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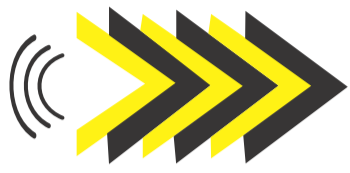
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### NURTW, RTEAN Lament Deplorable Road Network In Delta

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Members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) in Kwara State have lamented the deplorable condition of road infrastructure in the state, appealing to President Bola Tinubu to urgently facilitate the completion of the abandoned Oko-Olowo/Moro Bridge and Ohan Bridge projects.

The transporters said that the continued neglect of the infrastructure is crippling economic activities and worsening hardship across Kwara North district.

The transport unions made the appeal during a joint press conference in Ilorin on Thursday, describing the bridges as critical links connecting several communities in Kwara North district to the rest of the state and neighbouring Oyo State.

Speaking on behalf of both unions, Alhaji Abdulrahman Olayinka Onikijipa of RTEAN and Alhaji Abdulrasak Adeoye Ariwo-Ola of NURTW said the

abandonment of the bridge project, which was initiated in 2017 during the administration of former President Muhammadu Buhari, had left residents, transport operators, traders and public institutions to face severe challenges.

According to them, the Oko-Olowo/Moro Bridge was the major route providing access to Kaiama and Baruten Local Government Areas through communities in Oyo State, including Kishi, Igbeti, Igboho and Iseyin.

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Kwara NURTW unit

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Dr. Ahmed gave the assurance during an inspection tour of road construction sites in Rigasa, Ungwan Romi, PAN Drive, Sokoto Road, Millennium City and Kabala Costain communities, where the Kaduna State Government is executing major infrastructure projects aimed at improving transportation and living standards.

Speaking during the inspection of the Makera Road project in Rigasa, the KADRA boss commended the contractor, China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), for the quality of work recorded so far.

He disclosed that the contractor had

been directed to intensify construction activities ahead of the peak of the rainy season, noting that all compensation issues involving affected property owners had been resolved by the state government.

“The contractor has been given two months to deliver this critical infrastructure to the people of Rigasa,” he said.

Ahmed said the agency was particularly impressed with the quality of the drainage and hydraulic structures being constructed on the project.

“As you can see, the drainage and hydraulic structures are progressing well. They are using precast concrete and have submitted their laboratory test results, which meet the required standards,” he stated.

He appealed to residents to remain patient throughout the construction period, acknowledging the temporary inconveniences associated with road works, while commending community leaders for their cooperation and support.

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## Airlines Expand Fleets As Cape Town Convention Boosts Aircraft Financing - NCAA

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The Director-General of the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Capt. Chris Najomo, has said the implementation of the Cape Town Convention is driving fleet expansion among Nigerian airlines by improving access to aircraft financing. Najomo made the remarks at the 15th Annual National Travel Essay Competition (NTEC 2026) and Air Transport Youth Empowerment Summit held at the NCAA Annex, Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos. Represented by the NCAA Deputy Manager, Public Relations, Mrs. Carol Adekotujo, the NCAA chief said the convention has created opportunities for airlines to acquire more aircraft, strengthen operational capacity and support growth within the aviation sector. He noted that the summit's theme, “Soaring Beyond Limits: Youth Innovation and Leadership in Aviation,” reflects ongoing developments in the industry and underscores the importance of preparing young Nigerians for careers in aviation and aerospace.



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Najomo encouraged students interested in professions such as piloting, aerospace engineering, air traffic management and cabin crew services to take advantage of mentorship programmes and practical training opportunities.

He also urged future aviation professionals to embrace emerging technologies, including autonomous

aircraft systems, electric aviation and Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF).

Speaking at the event, Chairman of Sabre Central and West Africa, Dr. Gbenga Olowo, represented by the company's Marketing and Business Relationship Manager, Mr. Nurudeen Adeokin, described the competition's 15-year history as a significant investment in human capital development. He stressed

that the future of aviation would be driven by innovation, artificial intelligence, automation and data-driven technologies.

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), represented by Assistant Comptroller General (Narcotics), Mrs. Rita Geh, reiterated the importance of a drug-free lifestyle for aspiring aviation professionals.

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### Lagos Waterways Face Increased Risk From Excess Cargo Loads

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"Operating a vessel without a clear line of sight is incredibly dangerous. It makes it nearly impossible for a captain to spot oncoming traffic, sandbanks, or smaller passenger boats in time to avoid a collision," she stated.

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has expressed concern over the growing practice of loading barges with cargo beyond approved limits, warning that the trend is creating significant safety risks on Lagos waterways.

The caution was issued during the 2026 Dockworkers' Day celebration organised by the Shipping Correspondents Association of Nigeria (SCAN) in Lagos. Speaking at the event, the Lagos Area Manager of NIWA, Engr Sarat Braimah, said excessive container loading on barges increases the likelihood of accidents involving tugboats and other watercraft operating along inland routes.

Braimah stressed that safety standards

within the maritime industry must be strictly observed, noting that negligence on the waterways can have consequences far beyond financial losses.

She said: "To maximise profit per trip, operators frequently overload barges with shipping containers. When these heavy containers are stacked too high or poorly arranged, they create a massive blind spot that completely blocks the tugboat captain's forward visibility."

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To facilitate smooth execution of the projects, the Office of Infrastructure under the Lagos State Ministry of Works and Infrastructure held a stakeholders' engagement meeting on Thursday with residents and other affected parties. The meeting provided details on the scope of work, anticipated benefits and possible disruptions during the construction period. Speaking at the forum, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Infrastructure, Mr. Olufemi Daramola, urged residents to cooperate with the government

throughout the construction process.

Represented by the Permanent Secretary, Office of Infrastructure, Mr. Tokunbo Oyenuga, Daramola explained that some public utilities and infrastructure might need to be relocated, including into private premises where necessary, to support the road improvement and urban regeneration efforts.

He assured stakeholders that the projects are expected to be completed within six to fifteen months, depending on prevailing weather conditions.

"We appeal to residents to bear with the temporary inconveniences that may arise during construction. These projects are designed to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life within Ikeja GRA," he said.

Responding on behalf of residents, Chairman of the Ikeja GRA Residents Association (IGRARA), Dr. Muiz Banire, represented by Mr. Ade Atobatele, commended the state government for initiating the road upgrade programme.

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Represented by Vice President Kashim Shettima at the inauguration ceremony, Tinubu described the completion of the six-lane dual carriageway linking the Airport Expressway to Kuje Township Junction as evidence of the government's determination to deliver on its promises.

The project, originally awarded in 2022, had suffered significant delays before the current administration revived and completed it.

According to the President, the road had become a source of hardship for residents and businesses due to prolonged construction delays, resulting in traffic congestion, dust pollution during the dry season and muddy conditions during the rainy season.



Shettima commissioning the Kuje road on behalf of Tinubu

"The present administration does not inherit problems to abandon them. We inherit challenges to solve them," Tinubu said.

He noted that the highway would boost economic activities in Kuje and surrounding communities by improving connectivity, reducing travel time, increasing property values and attracting new investments. The road is also expected to facilitate the transportation of

agricultural produce from rural areas to urban markets.

Tinubu commended the Minister of the FCT, Nyesom Wike, for his role in ensuring the project's completion, describing him as a performer whose results speak for themselves.

The President also praised the contractors for delivering the project to the required standards and thanked residents for their patience throughout

the construction period.

He urged residents, community leaders and youths in Kuje to protect the infrastructure from vandalism and misuse, stressing the importance of preserving public assets for future generations.

Tinubu further called on residents, developers and business owners in the FCT to fulfil their tax and statutory obligations, including the payment of ground rents and land charges, to support the execution of similar projects in other satellite towns.

Earlier, Wike said the 11-kilometre road would significantly ease traffic congestion and improve socio-economic activities in Kuje and neighbouring communities.

The minister disclosed that although the contract was awarded on February 4, 2022, at a cost of over N54 billion, no contractor was on site when the current administration assumed office. He attributed the project's completion to the shared commitment of the Tinubu administration and the FCT leadership.

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# Stakeholders Back NAHCO's Bid For Airport Terminal Concessions

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Shareholders of the Nigerian Aviation Handling Company (NAHCO) have urged the company's management to pursue the acquisition and management of airport terminals as the Federal Government moves ahead with plans to privatise key airport infrastructure across the country.

The call was made during the company's 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Lagos, where shareholders expressed confidence in NAHCO's financial strength and operational capacity to participate in the planned concession of Nigeria's major international airports.

The Federal Government is proposing the privatisation and concession of five major international airport terminals under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework to be supervised by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development.

Speaking at the AGM, President of the Association for the Advancement of Rights of Nigerian Shareholders (AARNS), Dr.

Farouk Umar, commended NAHCO's performance and urged the company to leverage its growing market position to expand into airport management.

According to him, the company has attained a level of operational competence that positions it to provide aviation services beyond Nigeria's borders. He noted that NAHCO possesses both the financial capacity and industry expertise needed to compete successfully for airport concession opportunities.

Umar also praised the company's strong



airport concessions

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Residents of communities along the Benin-Akure Highway in Edo State have commended ongoing efforts to improve road infrastructure, particularly the reconstruction of the highway, describing the project as a major boost to economic and social development in the area.

The communities expressed their appreciation during a courtesy visit to the Edo State Government in Benin City, where they were received by the Deputy Governor, Dennis Idahosa, on behalf of Governor Monday Okpebholo.

Speaking on behalf of the communities, the Secretary of Evboneka Community, Ekhoesuehi Cardinal, said the reconstruction project had brought relief to residents who had endured years of hardship caused by the poor condition of the road.

According to him, the rehabilitation of the highway is expected to improve transportation, enhance connectivity, and attract investment to communities along the corridor.

# Edo Communities Praise Benin-Akure Highway Reconstruction

"The road rehabilitation is a welcome development, and we are confident it will open up the area for greater economic activities," Cardinal said.

In his remarks, Idahosa described the Benin-Akure Highway reconstruction as a landmark infrastructure project capable of stimulating socio-economic growth across the state. He urged residents to support the contractors handling the project and take ownership of the initiative to ensure its successful completion.

He also called on the communities to continue supporting the administration of President Bola Tinubu to enable the state benefit from additional developmental programmes under the Renewed Hope Agenda.

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# NIMASA Boost Maritime Security With 177 Deep Blue Operatives

Speaking during the graduation ceremony at Navy Town, Ojo, Lagos, NIMASA Director-General, Dr Dayo Mobereola, said the graduates comprise 33 special mission vessel officers, 14 vessel engineers, 107 intervention boat drivers, technicians and boarding team members, as well as 23 helicopter crew personnel.

According to him, the training is designed to enhance operational efficiency, intelligence coordination and rapid-response capabilities across Nigeria's maritime domain.

The ceremony featured a simulated anti-piracy rescue operation in which Deep Blue operatives demonstrated coordinated air and sea interventions, including vessel interception, helicopter deployment and casualty evacuation.

Mobereola highlighted the achievements of the Deep Blue Project, noting that Nigeria has maintained four years of piracy-free waters, leading to reduced war-risk insurance premiums and renewed international confidence in the country's maritime sector.

"It is important to state that for the last four years, Nigeria has maintained an impressive record of zero piracy incidents through the instrumentality of the Deep Blue Project," he said.

Launched in June 2021, the Deep Blue Project—officially known as the Integrated National Security and Waterways Protection Infrastructure—was introduced to combat piracy and other maritime crimes in the Gulf of Guinea, previously regarded as one of the world's most dangerous shipping routes.

Before the project's implementation, maritime piracy reportedly cost Nigeria about \$783 million annually, while the wider Gulf of Guinea region lost an estimated \$2 billion each year through disrupted trade, increased insurance costs and security expenditures.

NIMASA said the initiative has contributed significantly to a reduction of more than 90 per cent in piracy incidents across the Gulf of Guinea.

The project combines advanced surveillance technology, artificial intelligence, maritime communication

systems and specialised security assets coordinated through its Command, Control, Communication, Computer and Intelligence (C4i) Centre.

The security infrastructure includes special mission aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, mission vessels, interceptor boats and armoured coastal patrol vehicles operated by over 600 trained personnel.

The agency noted that Nigeria was removed from the International Maritime Bureau's list of piracy-prone nations in 2022 and was subsequently delisted from the International Bargaining Forum's unsafe waters register in 2023.

NIMASA also disclosed that Nigeria accounted for more than 46 per cent of all port calls within the Gulf of Guinea in 2025, reflecting growing confidence in the country's maritime environment.

Beyond security gains, the Federal Government is pursuing major infrastructure investments to expand port capacity and strengthen Nigeria's position as a regional maritime hub.

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NIMASA

The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) has strengthened the country's maritime security architecture with the graduation of 177 new personnel under the Deep Blue Maritime Security Unit, as Nigeria intensifies efforts to position itself as West Africa's leading maritime hub.

The newly trained operatives, drawn from the Armed Forces, Nigeria Police Force and Department of State Services, completed specialised training in maritime security operations, intelligence gathering, rapid response, helicopter operations, vessel boarding, medical evacuation and drone surveillance.

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# Sanwo-Olu Says Development Of Lekki Port Phase 2 To Begin Soon

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The Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu has announced that development work on Phase 2 of the Lekki Port project will commence soon, reinforcing the State's ambition to deepen its position as West Africa's leading maritime and logistics hub.

Sanwo-Olu made this known at the Invest Lagos Summit 3.0 held on Tuesday in Lagos.

Speaking on the State's infrastructure agenda, Babajide Sanwo-Olu highlighted Lagos' strategic role in driving regional trade and economic integration, noting that the rapid growth of Lekki Deep Sea Port has necessitated plans for its next phase of development.

He explained that the expansion of the Port will significantly enhance cargo handling capacity, strengthen maritime trade, and deepen Lagos' role as a gateway to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) market of over 1.4 billion people.

"With the African Continental Free Trade



Governor Sanwo-Olu

Area (AfCFTA) creating a market of over 1.4 billion people and a combined GDP exceeding \$3 trillion, Lagos occupies a uniquely strategic position.

The Lekki Deep Sea Port, within five years, is

moving to phase two because it is almost reaching the full potential of its installed capacity. And just within five years, it is moving to phase two. These are not just our State," he said.

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Port, Wang Qiang, commended the Lagos State Government for maintaining a stable and investment-friendly environment.

He noted that the next phase of development will play a key role in expanding the port's operational and cargo-handling capacity, improving logistics efficiency along the Lekki corridor, and attracting additional global shipping and logistics investments.

Qiang noted that the expansion aligns with Nigeria's broader trade facilitation agenda and the increasing demands of regional and international shipping networks.

"We are deeply encouraged by the continued support of the Lagos State Government, whose infrastructure-led policies have created a stable and forward-looking environment for long-term maritime investment.

The commencement of the next phase of development represents a significant milestone in our journey to expand capacity, enhance operational efficiency, and strengthen Lekki Port's position as a premier gateway for West African trade under the AfCFTA framework," he added.

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## Ground Handlers Suspend Max Air Operations Over N1bn Debt



Max air

Domestic flight operations of Max Air have been suspended nationwide following the withdrawal of ground handling services by members of the Aviation Ground Handlers Association of Nigeria (AGHAN) over outstanding debts estimated at about N1 billion.

The enforcement action, which took effect on Thursday, was announced by AGHAN Chairman, Mr. Olaniyi Adigun, who said the decision became necessary after the airline allegedly failed to engage in discussions aimed at reconciling and settling its indebtedness to ground handling companies.

According to Adigun, other airlines with outstanding obligations are currently negotiating repayment arrangements with handling firms, while Max Air has not responded positively to repeated efforts to resolve the issue.

"We took this decisive action because Max Air refused to negotiate with us. While other debtor airlines are reconciling their accounts and discussing repayment plans, Max Air has blatantly refused to engage with the handling companies," he said.

He noted that some indebted airlines are close to signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with AGHAN members on debt repayment, adding that the association can no longer sustain the financial burden of providing services without payment.

Adigun said the action should serve as a warning to other airlines that continued non-payment for services rendered would no longer

be tolerated.

He, however, clarified that Max Air's ongoing Hajj operations would not be affected, explaining that handling charges for pilgrimage flights are paid directly by the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON).

Industry sources disclosed that Max Air's debt exposure to the two major ground handling companies — Skyway Aviation Handling Company Plc (SAHCO) and Nigerian Aviation Handling Company Plc (NAHCO) — is estimated at approximately N1 billion.

The development follows months of disputes between ground handling companies and several airlines over unpaid service charges. AGHAN had earlier threatened to withdraw services to indebted airlines and initially planned to begin enforcement on May 1, 2026, before postponing the action in observance of Workers' Day and to

maintain industrial harmony.

The association later issued a fresh three-day ultimatum, demanding immediate account reconciliation and concrete repayment plans from affected airlines.

AGHAN has repeatedly expressed concern that persistent delays in debt settlement are placing severe financial and operational strain on its member companies, which provide critical aviation support services, including passenger facilitation, baggage handling, cargo processing, aircraft cleaning, ramp operations and turnaround services.

The association warned that continued non-payment could threaten the sustainability of ground handling operations and adversely affect service delivery across Nigeria's aviation industry. Efforts to obtain a response from Max Air on the development were unsuccessful as of the time of filing this report.

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# Türkiye, Saudi Arabia Sign Landmark Rail, Transport Cooperation Agreements

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Türkiye and Saudi Arabia have signed two landmark agreements aimed at strengthening cooperation in transportation, logistics, and railway development, marking a significant step in efforts to enhance regional connectivity and trade.

The agreements were signed on Tuesday by Turkish Transport and Infrastructure Minister Abdulkadir Uraloglu and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Transport and Logistic Services, Saleh bin Nasser Al-Jasser.

Announcing the development, Uraloglu described the accords as the beginning of a new phase in bilateral relations, focused on expanding technical cooperation and knowledge exchange in key transport sectors.

According to the Turkish minister, the agreements will facilitate collaboration in



areas including logistics centres, modern transport applications, railway technology, infrastructure development, workforce training, and human

resource capacity building. "In this context, we are launching a new phase that will strengthen the exchange of expertise and technical

cooperation across a wide range of areas, from logistics centres to modern applications," Uraloglu said. He added that both countries were working to

establish a stronger and more sustainable framework for cooperation in the railway sector, with the goal of supporting regional development, trade, and

connectivity.

One of the agreements, the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Logistics Services, is designed to support the construction and management of logistics centres, facilitate the sharing of expertise, and promote joint projects.

The second agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Railway Sector, seeks to encourage collaboration across all areas of railway development and operations. Uraloglu noted that Türkiye and Saudi Arabia were also exploring alternative regional trade routes, particularly through Syria, Jordan, and Iraq. He said recent test runs from Türkiye through Iraq to Saudi Arabia had demonstrated the viability of the corridor.

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Kenya Airways (KQ, Nairobi) is preparing a plan to operate another country's national airline as part of a broader growth strategy aimed at strengthening its long-term recovery, according to chairman Kiprono Kittony.

"There is a plan, and you're going to see a stronger and more robust airline. We are planning to bid for becoming a national airline for another country," Kittony told a news conference in Mombasa on May 28, as quoted by Kenya's Citizen Digital.

## Kenya Airways Eyes Bid To Operate Another Airline

A Kenya Airways spokesman verified the quote to ch-aviation but provided no further insight into the identity of the country or the nature of the proposed arrangement.

The disclosure comes as the Nairobi-listed carrier pursues a recovery strategy following years of financial instability, leadership turnover, and mounting debt pressures.

Kittony said the airline was focused on securing short-term emergency funding to meet immediate operational requirements, while leveraging its status as a publicly listed company to attract fresh investment through capital markets.

He linked Kenya Airways' recovery prospects to Kenya's broader economic ambitions, including plans to expand exports of agricultural produce and other goods, a move expected to support cargo demand. He also pointed to airport expansion plans that could boost tourism and passenger traffic.

Acting group managing director and CEO George Kamal reiterated that Kenya Airways remains a strategic national asset and is focused on restoring customer confidence

and financial stability.

Kenya Airways is seeking USD1.5 billion to USD2 billion from strategic investors, and talks with four potential partners have advanced to the due diligence stage, Kamal told ch-aviation in a recent interview. It is weighing a range of financing structures including equity, debt, cash injections, and aircraft-backed arrangements. The Kenyan government retains the option to convert KES132 billion shillings (USD1.02 billion) of Kenya Airways' debt into equity.

Kenya Airways' after-tax loss of KES17.2 billion (USD133 million) in 2025, despite its second-highest revenue on record, was blamed on the lengthy grounding of three B787-8s due to engine maintenance shortages and global supply chain issues.

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# Nigeria Unveils New HIV Strategy To Reduce Donor Dependence

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The Federal Government has launched the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (NSP) 2026–2030, a comprehensive framework aimed at reducing Nigeria's dependence on foreign donor support and strengthening domestic financing for HIV prevention, treatment and care.

Speaking at the launch in Abuja on Thursday, Director-General of the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA), Dr Temitope Ilori, said the new strategy was designed to sustain the gains achieved in the country's HIV response amid declining global funding.

Ilori noted that Nigeria could no longer rely on a donor-dependent model, stressing the need for a sustainable, government-led approach to combating HIV/AIDS.

"A central driver for this new plan is the recognition that the current donor-dependent, parallel system model is no longer sustainable," she said. "With dwindling external funding, Nigeria must transition to a new business model that emphasises sustainability, country ownership, and a government-led and government-owned response." According to her, the strategic plan



NACA

draws from lessons learned from previous interventions, recent HIV estimates and changing realities in global health financing.

She explained that the framework aligns with the UNAIDS Global AIDS Strategy 2026–2031 and Nigeria's five-year Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Government on HIV response and health systems strengthening.

A key component of the new

plan is the integration of HIV interventions into existing national systems across sectors such as health, education, youth development, gender and justice, replacing fragmented donor-funded programmes.

Ilori added that prevention efforts would focus more on adolescents and young people, while service delivery would increasingly be integrated into primary healthcare systems and

supported through digital innovation, local manufacturing and community-led initiatives.

An overview of the strategy showed that Nigeria has recorded a 52 per cent reduction in new HIV infections since 2010, while about 80 per cent of people living with HIV are aware of their status.

Current estimates indicate that approximately 1.98 million Nigerians are living with HIV.

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# Cardoso Formally Receives C'Bank Of The Year Award

*Culled:*

Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Mr. Olayemi Cardoso, formally received the Central Bank of the Year Award at the Central Banking Awards ceremony held in London on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

He dedicated the honour to the Board, management, and staff of the Bank for their steadfast commitment to institutional reform and economic stability.

In his acceptance speech, Cardoso expressed appreciation to Central Banking Publications and the award judges for the recognition. He also congratulated fellow institutions and individuals honoured during the event.

The CBN Governor stressed that the award was not a personal achievement but a testament to the collective efforts of the entire Central Bank of Nigeria, particularly the professionals whose dedication, integrity, and expertise – often exercised away from public attention – have strengthened the Bank and reinforced confidence in Nigeria's economy.

"I accept this award on behalf of the Board, Management and staff of the Central Bank of Nigeria," Cardoso said.

"Above all, it belongs to the many dedicated professionals who serve our institution with integrity, expertise, and an unwavering commitment to the public good."

Reflecting on the global economic landscape, Cardoso noted that recent years had presented significant challenges for central banks worldwide, with Nigeria facing its own share of economic pressures and policy tests.

He highlighted several difficult but necessary measures undertaken by the CBN, including efforts to address elevated inflation, implement major reforms in the foreign exchange market, and invest in critical digital and financial infrastructure to support the country's long-term economic development.

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# Nigerians Evacuated From South Africa Arrive Lagos



Nigerians evacuated from SAfrica arrive in Lagos

*Culled:*

Nigerians evacuated from South Africa have arrived safely in Lagos following a recent xenophobic tensions that left many Nigerian residents in fear. The evacuees arrived at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, at about 10:15 a.m. on Thursday aboard an Air Peace aircraft. The return flight is part of a coordinated evacuation effort by the Federal Government in response to renewed attacks targeting foreign nationals in South Africa.

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The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Sola Enikanolaiye, was expected to receive the returnees upon arrival at the airport.

The evacuation comes amid growing concerns over the safety of Nigerians residing in South Africa following reports of violence and attacks on foreign-owned businesses and communities.

The Federal Government had earlier assured that it would continue to engage South African authorities to ensure the protection of Nigerians and prevent further escalation of tensions.

In a statement signed by spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kimiebi Imomotimi Ebienfa on Wednesday, the ministry disclosed that the screening of Nigerians willing to

voluntarily return home due to the xenophobic attacks had been extended to Sunday, June 14, 2026, to accommodate more affected persons.

It stated that the extension reflected the federal government's commitment to the welfare and protection of Nigerians abroad.

The ministry further assured that relevant ministries, departments and agencies, MDAs, had put in place adequate reception, documentation and support arrangements for the returnees upon their arrival.

Meanwhile, the government of South Africa has slammed a five-year travel ban on the 268 Nigerians cleared for repatriation after declaring them illegal residents.

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Tax compliance

# FG Unveils New Platform To Boost Tax Compliance

**Culled:**  
The Federal Government on Wednesday launched Rev360, a digital tax administration platform designed to improve tax compliance, simplify taxpayer interactions and strengthen revenue collection as part of ongoing reforms to modernise Nigeria's tax system.

The platform was unveiled at the headquarters of the Nigeria Revenue Service in Abuja during an event attended by senior government officials, development partners, professional bodies, business associations, tax consultants and taxpayers.

Representing the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr Taiwo Oyedele, the Permanent Secretary (Special Duties) in the ministry, Mohammed Danjuma, described the platform as a major step in the modernisation of the country's revenue administration architecture.

He said efficient tax administration was critical to economic growth because it encourages voluntary compliance, improves transparency and boosts investor confidence.

Oyedele said, "When tax administration becomes more efficient, compliance becomes easier.

When compliance becomes easier, businesses can focus more on growth and productivity.

"As Nigeria continues its journey towards greater economic competitiveness and sustainable growth, initiatives such as Rev360 will play an important role in strengthening governance, supporting voluntary compliance, improving transparency, and creating a more enabling environment for business to thrive."

According to him, the federal government's economic reforms agenda is anchored on strong institutions, improved fiscal

management, digital transformation and greater efficiency in public sector operations.

Also speaking, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr Jumoke Oduwale, said the platform would support the government's efforts to improve the ease of doing business and achieve its ambition of building a \$1tn economy.

Oduwale recalled earlier attempts to automate tax administration processes and noted that the revenue agency had made significant progress in responding to stakeholder concerns and improving service delivery.

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## NDPC, Meta Partner On Data Protection In Nigeria

The Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC) has launched the Meta Supported Initiatives for Data Protection (M-SIDP), a two-year strategic program to strengthen data safeguards for Nigerian users.

Announcing the initiative on Monday via a press release signed by Head, Media Unit, Itunu Dosekun, the NDPC said it is in connection with the commission's regulatory process involving Meta Platforms, Inc.,

following investigations into the company's data processing practices in Nigeria.

"The initiative stems from a 2025 court-approved settlement after NDPC investigated Meta's data processing practices, with Meta committing support aligned to the Nigeria Data Protection Act 2023 and related directives," Dosekun said.

"The matter was concluded in 2025 through a court-approved settlement.

As part of the settlement, Meta committed to supporting a two-year programme of public facing data protection measures that aligns with the objectives of the Nigeria Data Protection Act, 2023 (NDP Act), the NDP Act General Application and Implementation Directive (GAID) and the NDPC Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan (SRAP) 2023-2027."

Dosekun explained that the M-SIDP targets governance and research,

ecosystem safety, capacity building for data protection officers, and awareness campaigns focused on vulnerable groups, while NDPC retains full independent regulatory authority.

"The M-SIDP programme is structured around the following strategic areas: « Governance, Research and Development; Fostering Safety and Sustainability Mechanisms for Ecosystem & [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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