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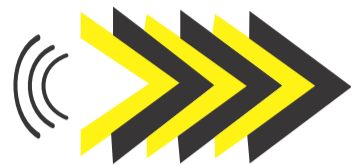
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Air Peace, in a statement, described the approval as a major milestone in its ambition to become a global aviation brand and strengthen Nigeria's presence in international air travel.

The airline said the planned Nigeria-Brazil route would significantly improve connectivity between both countries by reducing travel time from nearly two days, often involving multiple stopovers, to about seven hours through direct flights.

According to the airline, the new route is

expected to boost tourism, trade, investment and cultural exchanges between Nigeria and Brazil, while also creating opportunities for increased cargo movement and economic cooperation across the South American region.

Air Peace noted that Brazil's approval adds to its growing list of international destinations and reinforces its commitment to expanding Nigeria's aviation footprint globally.

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The collaboration, formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in Turin, Italy, is aimed at strengthening NIMASA's institutional capacity through technical support, specialised training programmes and capacity-building initiatives for agency personnel and key stakeholders in the maritime industry.

According to a statement issued by NIMASA's Deputy Director and Head of Public Relations, Osagie Edward, the partnership aligns with the agency's commitment to developing a skilled maritime workforce capable of responding to evolving global industry

demands.

The Director-General of NIMASA, Dr Dayo Mobereola, said investment in human capital remains a critical component of the agency's strategy to build a safe, competitive and sustainable maritime industry.

Mobereola, who was represented at the signing ceremony by the Executive Director, Finance and Administration, Mr Chudi Offodile, noted that the agreement would support structured capacity development programmes for maritime professionals and strengthen the implementation of international maritime labour standards.

He added that the partnership would leverage ITC-ILO's expertise to improve the capacity of maritime labour inspectors, policymakers and trainers, particularly in the interpretation and enforcement of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006, as amended.

The NIMASA boss said the initiative would contribute to improved maritime labour administration and promote a

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At a stakeholders' meeting convened by the Ministry of Transportation on Saturday, the Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi, said the state government, in collaboration with the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN), had resolved to ensure that roads, motor parks and garages remain clean at all times.



Lagos declares zero tolerance for roadside waste dumping

Osiyemi directed transport unions to maintain cleanliness within their parks and garages while discouraging indiscriminate trading and improper waste disposal in their areas of operation.

He disclosed that the Ministry of Transportation would soon commence enforcement operations to ensure compliance with environmental

sanitation regulations at motor parks and garages across the state.

The commissioner stressed that Lagos roads must no longer serve as refuse dumps, announcing that the proposed Waste Police would comprise members of transport unions drawn from all local government areas. According to him, the operatives will monitor parks and adjoining roads to prevent

indiscriminate dumping of waste and support government sanitation efforts.

Also speaking, the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor, Mr. Sam Egube, said transport operators across the world partner with governments in safeguarding transport infrastructure, urging stakeholders to support the state's renewed drive for a cleaner environment.

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### Lagos Taskforce Impounds 278 Illegal Motorcycles In Week-Long Crackdown

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The Lagos State Taskforce has impounded 278 commercial motorcycles, popularly known as okada, during a week-long enforcement operation targeting operators flouting the state's ban on commercial motorcycles on highways and other restricted routes.

The operation, conducted across several parts of Lagos, forms part of the state government's renewed drive to enforce the provisions of the Lagos State Transport Sector Reform Law, 2018, while strengthening public safety and security.

Authorities said the exercise also aligns with ongoing efforts to reinforce the state's security architecture under the leadership of the Commissioner of Police, CP Fatai Tijani, by curbing criminal activities linked to the illegal operation of commercial motorcycles.

The enforcement followed an earlier crackdown carried out weeks ago and, according to the Taskforce,

demonstrates its resolve to sustain pressure on violators of transport, environmental and security regulations. Areas covered during the operation included Ikorodu, Agric Bus Stop, Festac First Gate, Mazamaza, Iyana School, Iyana-Iba, Idimu Road, Egbeda, Kola Bus Stop, Iyana Ipaja, Ikotun Roundabout, Ijaiye in Ojokoro, Berger Bus Stop, Ojodu, Akowonjo Roundabout, Igando Bus Stop, LASU-Iba Road and Pipeline Road in Idimu, among other locations.

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Impounded motorcycles by the Lagos Taskforce

### Police Arraign 14 Motorists Over Covered Number Plates In Plateau

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The Plateau State Police Command has arraigned 14 motorists before a court in Jos for offences bordering on covering number plates and using multiple plates to mislead authorities.

The Police Public Relations Officer, SP Alfred Alabo, disclosed this in a statement on Saturday, saying the action followed enforcement of vehicle registration laws across the state under the leadership of the Commissioner of Police, CP Bassey Ewah.

The statement read, "The operation, in line with the directive of the Inspector General of Police, IGP Olatunji Rilwan Disu psc(+), NPM, is aimed at addressing security concerns associated with unregistered vehicles, concealed, defaced, or altered number plates, unauthorised foreign registration plates, and other non-compliance that hinders vehicle identification and tracking.

"So far, fourteen (14) vehicles have been impounded for violations. The owners/operators have been charged to court for offences bordering on use of

unregistered vehicles, possession of vehicles with covered or defaced number plates, unauthorised display of foreign number plates, and replacement of approved registration plates with manufacturer logos or other unauthorised inscriptions."

The police said the enforcement is a proactive security measure to prevent criminal elements from exploiting improperly registered vehicles to evade detection.

The CP directed officers to maintain professionalism and strict adherence to the rule of law, stressing that the operation is not intended to harass law-abiding citizens but to enhance public safety and crime prevention.

He urged motorists in Plateau State to ensure proper registration of their vehicles and keep number plates clearly visible at all times.

"The Plateau State Police Command remains committed to safeguarding lives and property and appreciates the support of residents in building a safer Plateau,"

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## NURTW Supports Lagos Plan To Register, Identify Tricycle Operators

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The Lagos State chapter of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) has expressed support for the state government's initiative to capture the data of commercial tricycle operators as part of efforts to improve regulation and accountability in the transport sector.

The state secretary of the union, Comrade Usman Teslim, disclosed this in an interview, describing the collaboration between the union and the Lagos State Ministry of Transportation as a step towards ensuring proper identification of tricycle riders across the state.

Teslim said the initiative would create a reliable database of commercial tricycle operators, adding that it would help government authorities strengthen monitoring and bring greater order to the sector.

He noted that the exercise would later be expanded to include other categories of commercial transport operators such as motorcycle riders, bus drivers and other stakeholders in



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the industry.

According to him, the union is fully committed to supporting the government's plan, which he said would promote sanity, accountability and improved service delivery within the largely informal transport sector.

Speaking on reforms within the NURTW, Teslim said the union had recorded significant progress in improving the conduct and public image of its

members.

He maintained that members of the union were now more disciplined and committed to complying with established rules and regulations, while distancing themselves from past negative perceptions associated with transport unions.

Teslim also highlighted the growing adoption of democratic practices within the union, saying elections had become

more peaceful and leadership transitions smoother.

"We are not yet there, but we are working strongly to see how we can move forward with a modern transportation system," he said.

The NURTW official further disclosed plans by the union's national leadership to enrol members in the pension scheme under the National Pension Commission (PenCom).

He explained that the initiative would provide retirement security for transport workers who often spend decades in service without financial protection after leaving active work.

Teslim urged PenCom to consider extending the initiative to other informal sector groups, including traders and small business operators, to broaden pension coverage across the country.

He also appealed to drivers and other transport operators to remain disciplined and cooperate with traffic management authorities in ensuring safer and more efficient transportation across Lagos State.

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# Delta Police Secure 23 Convictions In Crackdown On Traffic Offences

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The Delta State Police Command has secured the conviction of 23 traffic offenders as part of its ongoing enforcement of traffic regulations across the state.

The Command's spokesperson, SP Edefe Bright, disclosed this in a statement, noting that 26 vehicles were impounded during the exercise for various traffic-related violations. According to him, the arrested offenders were arraigned before the Mobile Court established by the Delta State Government to ensure swift adjudication of traffic offences.

Edefe said the enforcement was being conducted in line with the directive of the Inspector-General of Police and the Command's commitment to promoting road safety, public order and strict compliance with existing laws.

He explained that the exercise was designed to curb reckless driving and other traffic violations capable of endangering lives and disrupting the smooth flow of activities on the roads.

At the conclusion of the court proceedings,

23 offenders were convicted and fined according to the severity of their offences, while three others were discharged and acquitted.

The police spokesman said the outcome of the exercise reflected the Command's determination to enforce traffic regulations through lawful and transparent measures.

The Delta State Commissioner of Police, CP Yemi Oyeniyi, reaffirmed the Command's commitment to sustaining the enforcement across the state, warning motorists against violating traffic laws.

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Skyway Aviation Handling Company (SAHCO) Plc has recorded a revenue of N44.46 billion for the 2025 financial year, driven by increased passenger and cargo handling activities, improved operational efficiency and continued investments in aviation infrastructure.

The company disclosed the performance at its 16th Annual General Meeting, where it presented its financial results for the year ended December 31, 2025.

SAHCO reported a 54 per cent increase in revenue, rising from N28.94 billion recorded in 2024 to N44.46 billion in 2025.

The aviation ground handling company also recorded significant improvement in profitability, with Profit Before Tax (PBT) rising to about N12.01 billion, compared with N6.49 billion achieved in the previous year.

Profit After Tax (PAT) stood at approximately N9.74 billion, while earnings per share increased to N7.20 from N3.57 in 2024, reflecting improved returns for shareholders.

# SAHCO Records N44.48bn Revenue As Passenger, Cargo Activities Drive Growth

Speaking at the AGM, SAHCO Chairman, Dr Taiwo Afolabi, attributed the company's performance to the strength of its business model, commitment of its workforce and focus on operational excellence, customer satisfaction and strategic expansion.

Afolabi said the results demonstrated SAHCO's ability to withstand challenges in the operating environment while sustaining growth and creating value for shareholders.

He added that the company's continued investments in modern Ground Support Equipment (GSE), workforce development and infrastructure expansion had contributed significantly to its improved performance.

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# United Nigeria Airlines Join Amadeus Global Distribution System



United Nigeria airlines

Nigeria imported crude oil worth \$1.39bn in the first quarter of 2026, highlighting a major shift in the country's petroleum trade dynamics as the Dangote Petroleum Refinery increasingly sourced feedstock from international markets despite Nigeria's status as Africa's largest crude oil producer.

Data obtained from the Central Bank of Nigeria's Balance of Payments Highlights for the first quarter of 2026 showed that crude oil imports rose from \$340m in the fourth quarter of 2025 to \$1.39bn in Q1 2026, representing a 308.82 per cent quarter-on-quarter increase.

The development comes amid the rapid expansion of local refining capacity,

particularly at the Dangote refinery, which has continued to increase production volumes and exports of refined petroleum products while supplementing domestic crude supplies with imported grades.

The CBN report showed that crude oil imports accounted for about 81.8 per cent of Nigeria's total imports of crude oil, gas and refined petroleum products, which stood at \$1.70bn during the review period.

The figure highlights the growing dependence of the Dangote refinery on imported crude despite ongoing efforts by regulators to improve domestic crude supply arrangements.

The increase in crude imports contrasted with a collapse in refined petroleum product imports, which fell by 87.5 per cent to \$310m in Q1 2026 from \$2.48bn in the preceding quarter. The sharp decline reflects the increasing substitution of imported fuel with locally refined products as domestic refining capacity expands.

According to the apex bank, the

decline in fuel imports was one of the key factors that strengthened Nigeria's external position during the quarter. The report read, "Refined petroleum products imports declined to \$0.31bn in Q1 2026, from \$2.48bn in Q4 2025."

The reduction in fuel imports coincided with a rise in exports of refined petroleum products, which increased by 20.3 per cent to \$2.37bn in Q1 2026 from \$1.97bn in the previous quarter.

The trend suggests that Nigeria is gradually transitioning from a net importer of refined petroleum products to becoming a significant exporter, driven largely by the output of the Dangote refinery and other domestic refining facilities.

The CBN noted that the country's goods account surplus rose significantly to \$5.95bn in the first quarter of 2026 from \$1.77bn in the preceding quarter and \$3.35bn in the corresponding period of 2025.

"The goods account (a major sub-account in the current account) recorded a significantly higher surplus

of \$5.95bn in Q1 2026, as against \$1.77bn and \$3.35bn recorded in the preceding quarter and corresponding period of 2025," the report read.

The stronger trade position was also supported by higher crude oil exports. Earnings from crude oil exports rose by 19.79 per cent to \$8.11bn from \$6.77bn in the previous quarter, while gas exports increased by 12.95 per cent to \$2.53bn from \$2.24bn. Refined petroleum product exports also climbed to \$2.37bn from \$1.97bn.

Overall exports increased to \$15.49bn during the quarter from \$13.36bn in Q4 2025, while total imports declined by 17.69 per cent to \$9.54bn from \$11.59bn.

The improvement in trade flows helped lift Nigeria's current account surplus to \$4.98bn in Q1 2026, compared with \$1.40bn in the preceding quarter and \$3.41bn in the corresponding period of 2025. The latest figure represents a 255.71 per cent increase from the previous quarter and a 46.04 per cent rise year-on-year.

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## Local Transport News

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) says it rescued 353 victims of road traffic crashes and other emergencies across the state between January and May 2026, as it urged motorists to exercise greater caution amid worsening driving conditions during the ongoing rainy season.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, disclosed the figures while reviewing the performance of the agency's Rescue and Emergency Response Unit, noting that the rescues underscored both the effectiveness of its emergency operations and the heightened risks faced by road users during periods of heavy rainfall.

According to the agency, the rescued victims comprised 207 adult men, 137 adult women and nine male children, all of whom received prompt emergency assistance from LASTMA



LASTMA

personnel deployed to traction, flooded roads the year, these accident scenes and mechanical incidents equally serve across Lagos. failures, all of which as a poignant reminder Bakare-Oki said the increase the likelihood of the need for greater rainy season presents of road crashes. caution and significant hazards, "While we take pride in responsibility on our including poor the successful rescue roads, particularly such actions often result in avoidable visibility, slippery road of 353 individuals within during the ongoing accidents, vehicle breakdowns and surfaces, reduced tyre the first five months of rainy season," he said. emergency situations.

He noted that many of the accidents could have been prevented through responsible driving, strict adherence to speed limits, maintaining safe following distances, avoiding dangerous overtaking and ensuring vehicles are properly maintained.

The LASTMA boss advised motorists to inspect critical vehicle components such as braking systems, tyres, windscreen wipers, lighting systems, steering mechanisms and indicators before embarking on journeys, especially during periods of heavy rainfall. He also warned against speeding on wet roads, stressing that rainfall significantly increases braking distances and reduces tyre grip, thereby heightening the risk of skidding, collisions and loss of vehicle control.

Bakare-Oki further cautioned drivers against attempting to navigate flash-flooded sections of roads without first assessing water depth and road conditions, saying such actions often result in avoidable accidents, vehicle breakdowns and emergency situations.

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## NIWA Engages Firm To Clean Up Nigeria's Inland Waterways



NIWA

In a landmark move aimed at addressing the growing environmental challenges confronting Nigeria's inland waterways, an indigenous multi-sectoral environmental company, Parts Central Limited, has been mandated by the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) to provide strategic oversight and implementation support for a comprehensive clean-up initiative designed to restore the nation's waterways and enhance their economic potential.

In a statement released on Sunday, NIWA said the project, which was initiated during the administration of its immediate past

Managing Director, Asiwaju Bola Oyebamiji, represents a major step towards achieving a cleaner, safer and more investment-friendly inland waterways ecosystem in Nigeria.

The initiative is expected to tackle the persistent problems of waste pollution, indiscriminate dumping of refuse, oil spillage, and environmental degradation across Nigeria's vast inland waterways through a structured and sustainable approach.

The project will deliberately identify major sources of pollution, facilitate systematic waste removal, and promote innovative waste-to-wealth solutions capable of creating employment opportunities for communities situated along the waterways.

Beyond environmental restoration, the project is designed to improve navigational safety by removing obstacles that hinder the smooth movement of vessels and other

watercraft. It is also expected to support the conservation of aquatic resources, strengthen the fisheries value chain, and contribute significantly to the realisation of the Federal Government's Renewed Hope Agenda under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the Marine and Blue Economy sector.

As part of its broader objectives, the initiative seeks to reposition Nigeria's inland waterways as attractive destinations for local and foreign investment by promoting environmental sustainability and enhancing the overall efficiency of water transportation.

Stakeholders believe that cleaner waterways will stimulate economic activities, encourage tourism, boost commerce, and unlock the enormous untapped potential within the nation's blue economy.

Speaking on the forthcoming rollout of the project, the Managing Director of Parts Central Limited, Henry Olaoluwa Onifade, assured

Nigerians that every aspect of the programme would be professionally executed to deliver lasting results. He noted that the initiative marks a historic intervention in the management of Nigeria's inland waterways and reaffirmed the commitment of the project team to ensuring transparency, sustainability, and measurable environmental impact. Onifade further called on government agencies, private sector operators, host communities, environmental groups, and all stakeholders within the maritime sector to support the initiative, stressing that collective participation would be crucial to its success. He expressed confidence that with sustained collaboration, Nigeria would soon witness cleaner, safer, and more productive inland waterways, setting a new benchmark for environmental stewardship and waterway management in the

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# CN Rail Begins Recovery Operations After Series Of Derailments, Service Disruptions

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Canadian National Railway (CN Rail) has intensified recovery efforts following a series of freight train derailments across parts of Canada and the United States, with repair works ongoing to restore normal rail operations and minimise disruptions to freight and passenger services.

The incidents, which occurred in regions including British Columbia, Ontario and areas near the Canada-US border, resulted in temporary track closures, emergency response operations and adjustments to some train services.

One of the major incidents involved a CN freight train derailment in western Canada after a mudslide affected a remote section of the railway. The train was reportedly not carrying dangerous goods, limiting environmental risks, but the incident required several



days of work involving equipment removal, track inspections, rerailing operations and slope stabilisation.

Another significant derailment occurred in

southern Ontario near a key passenger rail corridor, involving freight cars carrying non-hazardous materials. The incident affected rail movements and triggered

extensive repair activities along the damaged track. CN crews have since carried out phased recovery operations, including the removal of damaged railcars,

replacement of affected track sections and inspections of bridges, signalling systems and other railway infrastructure.

In some locations, heavy

machinery and specialised recovery equipment have been deployed to access difficult railway corridors and speed up restoration efforts.

A major disruption was recorded along the Welland Canal corridor, where a CN freight derailment affected a rail bridge used by freight and passenger operators. The incident temporarily affected both railway and marine traffic as engineering teams carried out inspections, repairs and safety checks.

While freight operations have gradually resumed in affected areas, some services initially operated under speed restrictions as engineers monitored repaired sections before allowing full operations to return.

Passenger services have also been impacted, particularly on routes operated on CN-controlled infrastructure. [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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## General News

# JAMB Scraps Affiliated Degree Programmes In Colleges Of Education

*Culled:*

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has formally ended admissions into affiliated degree programmes run by Colleges of Education, marking a major shift in Nigeria's teacher education system and effectively making the Nigeria Certificate in Education the sole entry route into the institutions from the 2026/2027 academic session.

The decision is contained in JAMB's newly released NCE/ND Agric Registration Guidelines issued by the Office of the Registrar in June 2026.

Under the new policy, the Board declared that "no admission into any affiliated programme in any College of Education from 2026/7 Session."

JAMB also ruled out direct admission into 100 and 200 levels in Colleges of Education, insisting that all fresh entrants must now come through the NCE programme.

"With effect from 2026/7 Session, no admission into 100 or 200 Level is allowed into any College of Education. All entrants are through NCE," the Board stated.

The development signals the end of an era for affiliated degree programmes, which for decades enabled Colleges of Education to award university degrees through



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partnerships with conventional universities.

The reform is expected to affect thousands of candidates who applied for degree programmes through affiliated Colleges of Education for the 2026 admission cycle.

To cushion the impact, JAMB outlined options for candidates who had already selected affiliated Colleges of Education for degree programmes through Direct Entry.

According to the Board, affected candidates may apply for a change of institution at no cost, transfer to the parent university to which the degree programme is affiliated, or allow their second-choice institution to become their first choice for admission processing.

"A candidate may choose to be moved to the parent university to which the Degree programme is affiliated," the Board said.

JAMB added that candidates wishing to switch institutions had been given up to June 22 to complete the process.

Similarly, candidates seeking 100-level admission into affiliated Colleges of Education through the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination have been presented with three options: change institution, elevate their second-choice institution to first choice, or migrate to the NCE programme.

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# SGF Urges Greater Investment In Cyber Security

*Culled:*

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Sen. George Akume, has urged the Galaxy Backbone (GBB) to increase investment in cyber security and broadband infrastructure.

Akume, represented by Dr Ibrahim Kana, Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, made the remarks at a gala and award ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of Galaxy Backbone on Friday in Abuja.

He described the organisation as a critical national asset that had strengthened governance, enhanced public service delivery and supported economic growth over the past two decades.

He said that GBB had evolved from a bold government initiative into Nigeria's foremost provider of secure government connectivity and digital infrastructure.

According to him, the organisation was established to provide a unified, secure ICT infrastructure for government institutions and facilitate efficient service delivery through technology.

"Today, Galaxy Backbone stands proudly as one of the nation's foremost digital institutions and the trusted provider of secure government connectivity.

"The story of Galaxy Backbone is, in many respects, a reflection of Nigeria's digital transformation journey.

"From its modest beginnings to its current position it has consistently demonstrated excellence, innovation and strategic foresight," he said.

The SGF said GBB played an indispensable role in connecting government institutions across the country, strengthening cybersecurity frameworks, facilitating digital governance and enabling seamless collaboration among Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

He said the organisation's extensive fibre-optic network, certified data centres, cloud services and secure digital platforms were the backbone of modern governance in Nigeria.

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# Sanwo-Olu Congratulates Oyebanji On Ekiti Election Victory



Oyebanji

*Culled:*

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State has congratulated

Governor Biodun Oyebanji of Ekiti State on his landslide victory in Saturday's governorship election.

He described the victory as a reward for good governance and effective service delivery.

Mr Sanwo-Olu, who is also the chairman of the South-West Governors Forum, said this in a statement issued on Sunday by his

Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Gboyega Akosile.

The Independent National Electoral Commission declared Mr Oyebanji of the All Progressives Congress (APC) as the winner of the governorship election on Sunday in Ado-Ekiti.

The Lagos governor said Mr Oyebanji's victory across the 16 local government areas of the state, with 83.54 per cent of the total votes, reflected the governor's popularity and the confidence reposed in him by the electorate.

Mr Sanwo-Olu urged the Ekiti governor to remain committed to delivering more dividends of democracy to the people during his second term.

The governor, who served as a member of the APC national

campaign council for the election, also praised President Bola Tinubu for providing purposeful leadership and driving the Renewed Hope Agenda aimed at transforming Nigeria's socio-economic development.

He also commended leaders and members of the APC at the national, state, local government, and ward levels for working in unity to secure the party's victory in the election.

"I congratulate my dear brother, Gov. Biodun Oyebanji of Ekiti, for emerging victorious in yesterday's governorship election.

"I also congratulate his running mate, Mrs Monisade Afuye, on her re-election.

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Senator Remi Tinubu

# First Lady Hails Fathers As Pillars Of Strong Families, Nation Building

**Culled:**  
 First Lady Senator Oluremi Tinubu has paid glowing tribute to fathers across Nigeria and the world, describing them as indispensable pillars of strong families and critical partners in building a responsible and prosperous society.

In her 2026 Father's Day message issued on Sunday, the First Lady celebrated the love, resilience and sacrifices of fathers, acknowledging their enduring role in nurturing the character, confidence and future of their children.

She said fathers remain central to the stability of families through their

guidance, protection and unwavering commitment, noting that their contributions help lay the foundation for stronger communities and national development.

Oluremi Tinubu also extended her appreciation to father figures, mentors and role models who continue to make positive impacts in the lives of young people by providing leadership, support and inspiration.

"On this Father's Day 2026, we celebrate the love, strength, and sacrifice of fathers across Nigeria and around the world.

"Fathers play a vital role in shaping the character, confidence, and future

of their children. Through their guidance, protection, and dedication, fathers help build strong families and stronger communities.

"Today, we honour all fathers, father-figures, role models, and mentors who show up each day, working to provide for their families.

"May you continue to be a source of wisdom, strength, and inspiration to your families," she said.

The First Lady wished fathers a happy celebration and prayed for renewed strength and grace as they continue to discharge their responsibilities to their families and society.

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## Kano, Kaduna, Kebbi Farmers Get 100,800 Bags Of Fertiliser

Amidst efforts to boost food production in the country, the National Agricultural Development Fund (NADF) under the Renewed Hope Farm Input Support Programme (FISP), has commenced the distribution of 100,800 bags of fertiliser to 25,200 smallholder farmers across Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi and Jigawa states.

The Executive Secretary of NADF Mohammed Ibrahim during the flag off in Kastina Safe at the weekend said

the initiative was designed to reduce production costs to improve access to quality farm inputs and boost food production in line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

According to him, each beneficiary farmer will receive four bags of fully subsidised fertiliser, while each participating state will receive 20,160 bags for distribution to 5,040 farmers identified by the state chapter of the All

Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN).

The ED stated that the fertilisers are locally produced, traceable and marked "Not for Sale" to prevent diversion, adding that NADF has also concluded plans to deploy over 1,800 extension advisory workers nationwide to support farmers with technical guidance and best practices.

The NADF boss highlighted the agency's ongoing interventions in the

region, including support for over 5,000 ginger farmers affected by blight in Kaduna State and assistance to flood-affected onion farmers in Kebbi and Sokoto states.

Katsina State Governor, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, commended President Tinubu for prioritising agriculture and described the fertiliser support programme as a strategic intervention aimed at increasing productivity and strengthening food security.  
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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

## DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
2. Africa Road Transport Safety Summit and Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO) - The largest gathering of Researchers and Industry Leaders in Road Transport Safety featuring exhibitions of technology devices and Innovations.
3. Africa Safe School Volunteer Project (ASSVP) - A social responsibility project that members of DSSAA will get directly involved in their various countries which includes volunteering to control traffic and help Children cross the Road during school hours in schools, funding installation of STOP Road signs and marking of zebra crossings at school Intersections, as well as carrying out the training of children on Road Safety practices in schools.
4. Africa Road Safety Partnerships and Research board (ARSPARB)- A hub for the advancement of partnerships with development agencies, National Governments and corporations as well as a Research Faculty for Road Safety Research Projects.

## About DSSAA

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It is registered in the Gambia and UK with National offices in all the Capital cities in Africa.

DSSAA aims to bring all the critical stakeholders together to build the capacity of Driving School operators and support Road Safety through advocacy, public education, lobbying, fund raising, training and certification.

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