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Speaking at the SCAN Dockworkers' Day 2026 organised by the Shipping Correspondents Association of Nigeria (SCAN) in Lagos, the Lagos Area Manager of NIWA, Engr. Sarat Braimah, said excessive loading of barges often obstructs the visibility of tugboat operators, increasing the likelihood of accidents.

Represented by the Assistant Manager, Marine Operations, Engr. Kelvin Abba, Braimah noted that operators frequently overload barges in a bid to maximise profits per trip.

According to her, containers stacked beyond approved limits or arranged improperly create large blind spots that

block a captain's forward view, making it difficult to detect oncoming vessels, sandbanks and smaller passenger boats.

"Operating a vessel without a clear line of sight is extremely dangerous and significantly increases the risk of collisions on the waterways," she said.

Braimah disclosed that NIWA has intensified monitoring and enforcement activities at loading points to ensure compliance with approved container

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ARCO Aviation Academy and the Nigerian Navy have strengthened Nigeria's unmanned aerial systems (UAS) capabilities following the graduation of five naval officers from a specialised drone training programme. The officers, who formed the sixth cohort of the joint training initiative, completed the programme on May 26, 2026. The course provided advanced instruction in drone operations, surveillance technology and mission-specific UAS protocols tailored to the Navy's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements.

According to ARCO Aviation Academy, the training combined practical and theoretical modules delivered by instructors with operational drone experience. The academy noted that participants commended the quality of instruction, practical training methodology and professionalism of the faculty.

Representatives of the Nigerian Civil

Aviation Authority (NCAA) supervised the graduation check ride, underscoring the regulatory standards guiding the programme. The officials included Capt. Raphael Akinsete, Engr. Ebitie Charles and SFO O. Kukoyi.

The academy stated that the successful completion of the sixth consecutive cohort highlights the growing partnership between both institutions in enhancing the operational and strategic readiness of naval personnel.

It added that the collaboration positions ARCO Aviation Academy as a key provider of specialised UAS training for military personnel and creates opportunities to expand similar programmes to other branches of the armed forces.

The academy also disclosed plans to introduce advanced training modules, including counter-drone operations and artificial intelligence-integrated surveillance systems, to meet evolving security demands.

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FG Warns Seaport Employers Against Neglecting Dockworkers' Welfare

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The Federal Government on Thursday declared that it would not tolerate any employer that fails to prioritise the welfare, safety and wellbeing of dockworkers at the ports. This is even as stakeholders in the maritime sector called for maritime workers to be trained and prepared towards a sustainable port transition.

Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, who was represented by the General Manager, Corporate Affairs, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Mr Ikechukwu Onyemekara, issued the warning at the 2026 Dockworkers' Day organised by the Shipping Correspondents Association of Nigeria (SCAN) in Lagos.

Speaking on the theme, "Green Ports: Sustainable Practices for Dockworkers," Oyetola described dockworkers as the backbone of port operations and critical to the growth of Nigeria's marine and blue economy.



Oyetola

He said: "The Federal Government will not tolerate any employer of dock labour who fails to place the welfare, safety and wellbeing of workers at the centre of their operations.

"Employers must comply with all applicable labour regulations, provide safe working environments, ensure the use of appropriate safety equipment, support skills

development and uphold the rights and dignity of every dockworker."

According to the minister, the era when workers were treated as expendable assets has no place in Nigeria's maritime industry.

Oyetola said Nigeria could not afford to be left behind as ports across the world embrace cleaner technologies, improved energy efficiency and

environmentally sustainable operations, and as such sustainable port operations can only be achieved when workers are protected, respected and empowered.

He noted that ongoing port rehabilitation and modernisation projects across the country present an opportunity to build greener and more competitive ports.

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FG Reaffirms Commitment To Agge Deep Sea Port Project

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The Federal Government has reiterated its commitment to the actualisation of the Agge Deep Sea Port project in Bayelsa State, describing it as a strategic infrastructure initiative capable of boosting economic growth, creating jobs and attracting investments to the Niger Delta region.

Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, stated this in a statement issued in Abuja on Wednesday, noting that the project remains a key priority under the Federal Government's drive to unlock the potential of Nigeria's marine and blue economy sector.

Oyetola said the development aligns with President Bola Tinubu's economic agenda of promoting trade, industrialisation and sustainable development through transformative infrastructure projects.

According to him, the Agge Deep Sea Port is a critical component of efforts to

expand Nigeria's maritime infrastructure and enhance the country's competitiveness in regional and international trade.

He said the project would contribute significantly to job creation, economic development and investment inflows into the Niger Delta.

The minister assured that the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy is working closely with the Bayelsa State Government and other stakeholders to ensure the project's timely execution.

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Oyetola

Poor Road Network Worsening School Dropout Rate In A'Ibom Community

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Residents of Ikot Okpok in Edemaya Clan, Ikot Abasi Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, have expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of an abandoned road project, warning that it is hindering access to education and contributing to the rising number of out-of-school children in the area.

The residents said the road, which links several communities including Atan Ikpe, Ikot Efre, Ikot Okpok, Ikot Akpabio, Atan Ekaiko and Ikot Etenge Ndon, was awarded during the administration of former Governor Udom Emmanuel but has remained incomplete.

According to community members, the poor state of the road has disrupted movement to schools, farms, churches and other social activities, particularly during the rainy season when the route becomes largely impassable.

A retired teacher, Mr. Bassey Ukpong, said many pupils are unable to attend classes regularly because of the difficult terrain.

"Sometimes pupils are forced to stay away from school, and it is increasing the number of out-of-school children," he said.

Residents recalled that the project was awarded in 2019 to improve access to rural communities and create economic opportunities, but alleged that delays in funding and poor execution have left the road in a worse condition.

They further alleged that portions of the contract were subcontracted to unqualified individuals, resulting in poor drainage construction and indiscriminate dumping of excavated materials along the road corridor.

The villagers noted that the situation has made the road unsafe for motorists and pedestrians, with vehicles frequently getting stuck or damaged during periods of heavy rainfall.

The Village Head of Ikot Okpok, Chief Iko-Abasi Alfred Ekiko, described the hardship faced by residents as severe, saying students are among those most affected.

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Project Manager, Tim Nippert, disclosed that only a small number of workers remain on site to carry out beautification activities, including tree planting and the installation of streetlights, particularly around the kilometre 12 roundabout. He added that some bridge joints are also being completed following delays in the arrival of imported construction materials.

According to Nippert, the project was delivered within the approved budget, generating savings that are now being



Bodo-Bonny road project

utilised to fund additional features such as street lighting and landscaping.

"From the contract sum, we made some savings and the ministry awarded us to provide streetlights and do some beautification like tree planting. We are now equipping the entire project with additional streetlights, with budgets we have saved," he said.

He expressed confidence that all

remaining works would be completed within the next two weeks.

The Minister of Works, Dave Umahi, had directed that the road be opened to traffic by the end of November 2025, while final completion and commissioning were scheduled for a later date. During an inspection of federal road projects in the South-South and South-East regions in October 2025, Umahi commended the

quality of work executed on the project.

The minister described the project cost, estimated at about N7.4 billion per kilometre, as reasonable given the challenging marshy terrain and engineering requirements involved.

He noted that constructing a similar project under current conditions would cost more than N15 billion per kilometre.

Umahi also announced plans for the installation of solar-powered streetlights, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and trees along the road embankments, with funding to be sourced from contingency allocations within the project budget.

The Bodo-Bonny Road project is regarded as a strategic infrastructure development expected to improve connectivity, enhance security and stimulate economic activities in the Niger Delta. It also represents a notable example of public-private sector collaboration, with Nigeria LNG Limited (NLNG) providing 50 per cent funding support for the project.

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C'River Govt Claims Over 426.75km Road Projects In Three Years

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Since assuming office in May 2023, the administration of Governor Bassey Otu of Cross River State has continued to demonstrate commitment to infrastructural renewal through massive road construction and rehabilitation projects amounting to over 608km across the three senatorial districts of the state.

The state government explained that this includes 206.6km of new roads, 102.55km of rehabilitated roads, 155km of dual carriageways, 112.29km of network of roads, and 32.1km of security and institutional roads.

The Commissioner for Works, Pius Ankpor, who disclosed this in a chat with The Guardian in Calabar, attributed the achievements over the past three years to prudent financial management, accountability, and a deliberate commitment to restoring the dignity and welfare of the people.

Also, Delta State Governor, Sheriff Oborevori, yesterday, inaugurated

three road projects with a combined length of about 18 kilometres in Ndokwa West Local Council Area, reaffirming his administration's commitment to infrastructure development, reiterating his support for the re-election of President Bola Tinubu.

The projects inaugurated include the 4.5-kilometre Obi-Ibabu/Ibabu Road in Onicha-Ukwuani, phase one of the 5-kilometre Utagba-Uno/Ndemili Road, and the 8.4-kilometre Etua-Ukpo/Etua-Etiti/Etua-Oliogo Road.

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Governor Bassey Otu

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Nigerian carrier ValueJet has expanded its West African network with the introduction of direct flight services between Accra, Ghana and Banjul, The Gambia, further strengthening connectivity across the sub-region.

The service, which operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, extends the airline's regional footprint beyond its Lagos-Accra route launched earlier this year and provides travellers with a direct link between two key West African destinations.

ValueJet commenced daily Lagos-Accra operations on March 30, linking Murtala Muhammed International Airport with Kotoka International Airport as part of its regional expansion strategy.

The development also creates a more seamless travel corridor for passengers connecting from Lagos through Accra to Banjul, reducing travel complexities on a route that has traditionally relied on multiple connections.

Banjul, often referred to as "The Smiling

ValueJet Expands W'African Network With Accra-Banjul Route

Coast of Africa", is one of West Africa's emerging tourism destinations, known for its Atlantic coastline, cultural heritage and growing appeal among regional and international travellers.

Speaking on the expansion, Managing Director of ValueJet, Omololu Majekodunmi, said the airline's regional strategy is focused on improving accessibility and strengthening links between West African markets.

"Our services are shaping up as a strategic bridge, linking people, markets and opportunities across West Africa," he said.

He noted that stronger air connectivity remains critical to facilitating business, tourism and cultural exchange across the region.

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FRSC Promotes Road Safety Through Students' Quiz



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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ikorodu Unit Command, has intensified efforts to promote road safety awareness among young Nigerians through a Road Safety Club Quiz Competition organised to mark the 2026 Children's Day celebration.

The event, held on Thursday at the Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH), Ikorodu, brought together pupils and students from 16 primary and secondary schools across the area.

Participating schools included Hossana High School, Purple Shores School, Cedarwood School, Kaztal Academy,

Future Generation School, Lara Narrow Way School, De Best College, God's Heritage School and Mother's Vine School, among others.

Speaking at the event, Assistant Corps Commander of the FRSC Ikorodu Unit, Kamal Kasali, said the initiative was aimed at instilling road safety consciousness in children from an early age amid growing concerns over accidents involving students nationwide.

According to him, exposing children to road safety education at a young age would help nurture responsible citizens and contribute to national development.

Kasali noted that the programme forms part of the FRSC's broader strategy to educate pupils and students on safe road use through platforms such as the Road Safety Club, Youth Safety Education Programme and School Bus Scheme.

He disclosed that more than 400

students participated in activities including a road walk, talent hunt, quiz competition and award presentations.

Also addressing the gathering, the Lagos State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Kehinde Hamzat, urged students to prioritise their safety and adopt responsible road-use habits.

He advised children below the age of 12 not to occupy the front seats of vehicles and encouraged them to always wear seat belts and obey traffic regulations.

Hamzat also cautioned against crossing highways indiscriminately, stressing that children's lives are invaluable and must be protected.

In his remarks, a guest speaker, Mr Alao Joseph of the Lagos College of Medical Sciences, Ikorodu, commended the FRSC for using educational activities to promote safety awareness among children.

Joseph announced a scholarship award for the overall winner of the competition as part of the institution's support for the initiative.

A teacher from Cedarwood School, Mrs Ifeyinwa Ene, described the competition as a valuable platform that would encourage pupils and students to become more safety-conscious in their daily activities.

One of the participants, Okoh Chisom, an SSS 2 student of Hossana High School, said the programme had improved her understanding of road safety and responsible road use.

At the end of the competition, Hossana High School emerged overall winner, represented by Godwin Nwachukwu and Praise Alex, both JSS 2 students. Kaztal Academy secured second place, while De Best College finished third.

The overall winner received a scholarship sponsored by the Lagos College of Medical Sciences, alongside educational materials and gifts provided by the FRSC and its partners. Other outstanding participants were also rewarded with school bags, water bottles, food packs and other items.

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The event, held under the global theme "Advancing Sustainable Mobility and Inclusive Transport," brought together education leaders, road safety officials, university representatives, and students to advocate for cycling as a practical solution to rising transportation costs and environmental challenges.

Speaking at the ceremony, GRA Empowerment Foundation National Coordinator, Dr. Ashiru Al-Moruf, described the bicycle as a tool of opportunity capable of reducing barriers to education and improving students' wellbeing.

"A bicycle is more than a machine. In the



GRA Foundation

hands of a student, it becomes a promise that distance, transportation costs, and economic challenges will not stand in the way of education," he said.

The ISL programme represents the fifth school outreach under the foundation's sustainable transportation while helping families cope with increasing commuting expenses.

Mr. Al-Moruf noted that the initiative seeks to encourage environ-

occasion as historic for the institution and praised the foundation for selecting the school as a beneficiary.

"Cycling is not only a means of transportation; it promotes fitness, health, and discipline," she said. She added that the school plans to leverage the initiative to introduce triathlon and related endurance sports to its students.

Representing the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Prof. Joseph Awoyinka commended the partnership between the university, the foundation, and road safety authorities, describing cycling as an important component of future urban mobility solutions.

He also highlighted the environmental and health benefits associated with greater bicycle use.

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps, (FRSC) used the occasion to advocate improved infrastructure for cyclists.

Speaking on behalf of Lagos State Sector Commander Kehinde Hamzat, Deputy Corps Commander Jeffrey Otubu called for the development of dedicated bicycle lanes and stronger policies to protect cyclists on Nigerian roads.

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NADDC Boss Urges MDAs To Buy Locally Assembled Vehicles



Osanipin

The Director-General of the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC), Joseph Osanipin, has defended the Federal Government's Nigeria First policy, urging ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) to prioritise the procurement of locally assembled vehicles to strengthen the country's automotive industry.

Speaking on Channels Television's Sunrise Daily programme, Osanipin said the policy aims to ensure that government expenditure directly supports local manufacturing, creates jobs and conserves foreign exchange.

He noted that the automotive sector has strong linkages with other industries, including steel,

plastics, textiles and technology, making it a key driver of industrial development.

According to him, redirecting government vehicle purchases to locally assembled brands would stimulate economic activity and expand employment opportunities across the value chain.

Osanipin explained that implementation of the policy would be coordinated through the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), which would require MDAs seeking procurement approvals to source vehicles from approved local assemblers.

"We are not choosing the brand for any agency, but the vehicles must come from companies assembling in Nigeria. If there is a local substitute, government funds should be used to buy that vehicle," he said.

The NADDC chief stated that the policy applies to all federal government institutions, including the National Assembly, except in

cases where specialised vehicles unavailable in the local market are required.

Addressing concerns about whether senior government officials, including the President, would be subject to the policy, Osanipin acknowledged that certain security-equipped and highly specialised vehicles could be exempted due to their unique specifications.

He, however, maintained that such exemptions would be limited and would not detract from the policy's overall objective of promoting domestic vehicle production.

Osanipin said Nigeria already possesses the capacity to assemble a broad range of vehicles required by government agencies, including passenger cars, sport utility vehicles (SUVs), pick-up trucks and commercial buses.

He added that local manufacturers are also advancing in the production of specialised security and armoured vehicles, citing firms such as

Proforce as examples of companies supplying security vehicles assembled within the country.

The NADDC boss disclosed that the policy would initially focus on federal government procurement, with plans to subsequently engage state governments and private sector operators.

He also revealed that the council had enhanced collaboration with vehicle importers and dealers through a registration platform aimed at improving oversight of vehicle imports and dealership operations nationwide.

On compliance, Osanipin said the BPP would monitor adherence through procurement approvals, annual procurement reports and post-procurement verification processes.

He warned that agencies that fail to comply with the policy could face sanctions, including restrictions on future vehicle procurement approvals.

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Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railway Boost Kazakhstan's Middle Corridor Role

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The Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway entered full-scale operation on June 2, a development expected to increase freight transport along the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route and support Kazakhstan's role as a key transit hub between China and Europe.

The railway is a joint strategic project of Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Turkey and serves as one of the main overland links connecting Central Asia with European markets through the South Caucasus.

The 827-kilometer line has been operating at limited capacity since 2017. Full commercial operation became possible following the completion of rehabilitation and construction work on the Marabda-Kartsakhi section in Georgia.

According to Georgia's



Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, the project included the construction and modernization of bridges, railway stations,

overpasses, traction substations, a cross-border rail tunnel linking Georgia and Turkey, and upgrades to the Akhalkalaki International Railway Station, one of

the corridor's key logistics hubs.

The completion of the project is expected to increase the railway's annual cargo-handling capacity to 5 million

metric tons, allowing it to accommodate growing freight volumes moving between Asia and Europe.

"The full-scale operation of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars

railway is an important event not only for Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Turkey, but for the entire region and Central Asia," Georgia's Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Mariam Kvrivishvili said during the inauguration ceremony.

She described the railway as a critical transport link connecting Europe, Central Asia, and China.

According to Kvrivishvili, container traffic through Georgia involving China and Kazakhstan increased by 33% in 2025, while the number of containers transported along the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars route was nearly six times higher than in the previous year.

Kazakhstan was represented at the ceremony by Deputy Transport Minister Zhanibek Taizhanov, showing the strategic importance Astana places on the corridor. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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Kenya Airways (KQ, Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta) 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 Win Three Gold Medals At African Taekwondo Champs

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Nigeria's medal haul at the 2026 African Taekwondo Championships in Bamako, Mali, has grown to seven, with the country claiming three gold medals, one silver and three bronze at the World Taekwondo-sanctioned G-4 tournament at the Palais des Sports Salamatou Maiga in Mali, PUNCH Sports Extra reports.

The latest additions came from the Poomsae event on Tuesday, where Aderibigbe Faridah claimed gold in the Freestyle Poomsae category. She also teamed up with Salawudeen Abdulafeez to win silver in the Pair Poomsae event.

Earlier in the competition, Haruna Usman had added a second gold in the Poomsae U-40 Male category, while Para-Taekwondo athlete Mathew Udom's dominant display on Monday had delivered the first gold in the -57kg Kyorugi category.

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The Nigerian Taekwondo Team

Male event.

Morocco dominated the Kyorugi event, sweeping eight gold medals to finish as overall champions.

Nigeria Taekwondo Federation President, Tayo Popoola, expressed satisfaction with her team's performance after the first gold medal while pushing for more.

"I know you can do it, so I need some more," she said.

"We are still competing in the Poomsae events and we

hope to secure medals in various categories.

"I trust our Poomsae athletes to deliver and improve our position on the medal table."

The athletes have delivered as the president charged and she would surely be delighted by the athletes' performances.

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US Plans Deportation Of 110 Nigerians

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The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has confirmed that no fewer than 110 Nigerians are set to be deported from the country.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which published the list, said the deportation forms part of a broader enforcement operation that will result in the return of 355 West African nationals to their respective countries.

The Department published names and photographs of all 355 individuals listed for deportation under its West Africa Operations Watch initiative.

Nigeria accounts for 110 of those listed, second only to Liberia with 94, and far ahead of Ghana and Senegal with 30 and 19, respectively.

The list also includes 15 Cameroonians, 14 Gambians, 14 Ivorians, 12 Mauritians, 11 Cape Verdeans, nine Burkinabes, eight Nigeriens, six Guineans, six Togolese, five Malians, and 1 each from Benin and Guinea-Bissau.

According to DHS, those listed were flagged for immigration violations, including visa overstays, unlawful entry, and failure to meet residency requirements.

Officials described the exercise as a coordinated operation across several US states.

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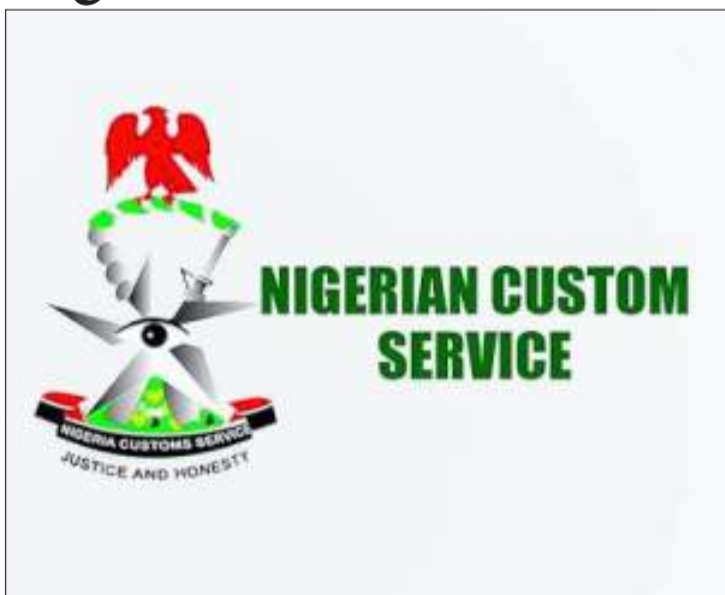
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Nigeria Customs Warns Against Fake Recruitment Scam



Nigerian Custom Service (NCS)

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The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has formally warned the public to ignore viral, forged documents claiming to be Computer-Based Test (CBT) screening schedules for ongoing recruitment. The

Service confirmed that these publications are fraudulent and did not originate from official channels.

In an official update shared on its verified X (formerly Twitter) account this Wednesday, June 3, 2026, the Service clarified that the

documents are counterfeit and lack any authorization from the NCS.

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) continuously issues warnings on fake news regarding recruitment and vehicle auctions. The alert reads, "The NCS wishes to state clearly that these claims are false and did not originate from the Service."

The forged announcements, which were stamped "FAKE" in the official post, listed specific screening dates in early June 2026 and venues across various zones.

They also contained requirements for the purported exercise, such as dress codes and identification.

The NCS urged applicants and the general public to ignore the

messages and rely solely on information from its official communication channels.

This latest denial comes amid prolonged public interest and frustration over the 2024/2025 NCS recruitment process, which has seen multiple stages, including application, CBT, and profile updates.

Earlier in May 2026, the Service had opened a portal for shortlisted candidates to complete final screening updates ahead of interviews and physical screening, with a deadline of May 10.

Applicants have repeatedly been warned that the entire recruitment exercise is free, and no payments should be made to any individual or group at any stage.

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China, Nigeria Seek Deeper Partnership In Sports Administration

Culled: China and Nigeria have expressed readiness to strengthen cooperation in sports administration and other key areas of sports development as both countries continue to deepen cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

The commitment was highlighted yesterday in Abuja during the Passion of Chinese Wushu: Cultural Heritage Chinese Wushu Premium Exhibition, organised by the China Cultural Center in Nigeria.

The event brought together sports administrators, government officials, diplomats, students and cultural

enthusiasts to celebrate Chinese martial arts and explore opportunities for broader collaboration between the two countries.

Chairman of the National Sports Commission (NSC), Mallam Shehu Dikko, said Nigeria was open to expanding cooperation with China in sports administration, coaching development, sports science, infrastructure management, anti-doping programmes and youth development.

Dikko, who was represented by his Special Adviser on Legal, Strategy and Administration, Musa Ahmadu, noted that sports and cultural

exchanges have become important pillars of the relationship between both countries.

According to him, while China-Nigeria relations are often viewed through the lens of trade, infrastructure and economic cooperation, sporting and cultural interactions also play a significant role in strengthening ties between their citizens.

“Sports diplomacy offers both Nigeria and China a powerful platform to build deeper connections. Sports speaks a universal language, crossing borders, bridging differences and bringing people

together in ways formal diplomacy sometimes cannot,” he said.

The NSC chairman commended Chinese institutions for their support in building the capacity of Nigerian sports administrators, disclosing that two officials of the commission recently returned from a training programme in China organised by the Academy for International Business Officials.

He said Nigeria's youthful population and China's advanced sports systems provide opportunities for collaboration in athlete development, sports technology, research and the promotion of traditional sports.

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Fayode Needs Deliverance, Makinde Tells Nigerians

The Oyo State Governor, Seyi Makinde, has declared that former Ekiti State governor, Ayodele Fayose, needs divine deliverance, urging Nigerians to be prayerful for him following his recent broadcast on the kidnapped persons in Oyo State.

The governor also fingered the Minister of Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Wike, in the abduction of the 46 persons on May 15, 2026.

These disclosures were made in a

statement issued by the Commissioner for Information, Prince Dotun Oyelade.

In the statement, Oyelade stated that the Governor said Nigerians watched with shock as the former governor disintegrated before the eyes of the world by making a series of false accusations, apparently under certain influences.

It could be recalled that Fayose had said that Governor Makinde

orchestrated the kidnapping of 46 persons on May 15, 2026.

Oyelade said Governor Seyi Makinde is too preoccupied with finding a solution to the challenges posed by the kidnapers of children and teachers in the state to engage someone whose lifestyle and compartment have been suspect for a long time.

He added that for a former governor to be so consumed by the politics of

vindictiveness, vileness, deceit, and hate that he would further endanger the lives of those in captivity and distract security agents from handling this delicate job smacks of one who has lost his mind.

The Commissioner recalled that Fayose's comrade-in-arms, Nyesom Wike, promised in November last year that he would “put fire in Oyo State,” and now the threat appears to be manifesting poorly.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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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.

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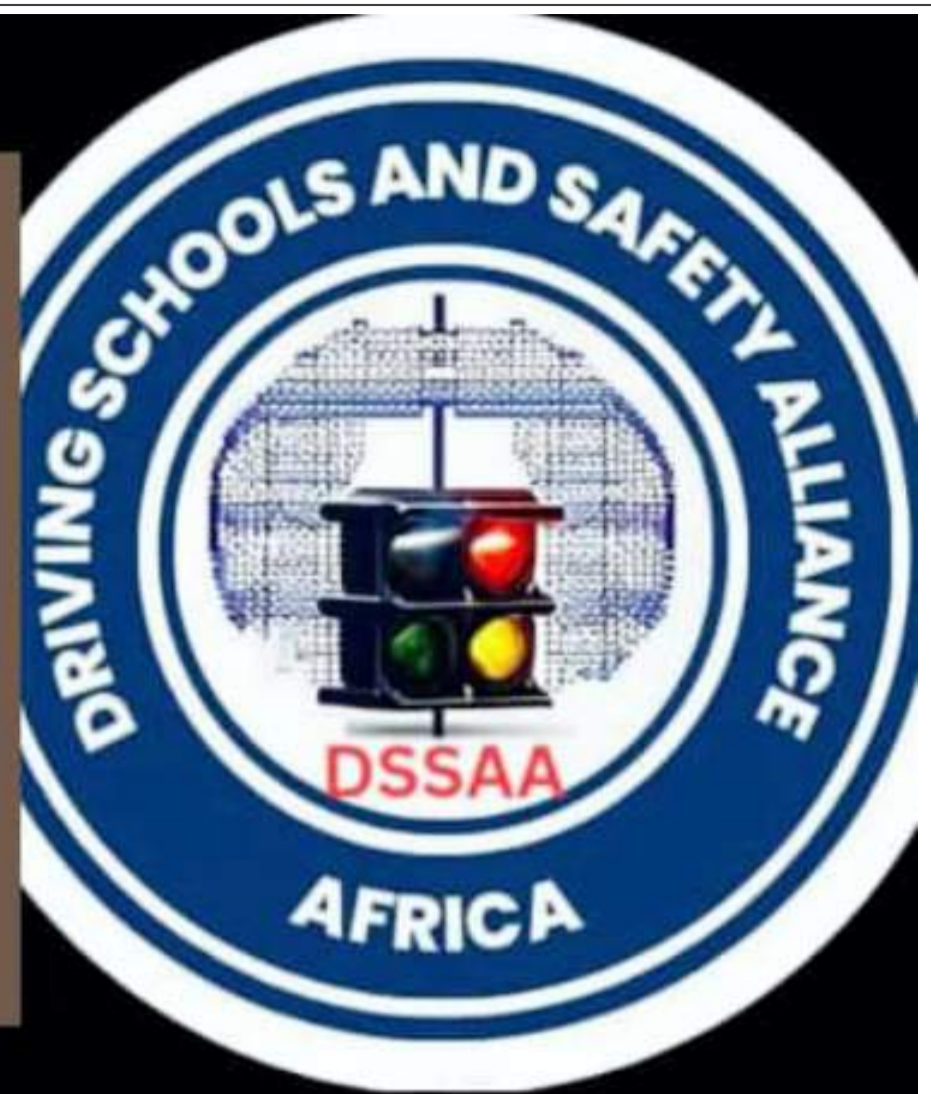


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