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# NIWA Reaffirms Commitment To Clean, Resilient Waterways

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The Acting Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), Umar Yusuf Girei, has reaffirmed the agency's commitment to maintaining clean, safe and sustainable inland waterways as Nigeria joins the global community to mark the 2026 World Environment Day. The celebration, themed "Urbanisation and Climate Change: Building Resilient Cities for a Sustainable Future," draws attention to the environmental challenges accompanying rapid urban growth and climate change impacts. In a statement delivered at NIWA Headquarters in Lokoja, Girei extended greetings to cities across the country, noting that urban areas are increasingly expanding around waterways which continue to serve as vital centres of commerce, culture and economic activity.

He, however, warned that urbanisation places significant strain on the environment, leading to challenges

such as rising temperatures, flooding and erosion, all of which require urgent and coordinated response measures.

According to him, NIWA views inland waterways as natural infrastructure for building urban resilience, explaining that properly managed rivers and channels help mitigate flooding by serving as drainage pathways, while also offering a cleaner, low-carbon option for transporting goods and passengers.

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Umar Girei

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The minister pledged while serving as Special Guest of Honour at the 70th Anniversary Ceremonial Sunset Dinner and Awards Night, the grand finale of the Nigerian Navy's week-long celebrations marking seven decades of service to the nation.

According to a statement by the Minister's Special Assistant on Media, Leah Katung-Babatunde, the minister

stressed the need for innovation and the adoption of modern technologies to address emerging security threats.

He noted that the future of naval operations depends on advanced surveillance systems, intelligence capabilities, unmanned technologies, cyber defence tools and data-driven operational platforms.

"The future of the Nigerian Navy lies in its ability to harness cutting-edge technology and strengthen collaboration with regional and international partners. A modern, technology-driven Navy will enhance maritime domain awareness and operational effectiveness and contribute significantly to collective security within the Gulf of Guinea and beyond," he said.

He further assured that the federal government would continue to strengthen the Navy's operational capacity to protect Nigeria's maritime assets, safeguard national interests and support national development in line with its motto, Onward Together.

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Dangote Cement Plc has intensified its technology-driven transport safety initiatives, deploying artificial intelligence and advanced telematics systems to enhance operational efficiency and reduce road traffic crashes across its fleet.

The company said the upgraded transport management programmes focus on improved performance monitoring, strengthened governance standards, enhanced accountability frameworks, driver training, journey management, and regular recertification processes.

In a statement issued by its Branding and Communications Department, Dangote Cement noted that the initiatives also include mandatory drug and alcohol screening, strategic partnerships, sustainability programmes, and community impact projects.

Head of Transport at Dangote Cement, Murilo Silva, said the company has adopted automated inspection



Dangote cement sector

technologies and AI-powered solutions to improve safety and operational performance.

According to Silva, enhanced GPS and telematics systems now provide real-time monitoring of driver behaviour, enabling better oversight of fleet operations and road safety compliance.

He added that the company has

expanded its driver wellness campaigns to address fatigue and has intensified engagement with third-party truck operators and drivers to promote safety awareness and compliance.

Silva said Dangote Cement's collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has strengthened safety standards across its operations. He noted that FRSC personnel actively

participate in driver training and screening at the Dangote Articulated Vehicle Driving School in Obajana, providing technical guidance and supporting the development of safety-conscious drivers.

The company reported significant improvements in safety compliance between the first quarters of 2025 and 2026.

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Akwa Ibom State Governor, Umo Eno, has called for the accelerated implementation of the Ibom Deep Sea Port project, urging project partners to provide clear timelines, measurable milestones, and actionable steps to move the initiative from the planning phase to execution.

The governor made the appeal during a high-level technical engagement and working session with project partners, the Africa Global Logistics Group, in Paris, France.

According to a statement issued by the State Commissioner for Information, Aniekan Ummanah, the meeting reaffirmed the commitment of both the Akwa Ibom State Government and its partners to the successful delivery of the deep seaport project, which is expected to position the state as a major maritime, trade, and logistics hub within the Gulf of Guinea region.

The session reviewed the Technical Feasibility Report recently prepared by

Worley Parsons and examined key issues relating to investment opportunities, project implementation strategies, and long-term sustainability. Governor Eno stressed the importance of maintaining momentum on the project, noting that the state was eager to see tangible progress following the completion of critical planning and feasibility studies.

"The State Government and prospective partners reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing the Deep Sea

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Governor Umo Eno

## High Diesel Costs Threaten Rail Operations, Says NRC

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The Managing Director of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), Dr. Kayode Opeifa, has disclosed that the soaring cost of diesel is pushing the corporation's operations to the brink, forcing it to operate at a loss and rely on borrowings to sustain train services.

Opeifa made the disclosure during a town hall meeting with railway workers and union leaders in Lagos, according to a statement issued by the corporation on Friday.

He said the rising cost of fuel had significantly increased the financial burden on the NRC, making train operations increasingly difficult.

"The fact is that the cost of diesel alone has almost made it impossible to operate our trains. We are running at a loss, and we had to resort to borrowings to keep our operations going," he said.

Despite the financial challenges, Opeifa assured workers that the corporation remained committed to their welfare and would continue to improve working

conditions as its financial situation improves.

He commended railway workers for their dedication and contributions to sustaining the corporation's operations, noting that management would continue to engage constructively with labour unions to resolve concerns without resorting to industrial action.

The NRC boss directed the corporation's Human Resources Department to address issues raised by employees and reaffirmed management's commitment to maintaining a cordial relationship with staff.

Looking ahead, Opeifa disclosed that the corporation plans to deploy a high-speed train service between Lagos and Abuja as part of efforts to expand and modernise rail transportation in the country.

According to him, the planned expansion will require additional land for rail corridors as well as modern residential facilities for essential railway workers.

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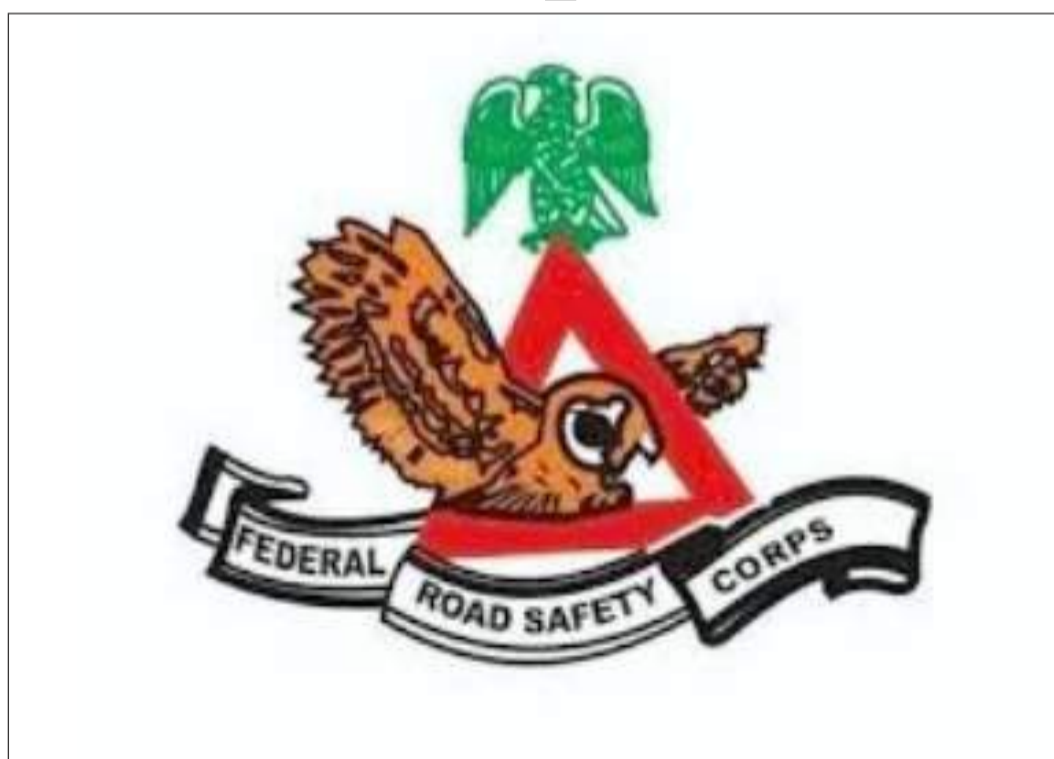
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The Corps Public Education Officer, Osondu Ohaeri, disclosed this in a statement issued on Saturday in Abuja, describing the achievement as one of the agency's most significant operational successes in recent years.

According to the FRSC, the number of road crashes recorded during the festive period declined from 191 cases in 2025 to 142 in 2026. The agency also reported a 22 per cent decrease in the number of people involved in crashes, with figures dropping from 1,364 to 1,064.

Ohaeri added that the number of injured persons fell by 25.4 per cent, from 576 in 2025 to 430 in 2026, noting that the reduction translated into hundreds of lives saved and families spared the consequences of road



FRSC

accidents.

He attributed the improved performance to the strategic deployment of personnel and operational assets along major highways nationwide, as well as intensified enforcement and public awareness campaigns.

The FRSC spokesperson said the operation featured round-the-clock patrols, intelligence-led surveillance,

motorised chain patrols, prompt rescue services, traffic management measures, stakeholder collaboration and sustained public enlightenment programmes.

"These interventions helped create safer travel conditions for millions of Nigerians who travelled across the country before, during and after the Sallah celebrations," he said.

Ohaeri also quoted the Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, as commending FRSC personnel, Special Marshals and partner agencies for their commitment and professionalism throughout the operation.

Mohammed said the results demonstrated that effective planning, sustained enforcement and collective responsibility could significantly reduce road crashes on Nigerian roads.

He further appreciated motorists and other road users who complied with traffic regulations and adhered to the corps' safety advisories during the festive period.

The Corps Marshal reaffirmed the FRSC's commitment to strengthening road safety interventions, enhancing stakeholder engagement and improving operational efficiency to achieve further reductions in crashes, injuries and fatalities.

He urged Nigerians to maintain safe road-use practices beyond festive seasons, stressing that road safety remains a shared responsibility.

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## Local Transport News

# Baro-Katcha Bridge Collapses In Niger, Cuts Off Communities

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The Baro-Katcha Bridge has collapsed following last week's heavy rainfall, leaving thousands of residents in Baro and neighbouring communities cut off from essential services such as hospitals, markets, and schools.

Residents are now forced to navigate dangerous dirt tracks and shallow streams on motorcycles or wade through water to reach their destinations. Traders carry goods on their heads across gullies, while patients struggle to access medical care.

The collapse has exposed long-standing infrastructure neglect in the area. Baro is home to the multi-billion-naira Baro Inland Port, a key federal project designed to boost inland waterway trade, yet the community remains disconnected from the federal road network.

Residents have called on the Federal Ministry of Works, the Niger

State Government, and other relevant agencies to urgently intervene, insisting that the situation cannot wait for another budget cycle.

The Katcha-Baro Federal Road, awarded in 2011, was later abandoned. The bridge collapse has now worsened an already difficult situation, turning years of project delays into an immediate humanitarian challenge for affected communities.

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Baro-Katcha bridge collapse

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Borno State Governor, Babagana Umara Zulum, has initiated plans for the reopening of the waterway linking Baga town to the Republic of Chad as part of efforts to restore cross-border trade and strengthen economic cooperation between both countries.

The governor disclosed this during a visit to Baga, where he held a high-level security meeting with military commanders in Baga and Kukawa to discuss strategies for clearing the water route, which has remained inaccessible due to years of insurgency.

Speaking after the meeting, Zulum said the discussions focused on the modalities for reopening the strategic waterway and ensuring the safe movement of goods and people between Nigeria and Chad.

"Our visit to Baga was to interface with the Nigerian military to discuss the modalities for clearing waterways from Baga to the Republic of Chad," the governor said.

He noted that the clearance operation would commence soon, following ongoing collaboration between the governments of Nigeria and Chad aimed at revitalising

# Zulum Pushes Reopening Of Baga-Chad Waterway

trade activities along the route.

"We have discussed many issues, and, God willing, the clearance exercise will resume very soon. The governments of Chad and Nigeria are working together to determine how commodities will move between the two countries," he added.

The Baga-Chad waterway is considered a critical trade corridor within the Lake Chad region, and its reopening is expected to boost commercial activities, improve livelihoods and enhance regional integration.

Following the security meeting, Governor Zulum inspected several ongoing development projects in Kukawa, including a General Hospital, a Mega Primary School and the High Islamic College.

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# FG Flags Off N1.245trn Gombe-Biu Highway



Governor Yahaya inaugurates Gombe-Biu highway alongside Umahi

The Federal Government has officially flagged off the reconstruction and dualisation of the 125-kilometre Gombe-Biu Highway, a major infrastructure project valued at N1.245 trillion, as part of efforts to strengthen transportation networks and stimulate economic growth in Nigeria's North-East region.

The project was inaugurated in Gombe State on Friday by Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya alongside the Minister of Works, David Umahi, who represented President Bola Tinubu.

According to a statement issued by the Special Assistant to the President on Social

Media, Dada Olusegun, the highway project forms part of the Tinubu administration's broader strategy to improve connectivity, facilitate trade, and promote regional integration across the country.

The contract for the reconstruction and dualisation has been awarded to Hi-Tech Construction Company, which will execute the project using rigid pavement technology. The Federal Government said the adoption of concrete pavement is aimed at enhancing road durability, reducing maintenance requirements, and extending the lifespan of critical transport infrastructure.

The statement noted that the project is expected to boost economic activities, improve security, strengthen trade links within the North-East and neighbouring West African markets, while also reducing travel time and enhancing road safety for commuters.

"The Administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has flagged off the

reconstruction and dualisation of the 125km Gombe-Biu Highway, a N1.245 trillion infrastructure project aimed at boosting connectivity, economic growth, and regional integration," the statement said.

The government has increasingly embraced rigid pavement technology for major federal road projects since 2023, citing its long-term cost efficiency and resilience compared to conventional asphalt roads.

Hi-Tech Construction Company has emerged as one of the leading contractors handling several flagship federal highway projects under the current administration. The company is currently executing major sections of the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway as well as Section One, Phase One of the Sokoto-Badagry Superhighway, both of which incorporate extensive concrete pavement designs.

The contractor has also participated in other federal road interventions, including rehabilitation works on the Oworonshoki-Apapa corridor, which

showcased its expertise in concrete road construction.

Meanwhile, the 2026 Appropriation Act provides funding for several strategic highway projects across the country. Among them is the Lafia-Otukpo-Makurdi dualisation project, which received approximately N23.8 billion in counterpart funding to support ongoing construction.

The Kano-Katsina dual carriageway also secured significant allocations, with N23.8 billion earmarked for Phase One and N52.5 billion for Phase Two of the 157-kilometre corridor designed to enhance trade and agricultural activities in the North-West.

Other notable projects include the Maiduguri Bypass, which received N17.5 billion for continued construction, the Wusasa-Jos Federal Road with N14 billion allocated for Phase Two rehabilitation works, and the Kano Northern Bypass, which was also allocated N14 billion to improve traffic flow and logistics within Kano metropolis.

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Umahi made the remarks during an inspection of the road project, which was awarded by the Federal Ministry of Works in June 2023 under the Federal Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme at a cost of N73.9 billion.

The road links the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) with communities in Nasarawa State and is expected to improve connectivity, reduce travel time and traffic congestion, and boost economic activities along the corridor.

Expressing satisfaction with the contractor's performance, the minister



Umahi inspecting the Maraba-Keffi highway

said the project had reached technical completion and could be commissioned by President Bola Tinubu as early as July after a few outstanding issues are addressed. "We are very happy with China Harbour. They have done a very good job. Today, the job is technically completed and ready for commissioning," Umahi said. He noted that the ministry introduced

design modifications to the project, including the use of rigid concrete shoulders alongside flexible carriageways, describing the innovation as a durable solution to erosion and pavement edge

failures.

Despite the progress recorded, Umahi said funding constraints had affected work at certain stages of construction. He disclosed that outstanding payments were still owed to the contractor under the NNPC Tax Credit Scheme and appealed for the immediate release of approved funds.

"The President has approved the payment, and I appeal that the funds be released promptly. I feel unhappy when contractors are encouraged to work and the approved funds are withheld," he said.

The minister stressed the importance of road infrastructure in driving economic growth and improving security across the country. He also praised Nasarawa State Governor Abdullahi Sule for complementary infrastructure projects around the corridor, particularly flyovers aimed at easing traffic congestion.

Umahi further directed contractors handling adjoining projects to consider night-time construction where necessary to minimise disruption to road users.

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## Drivers Lament Slow Work On Kabba-Omuo Ekiti Road Project



Kabba-Omuo road

Motorists plying the Kabba-Omuo-Ekiti road have expressed concern over the slow pace of construction on the corridor, citing frequent gridlock, vehicle damage and loss of man-hours.

They noted that the road is a crucial interstate economic route connecting communities between Kogi and Ekiti States.

Motorists who spoke with the News Agency of Nigeria in Ado-Ekiti on Sunday lamented that passenger patronage had dropped sharply since construction began, stating that many commuters now take alternative routes to avoid delays.

They appealed to the Federal Government to

prevail on the contractor handling the project to speed up work in order to ease vehicular movement, improve livelihoods, and boost commercial and socio-economic activities in the area.

The respondents, while expressing displeasure over the slow pace of work on the road, noted that prevailing global economic conditions could be a hindrance to completion timelines.

The Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, Ekiti State Branch, Chief Omotayo Falope, said the road had been in a deplorable condition for a long time and was causing severe damage to vehicles.

"The road has become a death trap and an avenue for criminals to operate freely. Because it is a federal road and a linkage between states, it is very critical, not only for human survival, but also for the state's prosperity," he said.

"Our appeal is for government to expedite action on its completion. Aside the Kabba-Omuo-Ekiti road,

we are grateful to the government for the major work on Akure-Ikere-Ado-Ekiti and the Ifaki-Omuo road, which has been fixed to a commendable extent," he said.

On his part, Chairman of the National Association of Cooperative Transporters, Ekiti Chapter, Mr Kehinde Afolabi, said before the administration of President Bola Tinubu, the Akure-Ikere-Ado-Ekiti road was a major issue, causing traffic gridlock, severe vehicle damage, and extended travel times for commuters due to its deplorable state.

"The difficulties become more compounded as most of our businessmen and women from Ado-Ekiti who desire to board flights at Akure Airport have to use the road.

"Even for farmers in Ekiti to move their produce to neighbouring Ondo State, it becomes problematic, but today the road has been fixed.

"Work on Kabba-Omuo-Ekiti has also commenced from the Ifaki-Omuo section and it is a good development

for transport stakeholders in the state and beyond," he said.

Also, the state Chairman of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) in Ekiti State, Sunday Adeola, said the construction of the Kabba-Omuo-Ekiti road was long overdue due to its importance as a linkage for commercial and trading activities between the affected states. Adedeji, an Ado-Ekiti-based commercial driver, said he had once escaped an armed robbery ambush on the road.

"If not for God and my expertise as a professional driver, I and my passengers would have been victims of an armed robbery attack in one of my trips on the road due to its deplorable state.

"I thank God I escaped. More importantly, I am very happy that the newly awarded construction contract is a major relief that will drastically cut down on recurring vehicle repair expenses and improve daily commute," he said.

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# Hamburg-Berlin Rail Corridor To Reopen After Major Infrastructure Upgrade

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The Hamburg–Berlin rail corridor will fully reopen on June 14 following the completion of extensive infrastructure renewal works by DB InfraGO on one of Germany's busiest intercity railway routes.

According to Deutsche Bahn's infrastructure subsidiary, train services will resume across the entire corridor, ending the replacement bus operations introduced during the upgrade period. Regional passenger services will return to their regular schedules, while freight operations will regain full capacity along the route and its connecting access lines.

Long-distance train services will also resume, although minor timetable adjustments will remain in place until June 30 as final approvals and load testing are completed for newly installed signalling and interlocking systems



between Hagenow Land and Berlin-Spandau.

DB InfraGO stated that all scheduled long-distance services will operate at full capacity.

However, temporary

speed restrictions on some sections of the route may affect journey times during the initial days following the reopening.

The renewal project,

which began on August 1, 2025, involved the replacement of 165 kilometres of track, 249 switches, seven crossovers, 678 signals and 25 platforms.

Improvement works were also carried out at 28 stations along the corridor.

Some station upgrades will continue beyond the reopening date due to

weather-related delays earlier this year. As a result, accessibility at stations including Müssen, Nauen, Falkensee and Albrechtshof will remain temporarily limited. Passengers with reduced mobility travelling through Nauen, Falkensee and Albrechtshof have been advised to contact Deutsche Bahn's mobility service centre to arrange suitable travel assistance.

DB InfraGO said efforts are ongoing to complete the remaining station works as quickly as possible.

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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

# Nigeria Win Three Gold Medals At African Taekwondo Champs

**Culled:** 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

**Culled:** 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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# Nigeria Customs Warns Against Fake Recruitment Scam



Nigerian Custom Service (NCS)

**Culled:** 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

## 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.

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

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