social disadvantages, and even gifted learners who often lack opportunities to thrive.

“The aim of this conference is not only to celebrate the good work already happening in Nigeria, but to move inclusion from isolated efforts to a nationwide movement,” he said.

He noted that IFIP had partnered with global bodies, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the G20, to host similar educational events in countries, including Botswana, Zambia, Papua New Guinea, and Uruguay.

Also speaking, the Chief Executive Officer of Goldenlinks Educational Consultant, Angelina Ikeako, described the conference as a platform for transformation, advocacy, awareness, and capacity building.

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NAICOM Issues Nigeria’s First Insurtech Licence



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Culled:
The National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) has issued Nigeria's first operational licence, a decision expected to accelerate digital transformation and expand technology-driven insurance penetration.

The licence was granted to CBI Partering Insurtech Limited, making it the first of its kind to be fully licensed in Nigeria under the commission's evolving regulatory framework for innovation.

Speaking during the formal handover ceremony in

Abuja, Deputy Commissioner for Insurance, Finance and Administration, Ekerete Ola Gam-Ikon, said the development reflects NAICOM's commitment to fostering innovation within a structured and consumer-focused insurance ecosystem.

He said the commission has continued to align Nigeria's insurance industry with global best practices through regulatory reforms, including the recently enacted Nigerian Insurance Industry Reform Act (NIIRA) 2025 and the introduction of an insurtech guideline aimed at supporting technology-driven insurance operatives.

According to him, encouraging innovation within a well-governed regulatory environment remains a major strategic priority for the

commission. Gam-Ikon stated that the operational licence was granted subject to strict compliance with regulatory and ethical standards, stressing that NAICOM remains committed to balancing innovation with policyholders' protection. “This milestone reflects the commission's commitment to responsibly nurturing innovation across the insurance value chain. We congratulate CBI Partering Insurtech and expect full compliance with all applicable regulations,” he said. He added that the licence comes with the responsibility to uphold high standards of corporate governance, transparency and ethical conduct within the industry.

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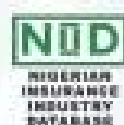
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CAN Urges FG To Prioritise Protection Of Schools, Children

Culled:

The Christian Association of Nigeria has called for urgent action to protect Nigerian children from insecurity, violence and neglect as the country marks Children's Day 2026.

This was disclosed in a statement issued on Wednesday and signed by CAN President, Archbishop Daniel Okoh.

Okoh said the association was celebrating the day with gratitude for the lives and potential of Nigerian children, but also with “deep concern over the growing dangers confronting them across the country.”

The association expressed concern

over recent attacks on schools in Oyo State, where pupils and teachers were reportedly abducted by gunmen, leaving parents traumatised and communities shaken.

He said, “For many Nigerians, the incident has once again raised painful questions about the safety of children and the future of education in an atmosphere of worsening insecurity.”

CAN said it was “deeply troubled by the plight of children who remain in captivity and by the emotional agony their families continue to endure.”

Stressing that, “no child should have to experience fear and violence in a place meant for learning, protection

and hope.”

The Christian body also highlighted the sacrifices of teachers, noting that they play critical roles beyond classroom instruction.

CAN added, “Teachers do far more than teach lessons in classrooms. They guide, protect, encourage and nurture children entrusted to their care every day.

"In many ways, they become trusted guardians and second parents to the young lives they help shape.

“The thought of teachers facing fear and uncertainty together with the children they were trying to protect should weigh heavily on the

conscience of the nation.”

CAN warned that insecurity in schools threatens the country's future, stating that, "A country where parents are afraid to send their children to school and teachers are uncertain about their safety cannot claim to be securing its future."

The association also decried the wider challenges facing Nigerian children, including poverty, hunger, abuse, trafficking, child labour and poor access to quality education and healthcare.

It urged governments at all levels and security agencies to prioritise the protection of schools and children.

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Nigeria, Algeria Deepen Bilateral Ties On Peace, Security

Nigeria and Algeria have affirmed commitment to strengthen their bilateral relations on peace, security and continental development, among others.

The commitment was expressed when the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, received Hocine Mezoued, the Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to Nigeria, on a courtesy visit in Abuja,

during which both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening bilateral cooperation and advancing strategic partnership between the two countries.

According to a statement by the Spokesperson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kimiebi Imomotimi Ebienfa, on Wednesday, during the meeting, the Algerian Ambassador described Nigeria and Algeria as longstanding partners bound by solidarity, shared

African values, and a common commitment to peace, security, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and continental development.

He noted that both countries had continued to maintain strong diplomatic engagements and policy coordination at regional and multilateral levels, particularly within the African Union and the United Nations.

The Ambassador highlighted ongoing

cooperation in strategic sectors, including infrastructure, transportation, education, parliamentary exchanges, military cooperation, and trade. He informed the Honourable Minister that the Third Meeting of the Steering Committee on the Trans-Saharan Gas Pipeline Project was scheduled to be held on 3rd and 4th June 2026, with participation from relevant Ministers of Algeria, Nigeria and Niger.

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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

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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.

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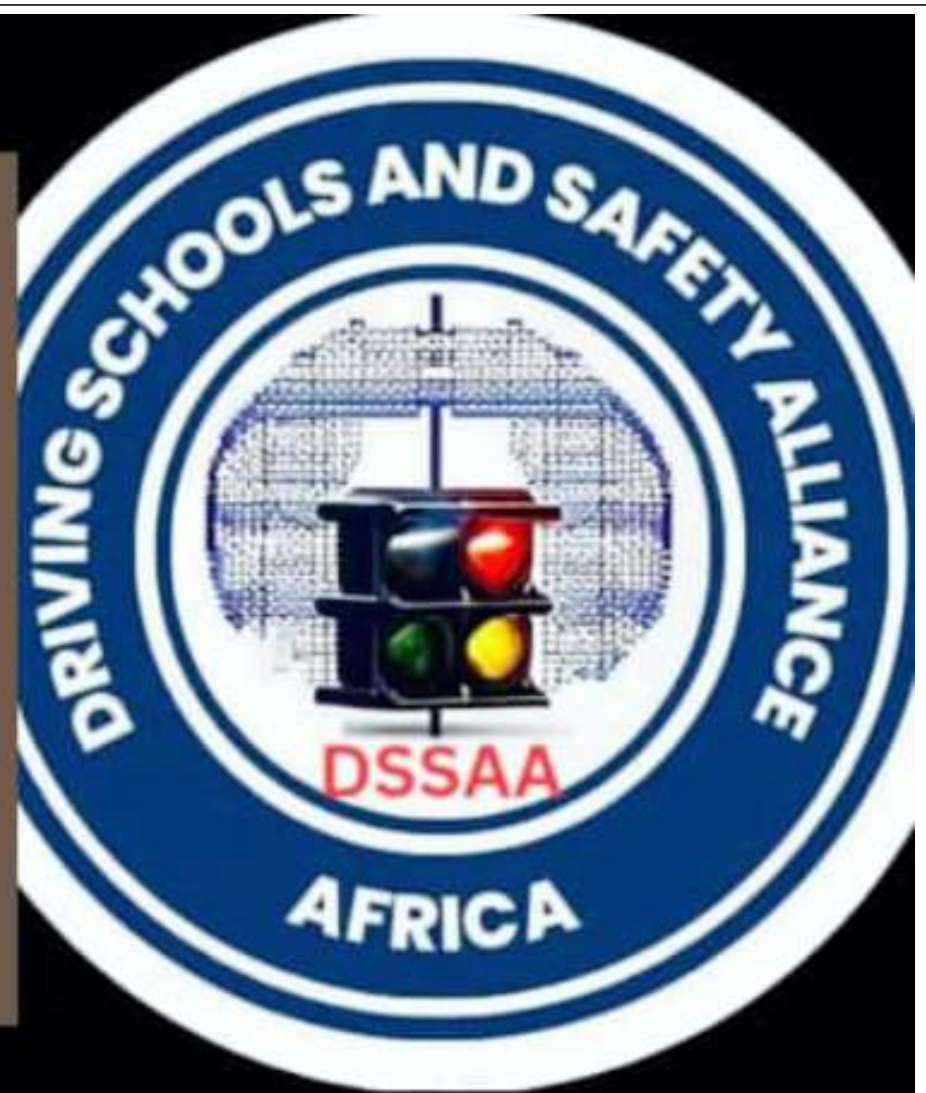


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