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The Amirul Hajj said the on-the-spot assessment of the facilities in Minna Hajj Camp was to assess the level of readiness ahead of the commencement of airlift from Minna Airport next week

The Amirul Hajj expressed satisfaction with the level of preparedness while commending the quality and pace of work executed so far.

Yusuf observed that the progress recorded reflected the board's deliberate and coordinated effort to ensure a seamless pilgrimage for intending pilgrims from the state.

The executive secretary of the Board reaffirmed the government's commitment to a successful operation, assuring that

comprehensive measures have been put in place to safeguard the comfort, safety, and welfare of all pilgrims throughout the exercise.

The inspection tour focused on critical Infrastructure and logistics, including pilgrims' accommodation arrangements, clinics, water facilities, screening and holding centres, and other operational components essential for a convenient stay at the camp.

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Speaking with journalists during the exercise, the Anambra Sector Commander, Corps Commander Bridget Asekhauno, explained that the campaign formed part of the Corps' Corporate Social Responsibility aimed at reducing road traffic crashes in the state by 10 percent.

Corps Commander Asekhauno explained that the initiative was also designed to promote safer road usage, especially at Regina Caeli Junction, where pedestrians often face difficulties crossing the busy highway.

She noted that a good number of motorists and pedestrians lack proper

understanding of the purpose of zebra crossings, stressing the need for continuous public enlightenment.

According to her, drivers were expected to stop at zebra crossings to allow pedestrians right of way, while pedestrians should also cross promptly whenever vehicles slow down.

The Sector Commander further revealed that the command had forwarded a proposal to the Anambra State Government for the construction of a pedestrian bridge at the junction as a permanent solution to the persistent crossing challenges.

She expressed optimism that government intervention would come, considering similar projects already executed in other strategic locations in the state.

On the drunk-driving tests, Corps Commander Asekhauno explained that the monthly exercise was aimed at ensuring drivers were physically, psychologically, and emotionally fit before embarking on journeys.

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Minister of Works, Senator David Umahi, announced the development on Wednesday during the official handover of the project site on Lagos Island. He said the decision followed extensive technical investigations which revealed severe structural defects in both Carter Bridge and the Third Mainland Bridge.

According to Umahi, earlier assessments conducted in 2013 and 2019 had raised concerns, but recent underwater inspections showed that the damage had worsened significantly, with some supporting piles displaced from their caps.

He explained that expert advice indicated that rehabilitating the bridge



Senator Umahi awarding the Carter Bridge reconstruction contract to CCECC

would cost nearly twice as much as constructing a new one, prompting the government to opt for a complete rebuild.

“The level of damage is critical. Some of the piles have shifted away from their pile caps, posing serious structural risks,” Umahi said.

The new Carter Bridge will feature a modern cable-stayed design aimed at

improving navigation and enhancing the aesthetic appeal of Lagos' infrastructure. The project is expected to be completed within 36 months, with funding structured as 30 per cent federal government contribution and 70 per cent external financing.

Umahi stated that the contract award followed due process, with six firms participating in the bidding. He noted

that CCECC emerged as the most technically and commercially viable bidder, receiving approval from the Bureau of Public Procurement and the Federal Executive Council.

In a related development, the minister announced the emergency closure of one carriageway of Eko Bridge due to severe structural damage caused by illegal dredging activities.

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Green Port To Unlock N530bn Yearly, Create 50,000 Jobs

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The Sea Empowerment and Research Centre (SEREC) has identified marine biomass utilisation and green port energy transition as low-hanging in Nigeria, as well as coastal job creation and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) development in the blue economy sector, with the potential of unlocking about N530 billion yearly economic value.

The research centre stated that the combined implementation would generate over 50,000 jobs, attract over N450 billion in investment, reduce logistics and port costs, boost non-oil exports and foreign exchange earnings, and strengthen the ease of doing business within a three- to five-year period.

SEREC, in its monthly policy bulletin signed by the Head of Research, Dr Eugene Nweke, stated that targeted investment and policy support in marine biomass resources such as Nypa palm and water hyacinth, alongside a

transition to green energy in ports, represent high-impact opportunities in line with the Federal Government's Renewed Hope Agenda on economic diversification.

Given the investment breakdown, SEREC estimated that marine biomass processing requires between N120 billion and N150 billion in public-private investment, with a projected yearly return on investment (ROI) of over N215 billion and a payback period of 18 to 30 months.



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Dr. Nweke

Enugu Begins Enforcing N500,000 Fine On One-Way Traffic Violators

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The Enugu State Commissioner for Transport, Obi Ozor, says the government has begun strict enforcement of a N500,000 fine against motorists caught driving against traffic, otherwise known as one-way driving.

Ozor disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria on Wednesday in Enugu.

He said the measure was part of efforts by the government to curb the increasing rate of road accidents and ensure discipline among motorists.

He also said the government had invested heavily in road infrastructure, including the construction of dual carriageways and the installation of medians, yet many drivers continued to violate traffic rules.

“Government has spent billions to provide adequate road infrastructure, yet people deliberately drive against traffic, endangering their lives and those of others,” he said.

The commissioner cited areas such as Abakpa and the Penoks axis where, despite the presence of medians and clearly marked lanes, motorists still engage in one-way driving.

He said the enforcement would apply to all roads in the state.

He also said the government was particularly concerned about the increasing number of fatalities linked to such violations.

“Every day, we record accidents and carry bodies from roads that are in good condition. This is unacceptable,” Ozor said.

He revealed that, in addition to the fine, offenders would undergo psychiatric evaluation to determine if their actions were influenced by substance abuse or other mental health conditions.

He explained that the assessment could lead to rehabilitation recommendations before offenders would be allowed to reclaim their impounded vehicles upon payment of the fine.

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Speaking at the launch on behalf of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, the Special Adviser overseeing the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) described the initiative as a landmark step in advancing ferry safety and reinforcing Lagos' leadership in the continent's maritime sector.

He said the programme aligns with the administration's Blue Economy agenda and reflects the government's commitment to building a safe, efficient and world-class waterways transport system.

According to him, the initiative will see 50 ferry professionals undergo an 18-month intensive training and mentorship programme facilitated by global ferry association, Interferry,



LASWA

alongside Nigerian maritime institutions and regulatory bodies.

The participants include captains, deckhands, marine engineers, safety officers and fleet managers.

He explained that the hybrid programme would combine self-paced learning, online mentorship sessions and practical hands-on training designed to promote a stronger safety culture within the waterways transportation sector.

The Special Adviser noted that the partnership with Interferry, which has consultative status with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), would ensure that ferry operators in Lagos are trained according to global best practices.

He said the collaboration demonstrates the state government's determination to safeguard passengers and improve operational standards across all ferry

services operating on Lagos waterways.

Addressing the participants, he urged them to embrace the opportunity and contribute meaningfully to improving safety standards in the sector.

He added that the state government was investing in their development as future leaders and professionals capable of driving positive transformation within the maritime industry.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to waterways transportation, the Special Adviser said Lagos would continue to pursue policies and programmes that support safe and sustainable water transport under the administration's Blue Economy vision.

He thereafter officially declared the Ferry Safety Development and Mentoring Programme open, expressing optimism that the initiative would serve as a model for other African countries seeking to improve ferry safety operations.

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NIWA Plans West Coast Cargo Jetty, Smart Inland Expansion

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The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has unveiled plans to facilitate the development of a West Coast cargo jetty aimed at enhancing seamless movement of goods and services across the sub-region. This comes as the Authority prepares to operationalise some of its existing jetties to boost cargo traffic between Nigeria and Ghana as a pilot phase of the initiative. This was made known during a recent joint inspection of the Marina Jetty in Lagos by officials of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), NIWA, and a delegation from Ghana comprising corporate and private sector trade representatives. Leading the NIWA delegation, the Acting Managing Director, Mr Yusuf Girei, reiterated the Authority's readiness to support the proposed West Coast cargo jetty. He highlighted the availability of extensive waterfront infrastructure capable of driving efficient, technology-driven, and hassle-free cargo operations with direct access to

key markets within Lagos. Girei, accompanied by NIWA's General Manager (Marine), Engr. Horsefall Dakio, and the Lagos Area Manager, Engr. Sarat Braimah explained that the Authority's expansive network of waterways positions it as a critical enabler of inland cargo movement across West Africa. He noted that NIWA's existing operational experience, particularly along the Calabar–Cameroon route, provides a solid foundation for scaling similar initiatives across the West Coast corridor.

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Residents of Sabagreia and Polaku communities in Kolokuma/Opokuma and Yenagoa local government areas of Bayelsa State have expressed joy about completion of a long-awaited bridge connecting both communities. The bridge, which has been neglected for many years, has now been finished and is set for inauguration by the Governor Douye Diri-led administration. The Nation gathered that the people of Sabagriea in the past had to travel for two hours via East-West road to reach Yenagoa, the state capital. However, with the completion of the bridge, the journey now takes just 15 minutes. Paramount ruler of Sabagreia community, Rear Admiral Geoffrey Yanga, expressed excitement about the completion of the bridge, noting the benefits extend beyond just one community to benefit humanity as a whole. He said: "There is nothing to describe the feeling. I feel the way you are feeling. It is not only the community people that are benefiting from the road. Everybody is

Communities Hail Diri Over Completed Bridge, Road

benefiting. It is an infrastructural development for humanity, not only for Sabagriea people. "So, anything you do, don't be zeroing your mind on a particular community, although there is a greater impact. Let's not just put our mind on helping a community, you are helping humanity. You are helping everybody. "Governor Diri has done a fantastic work. It eases our movement in and out of Sabagriea community and its environs." Compound Chief of Kalama Community, Chief Philip Eseri, highlighted the importance of the road to the community, noting the significant improvements in transportation time and costs, which have positively impacted their daily lives and economic activities.

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Maritime Trade Boom Yet To Reflect In GDP, Says Oyeyemi



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Stakeholders in the maritime and logistics sector have called for deliberate policy reforms to strengthen indigenous shipping capacity, reduce port inefficiencies, and formalise cross-border maritime transactions. They warned that continued reliance on informal trade is distorting Nigeria's economic records and limiting growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP). They also urged urgent investment in multimodal transport systems, improved port infrastructure, enhanced maritime security, and harmonised trade documentation across agencies, arguing that the Gulf of Guinea corridor holds significant untapped economic

potential that remains largely unaccounted for due to informal trading practices. The concerns were raised at the 2026 conference of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Nigeria (CILT), Cross River State chapter, held yesterday in Calabar with the theme, "Promoting Coastal Maritime Trade with Littoral Countries Along the Gulf of Guinea." Speaking at the conference, National President of CILT Nigeria, Dr Boboye Oyeyemi, said Nigeria's strategic coastal location, 800-kilometre shoreline, major ports, and inland waterways placed it at the centre of maritime trade within West and Central Africa. According to him, the country is not fully benefiting from this advantage due to weak policy coordination and the dominance of informal trade across neighbouring countries such as Cameroon, Ghana, Benin and Togo. He said, "Nigeria's coastal trade is failing to reflect in GDP because most

of the transactions are informal. The conversion of informal trade to formal trade is what will give us prosperity. Nigeria is the greatest loser in this arrangement." Oyeyemi called for stronger collaboration between the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, Customs Service and other regulatory agencies to improve documentation processes and ensure that trade within the Gulf of Guinea is properly structured and accounted for. He also highlighted persistent challenges including weak indigenous shipping capacity, high port charges, poor rail-port integration, and the continued movement of heavy cargo by road, warning that these issues were damaging infrastructure and reducing efficiency across the logistics chain. In her welcome address, Chairman of CILT Calabar Branch, Aniefiok Iton, described the conference as a strategic platform designed to reposition maritime trade as a key driver of regional economic

transformation. She said the Gulf of Guinea represented a major trade corridor linking several coastal nations but noted that inefficiencies, weak coordination and underutilised infrastructure had limited its full potential. Iton added that Cross River State was uniquely positioned to serve as a maritime gateway due to its coastal geography, inland waterways and access to multimodal transport systems, urging stakeholders to move from policy discussions to implementation. She called for stronger regional partnerships, capacity building and investment in logistics infrastructure, stressing that sustainable maritime growth would depend on collective action among littoral states. Representing Governor Bassey Otu, the Commissioner for Transport, Ekpenyong Cobham, said the state government was actively repositioning Cross River as a maritime and logistics hub in the Gulf of Guinea.

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Truck congestion continues to choke access roads around Apapa despite repeated warnings from the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) for shipping companies to evacuate empty and export-bound containers.

In a directive issued on May 1, the NPA instructed operators, including Maersk Line, to immediately move containers to designated holding bays to ease mounting pressure on port access routes and prevent disruptions to trade activities.

However, checks on Wednesday showed that trucks laden with containers still line major roads leading to the port, worsening traffic conditions in the area.

Chairman of the Apapa chapter of the Association of Nigerian Licensed Customs Agents (ANLCA), Emeka Chukwumalu, attributed the persistent gridlock to weak enforcement of the Electronic Truck Call-Up system and



Apapa corridor

poor coordination among stakeholders. He noted that earlier interventions, including training by the Nigeria Customs Service and the NPA, introduced digital booking systems that initially reduced

extortion and improved traffic flow. However, systemic inefficiencies and alleged corruption have undermined progress, forcing trucks back onto public roads instead of designated parks.

Similarly, Adeyinka Aroyewun, President of the Council of Maritime Transport Unions and Associations (COMTUA), said the situation reflects deeper structural issues, including outdated port

infrastructure, poor management of holding bays, and lack of effective truck rotation systems.

He added that trucks are increasingly being used as temporary storage due to inadequate space management, calling on the federal government to accelerate the development of alternative ports to ease pressure on Apapa.

A clearing agent at the port, Temitope Nini, also highlighted operational challenges, including vessel shortages and overbooked terminals across key facilities such as Port & Cargo Terminal and Lekki Deep Sea Port.

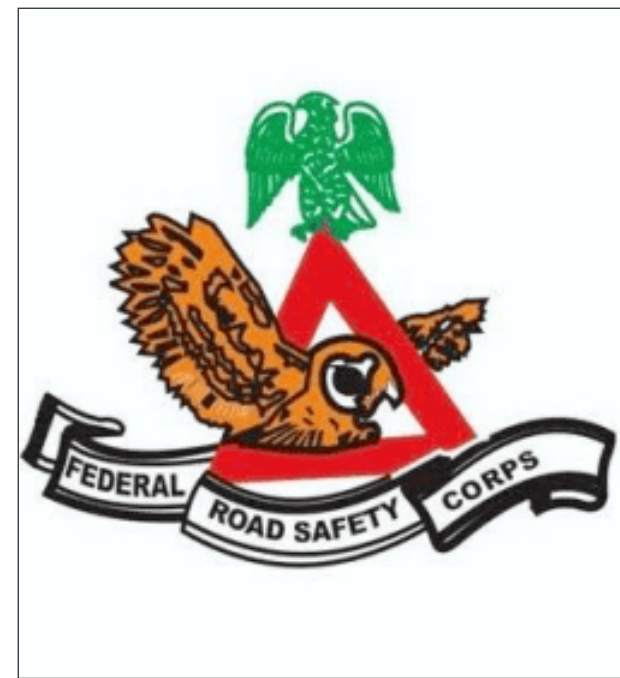
According to him, exporters are struggling to move goods as shipping schedules remain unreliable. He cited a recent cancellation of a vessel expected to transport over 1,000 containers, leaving shipments stranded.

Efforts to obtain an official response from the NPA were unsuccessful, as its spokesperson declined calls and referred inquiries elsewhere.

The ongoing congestion underscores the urgent need for coordinated reforms to restore efficiency in Nigeria's busiest port corridor.

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FRSC Begins Large-Scale Traffic Decongestion In Ondo



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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) on Wednesday inaugurated Operation Orange Impact for large-scale traffic decongestion and road safety intervention at key flashpoints in Ondo Town, Ondo State.

The Ondo Town FRSC unit commander, Joseph Ajayi, who led the team at the inauguration, said the operation was part of the command's community social responsibilities (CSR) drive.

Mr Ajayi stated that the operation aligned with the corps marshal's 2026 strategic goal of enhancing road safety through proactive community engagement and

data-led operations.

He said it focused on major traffic bottlenecks, including Sabo, Ife Garage Roundabout, and Lipakala junction areas identified through FRSC data as perennial congestion points within the town.

The unit commander said the early morning deployment of FRSC operatives under the operation was to ease vehicular movement and restore the free flow of traffic along corridors.

“In a proactive effort to prevent secondary crashes, the command has evacuated abandoned and accident-damaged vehicles, as well as other obstructions, from critical road corridors in Ondo Town.

“Such encumbrances pose serious hazards to road users, particularly at night and during adverse weather conditions. Palliative repairs are carried out on identified failed sections of the road in collaboration with

community stakeholders.

“The interim measure is aimed at mitigating pothole-induced crashes pending comprehensive rehabilitation by the relevant authorities. The motoring public deserves to see the FRSC as first responders and partners, not just enforcers,” Mr Ajayi said.

He, therefore, assured the public that the Ondo Town unit command would sustain such CSR-driven operations and institutionalise monthly interventions to ensure safer roads and protect lives and property.

The unit commander also pledged to expand collaboration with the Ondo State Ministry of Works and local government authorities.

Mr Ajayi urged road users to cooperate with FRSC operatives during traffic control operations and refrain from abandoning vehicles on the highway.

He also called for a prompt report of obstructions or emergencies to the nearest FRSC office or through the FRSC Toll-Free line 122 for immediate action

Also, a commercial driver, Tijani Olowookere, described Operations Orange Impact as unprecedented.

“In my 22 years as a commercial driver in Ondo Town, I have never witnessed this level of social responsibility from the FRSC. I pray for God's blessings upon the corps and Nigeria at large,” he said.

Similarly, a trader at Sabo Market, Tolani Adebusuyi, appreciated the corps' expanded role, saying the FRSC had gone beyond arresting traffic offenders.

“FRSC has shown that they are truly here to save lives and serve the community. Market women can now move their goods without the usual gridlock that causes perishables to spoil,” she said.

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The project was announced on 5 May 2026. It combines a new communications-based train control (CBTC) system with a mid-life fleet upgrade. The upgrade covers the existing train fleet.

The programme is intended to increase service frequency and passenger capacity on the m2. The line is described as the backbone of public transport in the Lausanne region. Also, the new signalling system will allow trains to run closer together. It will improve operating precision. This will make it possible to operate more trains on the line. It will reduce waiting times and support growing demand. At the same time, it is to maintain the highest levels of safety and reliability.

Alstom's Urbalis Fluence CBTC solution has been selected for the project. In

Lausanne Greenlights 295m Euros Upgrade For Switzerland’s Only Metro System



addition, its train-centric architecture places more intelligence onboard the trains. That design is intended to increase capacity and operational flexibility. It also limits

infrastructure changes and additional trackside equipment. At the same time, the system is well suited to existing fully automated metro lines. It can improve

performance while making best use of current assets. It also enables phased upgrades within long-term network strategies. The signalling upgrade

will be paired with a major mid-life modernisation of the m2 fleet. That fleet work will take place at Alstom's site in Villeneuve, Switzerland. Under the

FlexCare Modernise programme, key onboard systems will be renewed. These include the train control and monitoring system (TCMS). The TCMS will be fully integrated with the new CBTC signalling. The works will also cover improvements to interior areas. The trains' exterior will be refreshed. The upgrades effectively extend the lifetime of the metro cars. They also support higher capacity, improved reliability and a smoother passenger experience.

Patricia Solioz Mathys, CEO of tl, emphasised the importance of the project for the network. She said: “As Switzerland's only metro system, m2 is a real success story. The need to modernise the automation systems and increase capacity is crucial for the whole transport network in the Lausanne metropolitan area. *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-Akhaltzikhe railway lines is expected to be completed by August 2026, reducing travel

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

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.

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Stakeholders, Estate Firm Set To Transform Nigeria's Tourism Industry

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Stakeholders in Nigeria's tourism and real estate sectors have taken steps to reposition the country as a leading global tourism destination through a new infrastructure-driven development framework.

The initiative, unveiled in Abuja, is anchored on the National Infrastructural Tourism Development Initiative (NITDI), which seeks to unlock Nigeria's cultural, historical and natural assets for both domestic and international visitors.

The framework, developed through collaboration between public and private sector players, focuses on improving critical infrastructure, enhancing tourist experiences and promoting sustainable tourism practices across the country.

Speaking at the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Executive Director of the Tourism Volunteers Network, Phil Roberts, said infrastructure remains the backbone of any thriving tourism industry.

He noted that one of the major challenges confronting Nigeria's tourism sector is the gap between “tourism sites” and “tourism destinations.”

“A tourism site remains static, but it



Stakeholders, estate firms to transform Nigeria's Tourism Industry

becomes a destination when supported with infrastructure such as roads, electricity, housing, internet, food systems and security,” he said.

Roberts disclosed that Abuja has been designated a “Living Infrastructure Tourism City,” serving as a pilot model for nationwide replication.

The MoU was signed between Roberts, representing tourism stakeholders, and Big

Homes Nigeria, representing
real estate practitioners.

He outlined key tourism development zones within the Federal Capital Territory, including Aso Rock as an iconic tourism hub; Jabi Lake as a waterfront and blue economy destination; Maitama and Asokoro as luxury tourism hubs; Mpape and Katampe as nature and adventure zones; and Bwari and AMAC as agro-tourism centres.

According to him, the zoning

model is designed to maximise the capital city's natural and infrastructural assets while creating diverse tourism experiences.

Roberts cited countries such as China, Dubai and the United States as examples where infrastructure development has been effectively leveraged to drive tourism growth.

"With the right infrastructure, Nigeria can become a destination the world comes to see," he said.

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Tinubu's Project Dominate Northern Nigeria

Culled:

A former Chairman of Kano Municipal Local Government, Faiz Alfindiki, has said the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is executing some of the largest infrastructure and development projects across Northern Nigeria, claiming that over 52 per cent of major national projects are currently located in the region.

Alfindiki made the assertion in a statement in Abuja, urging citizens to focus on tangible development efforts rather than political rhetoric.

According to him, the Federal Government is undertaking more than 1,400 kilometres of major road projects across the North, with a combined value exceeding ₦7.21 trillion.

He described the scale of the projects as evidence of increased federal attention to the region under the current administration. Among the flagship initiatives, he highlighted the proposed Sokoto–Badagry Superhighway, a 1,068-kilometre six-lane corridor with an integrated rail line designed to strengthen economic links between Northern and Southern Nigeria.

He also listed the ongoing reconstruction of the Abuja–Kaduna–Zaria–Kano Road, being upgraded to reinforced concrete pavement, as well as rehabilitation works on the Kano–Maiduguri Road.

Other projects he mentioned include the dualisation of the Kano–Katsina Road , t h e Akwanga–Jos–Bauchi–Gombe Road, the Zaria–Funtua–Gusau–Sokoto Road, and the reconstruction of the Kano–Hadejia Road.

Alfindiki further noted that the completion of the Cham–Numan Bridge would enhance connectivity and boost economic activities in surrounding communities.

In the transport sector, he referenced the ongoing \$1.2 billion Kano–Kaduna Rail Line project, which he said would ease pressure on highways and improve both passenger and cargo movement.

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FG Bans 'Dr' Prefix For Honorary Degree Holders



Alausa

Culled: The Federal Government on Wednesday banned recipients of honorary degrees from prefixing “Dr” to their names in official, academic, or professional usage. constitutes a misrepresentation of academic credentials, which will henceforth be treated as academic fraud, with attendant legal and reputational consequences. The Minister of Education,

It declared that the use of the title by such recipients

Presidential Villa, Abuja, while briefing State House correspondents on two Federal Executive Council approvals that had not been announced at the last cabinet meeting, which held on April 30.

Alausa, who appeared alongside the Minister of State for Education, Prof Suwaiba Ahmad, said the FEC approved a uniform policy for the award and use of honorary degrees by Nigerian universities.

The policy, he explained, is designed to end what he described as decades of indiscriminate conferral of degrees for political patronage and financial gain, and to restore public confidence in the integrity of academic titles.

He said, "The recent trend we've seen with the award of honorary

degrees has revealed a growing abuse and politicisation of this academic privilege.

“We’ve seen awards being used for political patronage, for financial gain, as well as the conferral of awards on serving public officials, which, as part of the ethics of honorary degree awards, should not happen.”

Under the new policy, recipients of honorary degrees may no longer put “Dr” before their names.

Instead, they must cite the full honorary designation after their name.

Giving examples, Alausa explained, “For instance, you can use Chief Louis Clark, D.Lit. (Doctor of Literature, Honoris Causa)” or “Mrs Miriam Adamu, LL.D. Hons.”

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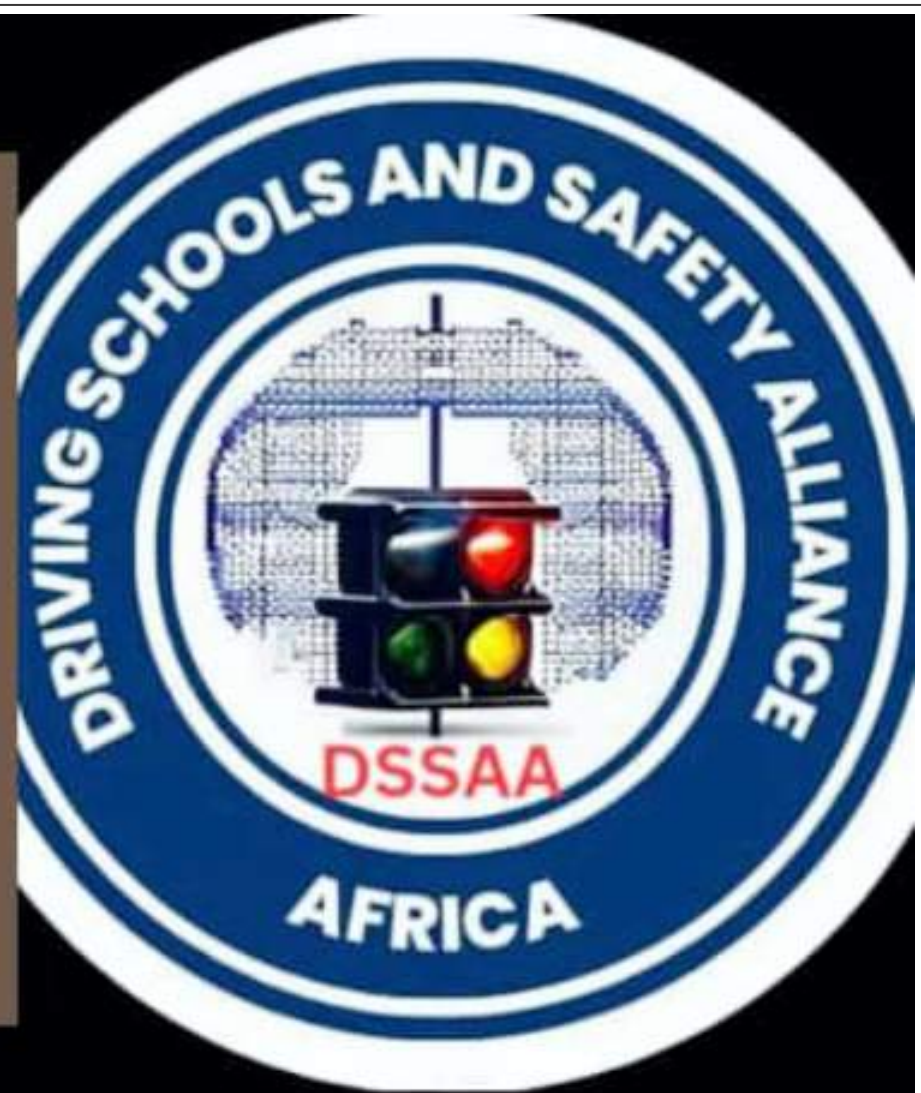


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