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LagRide Hands Vehicles To Graduates In Drive-To-Own Initiative

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Ride-hailing and mobility platform, LagRide, has handed over vehicles to another batch of its Captains under the company's Drive-to-Own programme, reaffirming its commitment to promoting dignified transportation and creating pathways to asset ownership for drivers in Lagos.

The vehicle handover ceremony, tagged Drive-to-Own Graduation 2.0, was held at the LagRide in Lagos where government officials, business partners and other stakeholders gathered to celebrate the achievements of the graduating drivers.

Among those in attendance were Engr. Akin Fashola, Chief Vehicle Inspection Officer, Lagos State; the Executive Secretary and CEO of the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund; Oloruntimehin George, Managing Director and CEO of First Pension Custodian Nigeria Limited; Kolawole Ogunbajo, Founder and MD of Avis Nigeria; and Niyi Saliu, Director of

LagRide, among others.

Speaking on behalf of the Chairman of LagRide, Chief Diana Chen, the company's Executive Director, Mildred Ekanem, said the initiative reflects the organisation's broader vision of using transportation as a tool for empowerment, economic growth and long-term wealth creation.

"Recently, the Chairman met with Captains in our Drive-to-Own programme and listened to their stories.

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Kogi Works Commissioner Inspects Federal Road Projects

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The Kogi State Commissioner for Works, Hon. Barr. Abdulsalami Ozigi Deedat, has inspected ongoing federal road projects across the state, directing contractors to strictly adhere to approved specifications and engineering standards.

The inspection, which took place on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, followed a directive from the Minister of Works, Engr. David Umahi, after his recent assessment tour of federal road projects in Kogi State.

The Commissioner said the exercise was aimed at ensuring compliance with the standards of the Federal Ministry of Works and guaranteeing quality delivery, timely completion, and value for public investment.

He disclosed that the Kogi State Ministry of Works had been mandated to closely monitor ongoing federal road projects within the state and ensure that contractors comply with all contractual obligations, regulations, and technical requirements.

According to him, any deviation from approved designs and specifications

would not be tolerated, adding that regular inspections and continuous supervision would be sustained until the completion of the projects.

"The Honourable Minister has personally inspected these projects and has directed the state ministry to maintain close supervision to ensure quality execution and proper utilisation of public funds," the Commissioner stated.

The Commissioner was accompanied on the inspection tour by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Federal Roads, Hon. Emmanuel Obasi; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works, Engr. Abdulsalam Mohammed Sagir; Director of Civil Engineering Department, Engr. Sunday Baba; Senior Engineer in the ministry, Engr. Sulle Anthony Omeiza, among other officials.

Projects inspected during the visit included the Abaji-Chikara-Gegu Koton Karfe Road (one lane), the Koton Karfe-Abaji Road (other lane), Lokoja-Okene-Benin Road, and the Lokoja-Iziho Road towards Jamata.

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The engagement is part of efforts by the authority to ensure a smooth transition and prepare stakeholders for the rollout of the technology-driven system aimed at improving car hire operations across FAAN-managed airports.

Speaking during a meeting with operators, FAAN Director of Commercial and Business Development, Mrs Joy Agunbiade, said arrangements had been concluded for the deployment of ACHRAMS, while training and sensitisation programmes for stakeholders would be completed before the end of June.

Agunbiade explained that the new



FAAN engages the ACHRAMS in an airport management meeting

system was designed to enhance operational efficiency, improve revenue generation, reduce unnecessary congestion and loitering around airport arrival areas, as well as provide passengers with faster and more convenient access to approved car hire services.

She urged all registered car hire operators to complete their

registration and application processes ahead of the July 1 commencement date, stressing the importance of their cooperation for the successful implementation of the initiative.

The FAAN official reaffirmed the authority's commitment to adopting technology-based solutions that would strengthen airport operations,

improve service delivery, and enhance the overall passenger experience at airports across Nigeria.

She added that the new management system would create a more organised and efficient framework for airport car hire services while supporting better coordination between operators and airport authorities.

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Agege Chairman Seeks Residents' Patience Over Bad Roads

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Chairman of Agege Local Government, Abdul-Ganiyu Vinod Obasa, has appealed to residents and motorists to be patient as efforts are intensified to address the poor condition of major roads within the council area.

The chairman spoke on complaints over the state of the Okekoto-Alfa Nla axis, Akilo Road and the Agege Motor Road corridor leading to Ilezik, which residents and commuters have described as difficult to navigate.

Obasa acknowledged the inconvenience caused by the roads, saying the concerns of residents remain a priority for his administration. According to him, the challenges are linked to drainage and other infrastructure issues that require collaboration between the local government and the Lagos State Government before lasting solutions can be achieved.

He explained that while temporary

measures are being put in place to ease movement, the administration is working towards comprehensive road rehabilitation that will provide a permanent solution.

The chairman noted that the scale of the intervention requires technical planning, coordination and significant investment.

He said the council is engaging relevant state government agencies to ensure the affected roads receive the necessary attention.

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Obasa

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The residents made the appeal on Wednesday during a peaceful protest staged to draw attention to the deplorable state of the bridge, which they described as the only major access route connecting thousands of people in the affected communities.

The protesters, who carried placards with various inscriptions, including "No Road, No Bridge, Yet You Tax Us" and "Save Our Communities from Isolation," lamented years of neglect and what they described as repeated unsuccessful appeals to relevant authorities.

Speaking during the protest, the community chairman, Alhaji Kamilu Sanusi, described the bridge as a critical

economic and social link for residents, warning that its worsening condition could endanger lives and livelihoods if urgent action was not taken.

Sanusi said several letters, including "Save Our Souls" appeals, had been sent to the Abeokuta North Local Government and other government agencies, but no concrete intervention had been provided.

He said the bridge had become a death trap, particularly during the rainy season, forcing commercial transport operators and motorcyclists to avoid the area.

According to him, residents, traders, commuters, and schoolchildren have been facing severe hardship as many are now forced to trek long distances before accessing alternative means of transportation.

He added that community members had on several occasions contributed their personal resources to carry out temporary repairs on the bridge, but the extent of the damage had surpassed what local efforts could address.

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Nigeria Loses N3.2trn Annually To Transport Gaps - GTP Chairman

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Nigeria is losing an estimated ₦3.2 trillion annually due to persistent inefficiencies in its transport system, the Chairman and Chief Consultant of Global Transport Policy (GTP), Dr. Oluwasegun Musa, has disclosed.

Speaking at the 2026 GTP Multimodal Roundtable, Musa said the losses stem from chronic gridlock, poor integration across transport modes, and fragmented logistics systems, which continue to undermine economic growth and national productivity.

He warned that delays in implementing reforms come at a steep cost, estimating that Nigeria loses about ₦800 billion annually to avoidable logistics inefficiencies.

He noted that the nation's logistics cost stands at over 42 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), far above the global benchmark of less than 15 per cent, describing the situation as unsustainable.

Accorded to him, the over dependence on road transport accounting for more than 90 per cent of freight and



Dr. Musa

passenger movement contrasted sharply with rail, which currently handles less than one per cent, further worsens inefficiencies and inflates costs.

"These are not just statistics; they represent significant economic losses and human tragedies," Musa said, adding that road accidents alone claim over 12,000 lives annually, with about 70,000 serious injuries recorded each year.

Musa stressed that the absence of a functional multimodal transport system has led to delays and rising logistics costs, citing a scenario where cargo from Lagos to Kano can take up to two weeks and change hands multiple times before reaching its destination.

The chairman, however, said adopting an integrated transport system could reduce travel time by up to 40 per cent and cut logistics costs by between 25

and 30 per cent, with a potential boost of 1.5 per cent to the nation's GDP.

The GTP chairman also highlighted a critical skills deficit in the sector, revealing that only 18 per cent of transport agencies have fully digitised workforce planning, while the country faces a shortage of over 200,000 trained logistics and multimodal professionals.

On environmental impact, he noted that the transport sector accounts for 28 per cent of Nigeria's carbon emissions from fossil fuel combustion, a figure rising annually, warning that failure to adopt smart mobility solutions could worsen the situation.

Musa called for urgent investment in rail infrastructure, institutional capacity, and human capital development, alongside stronger public-private partnerships to drive sustainable transport reforms.

He urged stakeholders to prioritise integrated transport solutions as a pathway to reducing inflation, enhancing food security, and improving the overall cost of doing business in the country.

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Rainy Season: FRSC Urges Motorists To Drive Below The Speed Limit

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The Federal Road Safe Corps (FRSC), Jigawa Command, has urged motorists and other road users to drive below the speed limit during the rainy season in order to avoid crashes.

The FRSC Sector Commander, Mr Mas'udu Matazu, gave the advice in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday in Dutse.

Matazu also warned drivers against use of worn out tyres as they could cause brake failure, which might lead to road crash, loss of lives and property.

He explained that the warning was imperative in order to ensure safer roads and crash-free driving in the state during the season.

The sector commander also advised drivers to always do the preliminaries (Pre-vehicle Use Checks) and ensure their vehicles are in good working condition.

"Drivers are advised to reduce speed because roads are slippery during in rains, they should drive below the speed

limit.

"They should check their vehicles daily to ensure that wipers, brakes, tires and lights are in good condition.

"Drivers are also advised to maintain distance by increasing their following distance to between three and four seconds and avoid sudden braking to prevent skidding," the sector commander. Matazu further stressed the need for drivers to turn on their headlights even during the day for clear visibility and avoid flooded roads.

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The rainy season

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The Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) has expressed confidence that Nigeria can increase crude oil production to 1.9 million barrels per day (bpd), following recent gains that pushed output to a peak of 1.86 million bpd in May.

The Commission Chief Executive, Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, disclosed this on Wednesday during a meeting with the Chairman of the Nigeria Revenue Service (NRS), Dr. Zacch Adedeji, at the NRS headquarters in Abuja.

In a statement, Eyesan said the country's oil sector has returned to a growth path, noting that production is steadily improving despite existing challenges.

"We are back to production. We are ramping up now, and we want to continue working," she said.

She said addressing infrastructure gaps and improving asset integrity across the sector would be critical to sustaining output growth.

"We still recognise the constraints. Infrastructure and asset integrity are

NUPRC Can Raise Oil Output To 1.9m Bpd - NUPRC

major constraints, but we will work on these," she added.

Eyesan also noted that human capacity development in the sector remains important for sustaining production expansion.

The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between NUPRC and the Nigeria Revenue Service to improve transparency, accountability and efficiency in revenue collection from the oil and gas industry.

She commended reforms at the revenue agency, noting that the transition under the new framework had been smooth.

Eyesan said the commission remains focused on creating an enabling environment for investors and operators in the petroleum sector.

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United Nigeria Airlines Join Amadeus Global Distribution System



United Nigeria airlines

United Nigeria Airlines (UNA) has gone live on the Amadeus Global Distribution System (GDS), a development the carrier says represents a significant milestone in its commercial expansion and distribution strategy. Through the integration, travel agents, corporate clients and travel management companies worldwide can now search, book and manage United Nigeria Airlines flights directly on the Amadeus platform, enhancing the airline's global visibility and accessibility.

The airline's Chief Commercial Officer, Adedayo Olawuyi, described the development as a major advancement in its distribution capacity.

"Our integration with Amadeus represents a major leap forward in our commitment to providing convenient and efficient access to our services. It opens up United Nigeria Airlines to a wider global audience and strengthens our ability to serve both domestic and international travellers through trusted travel partners, while also enabling us to scale distribution, deepen market penetration, and enhance overall customer convenience. With this launch, UNA joins a network of leading global carriers leveraging Amadeus GDS to deliver improved booking experiences, real-time inventory access, and enhanced fare management capabilities," Olawuyi said.

The Amadeus GDS rollout comes as United Nigeria Airlines continues to scale its route network and operational capacity.

The airline has recently added more Boeing 737-800NG aircraft to its fleet, with a new addition set to be unveiled on Thursday, June 18, a development the

carrier says will help it meet rising passenger demand and improve operational efficiency.

UNA also confirmed that it is exploring regional expansion opportunities and new strategic partnerships to strengthen connectivity and support long-term growth across its network.

Reacting to the partnership at UNA's Lagos office, Amadeus Regional General Manager, Yaan Gilbert, said the deal underscores the company's broader strategy for Africa's aviation sector.

"This major partnership perfectly illustrates Amadeus' core commitment: focusing and investing deeply in Africa to support the region's booming aviation market, modernise travel tech infrastructure, and connect local carriers to the global stage.

"By joining forces with United Nigeria Airlines, now the second largest airline in Nigeria, driving phenomenal growth with over 120,000 passengers per month, we are unlocking incredible new opportunities," he said.

According to Gilbert, the partnership

immediately expands UNA's reach in the global distribution network. He said this means United Nigeria Airlines' inventory is now instantly accessible to hundreds of thousands of travel agencies and partners worldwide.

With the Amadeus GDS now live, customers booking through travel agencies and corporate travel platforms worldwide will have real-time access to United Nigeria Airlines' flight inventory and fares.

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The partnership, championed by the Lagos State Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi, featured a Road Safety and Transport Awareness Session for pupils of St. Saviour's School, Ikoyi, where storytelling, adventure and practical demonstrations were used to teach essential road safety principles.

The programme was facilitated by Ms. Pelumi Nubi, founder of Lumi, Lagos State Tourism Ambassador and the first woman to complete a solo 10,000-kilometre drive from London to Lagos.

Drawing from her historic transcontinental journey, Nubi shared practical insights into



Lagos, Lumi partner to promote road safety

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meaning of traffic lights, road signs and pedestrian crossings, as well as safety measures when using buses, trains and ferries. The programme also encouraged children to make responsible travel decisions while building confidence and civic responsibility.

Speaking at the event, Osiyemi said educating children on road safety remains critical to reducing accidents and fostering responsible citizenship.

"The future of road safety starts with education. When children understand safety, awareness and responsibility from a young age, they become better road users and responsible citizens," he said.

The commissioner also called for stronger collaboration between government agencies and private organisations to deliver road safety messages in creative and engaging ways that children can easily understand and remember. Since its inception, Lumi has reached thousands of children through school outreach programmes centred on Nubi's London-to-Lagos expedition, using storytelling to promote learning, courage and exploration.

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Pensions

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The proposed collaboration was unveiled during a courtesy visit by the NURTW National President, Musiliu Akinsanya, to the Director-General of PenCom, Omolola Oloworaran, at the Commission's headquarters in Abuja.

The meeting, which was attended by senior officials from both organisations, focused on expanding pension coverage among transport

workers operating in the informal sector and exploring financing options to support the acquisition of modern mass transit vehicles across the country.

Akinsanya said the NURTW's nationwide structure and large membership base provided a strong platform to deepen pension participation and financial inclusion among transport workers operating in motor parks, logistics corridors, interstate routes, and urban transport systems.

He said the union had proposed a three-pronged partnership framework involving the mass enrolment of transport workers into the Personal Pension Plan, the introduction of an automated daily pension contribution system linked to existing transport revenue platforms, and the establishment of a National Transport Workers Mobility Enhancement Programme.

According to him, the proposed mobility programme would provide

transport operators with access to modern vehicles through structured financing arrangements involving development finance institutions, commercial banks, and other stakeholders.

He explained that under the proposed model, daily contributions from transport operators would be channelled through existing union structures to support vehicle financing obligations while also funding individual pension accounts. Akinsanya noted that the initiative would improve loan repayment efficiency, reduce financing risks, and promote a culture of long-term savings among transport workers who have traditionally remained outside the formal pension system.

Responding, PenCom Director-General, Omolola Oloworaran, welcomed the proposal, describing it as a significant step towards expanding social protection and economic empowerment for workers in the informal sector.

She said the initiative aligned with PenCom's commitment to increasing pension coverage and strengthening financial inclusion among Nigerians. Oloworaran added that the partnership supports the Federal Government's Renewed Hope Agenda, particularly in the areas of social protection, poverty reduction, economic empowerment, financial inclusion, and transportation sector reform.

She described the proposed initiative as one of the most ambitious pension inclusion efforts targeting Nigeria's informal sector, noting that successful implementation could substantially increase the number of pension contributors and improve retirement security for millions of transport workers.

The PenCom boss also said the programme could contribute to the modernisation of public transportation by creating a sustainable financing framework for vehicle acquisition.

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BGS Begins Cooperation With Arkia Israeli Airlines In Vilnius

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Baltic Ground Services (BGS), an international provider of ground handling and aircraft fueling services, has begun cooperation with Arkia Israeli Airlines at Vilnius Airport (VNO), providing both ground handling and into-plane fueling services for the airline's direct flights between Vilnius and Tel Aviv.

The partnership marks the start of BGS' first cooperation with Arkia and further expands the company's customer portfolio in Vilnius.

Arkia launched regular flights between Vilnius and Tel Aviv in May 2026 and currently operates the route three times per week during the summer season. The direct connection strengthens travel links between Lithuania and Israel while introducing a new airline to the Lithuanian



market.

"Welcoming a new airline customer is always an important milestone. We are pleased to begin cooperation with Arkia in

Vilnius and support the airline's entry into the Lithuanian market. As air connectivity continues to recover and expand, reliable ground support remains an important

factor in ensuring a positive operational experience from day one," said Vitalis Dudys, Head of Commerce at BGS Group.

"Vilnius is an important

addition to our seasonal network, and establishing reliable local partnerships is essential when launching operations in a new market. We are

pleased to work with BGS and look forward to supporting passengers travelling between Lithuania and Israel throughout the summer season," said Meital Dahan Mizrahi, V.P. Ground Operations & Customer Service Manager at Arkia Israeli Airlines.

The cooperation further strengthens BGS' position at Vilnius Airport, where the company provides ground handling and fueling services to a growing number of international carriers.

BGS is a leading provider of ground handling and aircraft fueling services with operations at 10 airports in 5 countries throughout Central and Eastern Europe. The company is also a part of Avia Solutions Group, the world's largest ACMI (Aircraft, Crew, Maintenance, and Insurance) provider, operating a fleet of [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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FG Unveils FreeTV, Brining Free Digital TV To Mobile Phones

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The Federal Government has launched FreeTV, a new digital television platform aimed at expanding access to quality broadcasting and ushering in a new era of free digital television for millions of Nigerians.

The initiative, unveiled on June 17, forms part of Nigeria's Digital Switch-Over (DSO) programme and is designed to provide households with access to over 100 television channels without monthly subscription fees. Viewers will be able to enjoy a wide range of content, including news, sports, movies, music, educational programmes, children's content and dedicated indigenous language channels.

With coverage extending beyond major cities to rural and underserved communities, the platform will be accessible through satellite and terrestrial transmission, as well as the FreeTV mobile application. The government said Nigerians do not need to purchase new television sets, as existing TVs can function with compatible DVB-T2 or DVB-S2 decoders, while many users with free-to-air decoders may



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already be equipped to access the service.

According to the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), the platform aligns with ongoing efforts to deepen digital inclusion and ensure that more Nigerians benefit from technological advancements regardless of their location or income level. The initiative is also expected to boost local content production and create employment

opportunities across the creative and broadcasting industries.

Regional production centres located in Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt, Enugu, Kano and Benin are expected to serve as hubs for content development, providing opportunities for producers, editors, camera operators, sound engineers, technicians and other media professionals.

The launch marks another significant milestone in Nigeria's transition from analogue to digital broadcasting, with the final analogue switch-off still scheduled for December 31, 2028.

Authorities have encouraged Nigerians to verify the compatibility of their decoders and explore the new platform as the country moves closer to a fully digital broadcasting ecosystem.

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UAE Eyes Deeper Partnerships With Nigeria

Culled:

The United Arab Emirates says its long-term economic commitments to Nigeria remain unchanged, while pointing instead to growing trade volumes, deeper investment activity and new opportunities in technology and infrastructure.

UAE Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Saeed Bin Mubarak Al Hajeri, said the relationship with Nigeria is increasingly being shaped by long-term economic priorities rather than short-term external developments, adding that Nigeria has become an increasingly important partner within the UAE's broader engagement across Africa, reflecting growing economic ties between the Gulf and one of the continent's largest markets.

"The UAE-Nigeria partnership is defined by resilience and a shared vision for growth. We see significant opportunities to deepen cooperation, particularly in infrastructure, logistics, energy, and other sectors that drive long-term economic development," he said.

That outlook has been supported by expanding trade between both countries. Non-oil trade between the UAE and Nigeria has grown significantly in recent years, increasing from approximately \$1.3 billion in 2020 to nearly \$4.9 billion in 2025, reflecting broader diversification in economic engagement.

Al Hajeri attributed that consistency to the UAE's globally connected economy and long-term investment approach.

"This consistency is underpinned by the UAE's globally connected economy and one of the world's most competitive business environments, enabling us to navigate disruptions and safeguard both public and private sector investments," he said.

He added that years of investment in infrastructure, logistics and supply-chain resilience had helped maintain continuity across trade corridors and support stable commercial relationships across West Africa.

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Nigerian To Deploy Drones, AI To Seal 1,497 Illegal Routes



Drones

Culled: Nigeria is set to overhaul its border security system by shifting from manpower-driven patrols to a technology-based Smart Border Management System (SBMS) powered by drones, artificial

intelligence and real-time intelligence sharing.

The move follows a proposal presented by Rear Admiral S.S. Lassa (rtd) at the National Boundary Commission (NBC) High-Level National Workshop on "Border Security, Resilience and Cross-Border

Cooperation" in Abuja.

Citing the Broken Windows Theory by James Q. Wilson and George Kelling, Lassa warned that neglected border areas and weak enforcement created opportunities for serious crimes, including smuggling, terrorism, arms trafficking and illegal migration.

He said Nigeria's vast borders, spanning over 4,454km of land boundaries with Benin, Niger, Chad and Cameroon, as well as its maritime domain, required a modern security approach.

The paper revealed that, while Nigeria had 364 approved international border control points, there were nearly 1,497 illegal, unmanned routes used by criminal networks.

Lassa said conventional border

patrols and checkpoints alone could no longer effectively tackle emerging threats, advocating drone systems equipped with thermal cameras, radar, LiDAR and other intelligence sensors to provide continuous surveillance.

The proposed SBMS will integrate drones, satellites, biometrics, artificial intelligence, geospatial data and command centres to improve threat detection and response.

The presentation recommended a National Border Data Fusion and Intelligence Centre to unite information from immigration, customs, military, police and intelligence agencies.

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Sub-National Must Drive Nigeria's Investment, Tourism - Shettima

Culled:

The Vice President, Senator Kashim Shettima, has said Nigeria's next phase of economic expansion will depend largely on the ability of states to properly document their assets, attract investment, grow tourism and convert local potential into jobs and shared prosperity.

Accordingly, he charged state governments to move from documentation to implementation in unlocking Nigeria's economic potential.

Senator Shettima spoke on Wednesday in Abuja during the Sub-National Government Economic and

Tourism Information Roundtable and launch of the National Compendium on the Economic and Tourism Profiles of the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory.

The Vice President who was represented at the event by the Special Adviser to the President on Economic Matters (Office of the Vice President), Dr Tope Fasua, said the document represents a major national tool for investment promotion, economic planning and tourism development.

He noted that the compendium aligns with the Renewed Hope Agenda by placing states at the centre of

Nigeria's growth strategy.

According to him, Nigeria is not poor in opportunities, but must do more to organise its assets, present them credibly and connect them to capital, markets, technology and investors.

"Nigeria is rich in assets, rich in talent, rich in culture, rich in enterprise and rich in natural endowments. What we must do is organise these assets, document them properly, present them credibly, and connect them to capital, markets, technology and investors," VP Shettima said.

He described the compendium as a national investment document, a tourism guide, an economic

intelligence tool and a branding instrument for telling Nigeria's story in a more structured and compelling way.

"For too long, our story has been told from the narrow lens of challenges. Today we tell a broader story of opportunity, resilience, creativity and partnership," he added.

Senator Shettima averred each state has a distinct economic advantage that can be developed into bankable projects, noting that some states are strong in agriculture, solid minerals, gas, logistics, manufacturing, ICT and tourism, while others possess major cultural and natural attractions.

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FG Dismisses Reports Of New Telecoms, Fuel Taxes

Following the publication of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Article IV Consultation Report on Nigeria, the Federal Government has dismissed reports suggesting that it is considering new taxes on telecommunications services and petroleum products to raise revenue, fund development and social spending.

However, a statement by Efe Ovuakporie, Head, Information and

Public Relations Unit, Ministry of Finance, on Wednesday, said the government's response to the reports was that they misrepresented the content of the IMF report and did not reflect its policy direction.

"The IMF Article IV Consultation Report contains the Fund's assessment of Nigeria's economy as well as recommendations for consideration by the authorities.

"Those recommendations do not

amount to government policy and are not binding on Nigeria. Decisions on tax matters are taken through established constitutional and legislative processes and are guided by national priorities and prevailing economic realities", Efe said.

The government has therefore clarified that the Value Added Tax (VAT) waiver on petroleum products remains in place and has not been withdrawn, as these charges have helped in

controlling price fluctuation and keeping domestic fuel prices stable.

It also noted that although existing legislation provides for a fuel surcharge, such a measure can only take effect through a ministerial order and publication in the Official Gazette.

The government further clarified that the telecommunications excise duty introduced before 2023 has been repealed under the new tax laws and is therefore no longer applicable.

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