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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogun State Sector Command, today joined the global community in commemorating the 8th United Nations World Bicycle Day in compliance with the directive of the Corps Marshal.

The event was organised in collaboration with the Cycling Federation of Nigeria, Ogun State Branch, as part of efforts to promote cycling as a healthy, environmentally friendly, and sustainable means of transportation.

The cycling rally was attended by the Sector Commander, Corps Commander Oludare Ogunjobi, senior officers of the Command, the State Coordinator of Special Marshals, officers and marshals of the Corps, as well as members of the Cycling Federation of Nigeria, Ogun State Branch.

Speaking during the event, the Sector Commander highlighted the numerous benefits of cycling, emphasising its

positive impact on personal health, physical fitness, environmental sustainability, and overall well-being. He noted that cycling contributes significantly to the reduction of carbon emissions while promoting healthier lifestyles among citizens.

According to him, World Bicycle Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of cycling and encourages individuals and communities to embrace the bicycle.

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World Bicycle Day

### Delta Governor Inaugurates 18km Road Network In Ndokwa West

#### Culled

Delta State Governor, Sheriff Oborevwori, has inaugurated three major road projects spanning approximately 18 kilometres in Ndokwa West Local Government Area, reaffirming his administration's commitment to equitable infrastructure development across the state.

The projects commissioned on Wednesday include the 4.5-kilometre Obi-Ibabu/Ibabu Road, Phase One of the five-kilometre Utagba-Uno/Ndemili Road, and the 8.4-kilometre Etua-Ukpo/Etua-Etiti/Etua-Oliogo Road.

Speaking during the inauguration of the Utagba-Uno/Ndemili Road, Oborevwori described the projects as strategic investments designed to improve connectivity, stimulate economic growth and accelerate rural development in Ndokwa Nation.

He directed the Commissioner for Works to commence preparations for the second phase of the Utagba-Uno/Ndemili Road project, assuring residents that the road

would be completed in line with the administration's phased implementation plan.

According to the governor, the newly commissioned roads reflect his administration's resolve to ensure balanced development across all parts of Delta State through prudent management of resources.

Oborevwori, however, expressed dissatisfaction with delays in the execution of the Inam-Abbi Access Road and Utagba-Uno-Eweshi Road projects, warning that unnecessary setbacks in project delivery would not be tolerated. He instructed the Ministry of Works to ensure both projects are completed before the end of the year.

The governor also disclosed that construction was ongoing on several key infrastructure projects in Ndokwa Nation, including the Emu-Ebendo-Iyasele-Ashaka Road, the access road to the Kwale Industrial Park, Emu-Beneku Road, Ogbedigbo-Afor Road, and Timber Road to Waterside in Obiaruku.

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## Aiyedatiwa Approves Akure Flyover, Strategic Road Projects Across Ondo

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Ondo State Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa has approved the construction of a new flyover bridge in Akure as part of efforts by his administration to boost economic activities and trade in the state.

The new flyover bridge project, to be located along the popular Oba Adesida road, would spanned from Adegbola Junction to the St. Mattias/NNPC filling station area in the Alagbaka axis of the state capital, covering a distance of 2.38 kilometres.

The Commissioner for Infrastructure, Lands and Housing in the state, Engr. Abiola Olawoye disclosed this to newsmen shortly after the State Executive Council (SEC) meeting held in Akure on Tuesday.

Olawoye said the new flyover bridge was among key decisions reached at the SEC meeting chaired by Governor Aiyedatiwa as part of effort by the current administration to ease transportation and movement in the state capital.

He explained that the approved also followed traffic studies that identified the



Governor Aiyedatiwa

Alagbaka-Federal University of Technology, Akure corridor as one of the most congested routes in the state capital.

According to him, findings from the traffic assessment showed persistent gridlock along the corridor, making the flyover the most viable long-term solution to ease movement and improve traffic flow in Akure.

He disclosed that contractors would begin preliminary surveys and technical assessments following the council's approval ahead of the commencement of construction.

Engr Olawoye added that the council also approved several road and drainage projects across different parts of the state, noting that it included the canalisation of a 40-kilometre main canal

from Ugbonla to Awoye, including a spur to Idi Ogba in Ilaje Local Government Area.

"Other projects approved include the construction of concrete walkways in Obenla and Idiogba communities, Zion Pepe-Agerige Township Road, Bayo Phillips Road, Araromi Seaside Road and selected roads within Igboegunrin

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Represented by the Deputy Corps Marshal, Clement Oladele, Mohammed said promoting cycling goes beyond transportation, describing it as an investment in public health and environmental sustainability.

He noted that the FRSC recognises that safe cycling depends on adequate infrastructure and responsible conduct by all road users.

According to him, the Corps is intensifying advocacy for the provision of protected bicycle lanes while

promoting a culture of shared road use among motorists and cyclists.

"Every trip made by bicycle contributes to reducing traffic congestion and harmful emissions. Cycling also improves physical health and provides affordable mobility for students, traders and low-income earners," he said.

The Corps Marshal assured that the FRSC would continue to promote cycling through sustained public enlightenment campaigns aimed at improving cyclists' visibility and safety on the roads.

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FRSC Celebrates World Bicycle Day

### Kogi Inspects Completed, Ongoing Road Projects In Three LGAs

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The Kogi State Ministry of Works has conducted an inspection tour of completed and ongoing road projects across Okene, Okehi and Adavi Local Government Areas, reaffirming the state government's commitment to infrastructure development.

The inspection team, led by the Commissioner for Works, Abdulsalami Momodu Ozigi Deedat, visited several project sites, including the newly completed Ogaminana–Obangede–Oziokutu Road.

Speaking during the tour, Deedat said the road project had significantly improved connectivity among communities in the area and enhanced residents' quality of life.

According to him, the road, which spans about nine kilometres, was previously in a poor condition, making movement difficult for residents and motorists.

"This road connects several

communities. It was in a deplorable state before, but its completion has brought immense relief to the people," he said.

The commissioner attributed the successful execution of the project to the administration of Governor Ahmed Usman Ododo, noting that ongoing infrastructure investments were contributing to development across the state.

Residents of the affected communities expressed appreciation for the completed projects, saying the improved road network had eased transportation challenges and boosted economic activities.

They also commended the state government for prioritising infrastructure development and improving the welfare of citizens.

Deedat urged residents to embrace a maintenance culture and safeguard public infrastructure to ensure the roads remain in good condition for years to come.

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## FG Urged To Revisit Ban On Land Border Vehicle Importation

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Nine years after the ban on the importation of vehicles through land borders, the Federal Government has been urged to review the ban.

A bonded terminal operator, Adetona Mubashiru, who called on the Federal Government to revisit some of its policies on trade facilitation, including the ban on vehicle importation through the Seme Border, insisted that the ban has failed to achieve its intended purpose.

In a statement, he alleged that the policy, instead of curbing smuggling or boosting local auto manufacturing, has led to increased inflation, massive revenue losses at authorised entry points, and heightened hardship for Nigerians trying to afford transport.

Mubashiru, who is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Only God is Wise Nig. Ltd, alleged that rather than stopping illegal imports, the ban pushed the trade to hundreds of unapproved, porous bush paths.

According to him, the Nigeria



President Bola Tinubu

Customs Service (NCS) faced immense difficulties policing illegal routes, thereby leading to revenue losses.

"There were severe revenue losses by forcing trade through inefficient and congested seaports (like the Lagos ports), the government inadvertently lost billions in accruable import duties to neighbouring countries, prompting

the demand for reopening of key borders like Seme for vehicle transit," Mubashiru said.

The maritime stakeholder said it was expedient that the Federal Government, through the incumbent Comptroller-General of Customs, Dr Adewale Adeniyi, leave office, he should revisit the "international trade anomaly", noting that his numerous

visits to the Seme border kept elevating the spirit of critical stakeholders at the border that a bilateral agreement on lifting the ban on importation of vehicles through the land border would take place.

He stressed how vehicle importation through the land border created employment opportunities for many youths, who he alleged are now on the streets causing mayhem.

He recalled the youths, including artisans whose vocations connect with vehicles, who came to the Seme Border daily to do auxiliary jobs and went home with a full day's work due to many jobs on the ground.

"We are talking of panel beaters, rewires, mechanics, painters, drivers and others. But since the ban, these people were also affected by the policy because their business and their survival exist side by side. These are law-abiding citizens who always support government policies, but this one should be given another look," he said.

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# NCAT Explores Chinese Companies To Boost Aviation Training

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Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT), Zaria, is partnering with various Chinese companies in a bid to further enhance training for its students.

Among the companies the aviation college is partnering with is the China Sky-Wings International Education Technology Co., Ltd, CETC Nanjing Information Technology Co. Ltd and the Green Aerotechnics Research Institute of CQJTU.

A statement yesterday by the Director of Information and Public Relations, NCAT, Dr Jude Amadi, said that the Rector of NCAT, Dr Danjuma Ismaila led the delegation to the East Asian country.

According to him, China Sky-Wings International Education Technology Co., Ltd, specialises in aviation training, flight simulation, pilot development and aviation technology education to further enhance training for its students, CETC Nanjing Information Technology Co. Ltd., specialises on Air Traffic Management (ATM), while Green Aerotechnics

Research Institute of CQJTU, is known for development of the Boeing T1400 Electric Drone technology, among others.

In his comment, Ismaila said NCAT sought to explore areas of opportunity and training collaborations with major aviation training centres in China.

Ismaila also stated that technological innovation, advancement and the upgrade of software and simulators to enhance operational efficiency was very important in today's world, stressing that Nigeria could not be left behind.



Dr. Ismaila

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The Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) says the 2026 oil licensing round will commence not later than the third quarter of the year, following approval by the Minister of Petroleum Resources in line with the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA).

The Commission Chief Executive, Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, disclosed this on Wednesday in Abuja during a visit by Meren Energy, formerly Africa Oil, to the commission's headquarters.

In a statement by the Head of Media and Corporate Communications, Eniola Akinkuotu, Eyesan said preparations were already underway for the exercise, which has also received presidential approval.

"We are also fortunate that the President and Minister of Petroleum Resources has approved the 2026 Licensing Round," she said.

"So, we are in the process of finalising the 2026 launch which will happen latest by the third quarter. This is the make-or-break point and we want to make sure we make it."

She added that the commission was

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already concluding the 2025 licensing round, with the commercial bid stage expected in July before attention shifts to the 2026 exercise.

According to her, strong participation in the ongoing round reflects rising investor confidence in Nigeria's upstream oil and gas sector.

Eyesan attributed the renewed interest to ongoing reforms in the petroleum industry, saying increased investment and production levels show Nigeria has become more attractive under current policy directions.

Speaking during the visit, Group Chief Executive Officer of Meren Energy, Dr. Oliver Quinn, said the company would continue to deepen investments in Nigeria's oil and gas sector.

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# Cargo Delays, ICT Failures Drive Up Import Costs - Freight Forwarder



Cargo Ship

A freight forwarding expert, Seyi Adewale, has blamed rising import costs in Nigeria on persistent inefficiencies in the customs clearing process and weak information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure within the country's cargo handling system.

Adewale, Managing Director of Mainstream Cargo, said importers and clearing agents are increasingly bearing the financial burden of delays caused by government agencies, terminal operators, and repeated downtime on customs processing platforms.

He made this known while speaking with journalists at the Murtala Muhammed Airport,

Lagos, where he described disruptions in customs ICT systems as a major bottleneck affecting cargo clearance and overall trade efficiency.

According to him, although some improvements have been recorded on the airside infrastructure, weak digital systems remain a key challenge in cargo operations, directly increasing the final cost of imported goods.

He explained that importers operate under strict timelines, adding that any disruption in cargo processing immediately results in additional expenses.

"On the airside, infrastructural challenges have largely been mitigated, but inefficiencies in ICT systems such as downtime on customs platforms directly affect clearance and increase costs," he said.

Adewale noted that importers are given limited demurrage-free periods, typically around seven days, warning that system downtime often makes it difficult to clear goods within the allowed timeframe.

He also criticised the reduction in demurrage-free periods by shipping companies, saying importers now sometimes receive as little as four days, with counting beginning as soon as vessels arrive.

"Before now, shipping companies gave between 14 and 21 days of free demurrage, but now some importers have only four days. This makes demurrage almost unavoidable," he said.

The freight forwarder further argued that importers are unfairly penalised for delays caused by customs procedures, cargo examination, and terminal inefficiencies, over which they have no direct control.

He also highlighted poor ICT integration among key stakeholders, including customs, cargo handlers, airlines, and regulatory agencies such as the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON).

Adewale called for improved real-time communication and seamless digital

integration across the cargo clearance chain, warning that weak coordination among agencies continues to slow down trade processes.

He urged the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to invest more in modern screening technology, terminal expansion, and innovation to improve cargo throughput and reduce congestion at airports.

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The Commissioner of Police, Ports Authority Police (Western) Command, CP Oluwatoyin Iyabode Agbaminaja, made the appeal on Tuesday while receiving the newly elected executives of the Maritime Reporters Association of Nigeria (MARAN) during a courtesy visit to the Command Headquarters in Apapa, Lagos.

The visit, led by MARAN President, Mr. Oluyinka Onigbinde, provided an avenue for both parties to reaffirm their commitment to promoting safety, security and operational efficiency across Nigeria's maritime sector.

Speaking during the meeting, Onigbinde commended the Command for its efforts in protecting the nation's ports and other



Port Police partners MARAN to boost maritime security

critical maritime journalism, accurate transparency and infrastructure, describing reporting and drawing attention to security as a key constructive engagement issues affecting the driver of sustainable with stakeholders in the efficiency and port security, maritime safety and trade trade and economic maritime industry. competitiveness of

development. According to him, the Nigerian ports. He pledged MARAN's media plays a vital role in In her remarks, continued support creating public Agbaminaja congratulated the newly elected through responsible awareness, promoting

MARAN leadership and acknowledged the association's contributions to the dissemination of credible information on developments within the maritime sector.

She stressed that stronger cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the media would enhance public confidence, improve security awareness and contribute to national economic growth.

The police commissioner noted that effective communication and timely information sharing remain critical to addressing security challenges within the port ecosystem, describing the media as a strategic partner in achieving those objectives.

Agbaminaja further assured the association of the Command's commitment to maintaining open communication channels and fostering productive partnerships aimed at strengthening

Nigeria's ports serve as critical gateways for international trade and revenue generation, making maritime security a key component of the country's economic stability.

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## Lagos Port Delays Cost Ship Operators Over \$250,000 Per Vessel



Shipping

Ship operators calling at Lagos ports are losing more than \$250,000 on a single vessel before cargo discharge begins due to prolonged waiting times at anchorage, maritime stakeholders have revealed.

The concern follows recent vessel-tracking data monitored by Coastalynk Technologies Limited, which showed that a vessel spent 280 hours, equivalent to 11.6 days, at the Lagos Outer Anchorage awaiting berth allocation before commencing discharge operations.

Chief Executive Officer of Omnis Marine Nigeria Limited, Olayinka Alegbeleye, said the extended waiting period imposes

significant financial losses on vessel operators and charterers.

According to him, applying a conservative Time Charter Equivalent (TCE) rate of \$22,000 per day to the 11.6-day delay translates to more than \$250,000 in lost earning capacity and idle asset costs before cargo discharge begins.

He noted that the estimate excludes additional expenses such as fuel consumption, crew wages, insurance obligations, port-related charges, and the impact of delayed cargo deliveries.

Alegbeleye described the situation as a major operational and financial burden, stressing the need for data-driven maritime solutions and forensic auditing frameworks to identify bottlenecks, improve efficiency, and reduce disputes linked to vessel waiting times.

He added that while technology platforms can provide real-time visibility into vessel positions and

dwelling times, translating such data into actionable operational and legal insights remains critical for managing demurrage risks and protecting operators' margins.

Also speaking, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Coastalynk Technologies Limited, Yahaya Tijani, said the 280-hour waiting period reflects the reality faced by many vessels operating at the Lagos Outer Anchorage.

Tijani explained that the company's monitoring system tracks vessel movements, queue positions, dwell times, and offshore waiting periods, providing empirical evidence of congestion and operational patterns at the anchorage.

He noted that the impact of vessel delays extends beyond shipping operations, affecting barge scheduling, depot planning, cargo evacuation, and inventory management across the logistics chain.

"That is how long one vessel waited

at Lagos Outer Anchorage before discharge began. Burning fuel offshore, accumulating costs and keeping cargo idle on the water. The full cost is rarely captured," he said.

A maritime analyst, Adeyemi Samuel, warned that continued delays could worsen congestion at Lagos ports and further disrupt barge operations.

Samuel estimated that waiting times for barge loading and unloading could double if the current situation persists. He attributed the recurring delays to lengthy vessel clearance procedures handled by ship agents and inadequate storage capacity at depots within the Lagos port system.

He called for streamlined clearance processes and expanded storage infrastructure to reduce congestion, improve vessel turnaround times, and enhance overall port efficiency.

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# Turkey's State Railway Operator Records Historic \$774m Loss In 2025

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Turkey's state-owned railway operator, the Turkish State Railways (TCDD), recorded a net loss of 35.53 billion lira (approximately \$774 million) in 2025, marking the largest financial deficit in the institution's history, local media reported.

According to TCDD's 2025 financial report cited by BirGün newspaper, the railway operator's losses have risen sharply over the past four years, increasing from 6.39 billion lira in 2022 to 11.4 billion lira in 2023, 24.5 billion lira in 2024 and 35.53 billion lira in 2025.

The report also showed a significant rise in the company's debt burden. Commercial debt climbed to 23.76 billion lira (\$518 million), while financial debt increased to 5.39 billion lira (\$117 million), up from 2.96 billion lira in 2022.

The growing losses have



intensified criticism from opposition politicians and railway unions, who attribute the railway operator's deteriorating financial position to poor

management practices and politically influenced appointments.

Lawmakers from the opposition Republican People's Party (CHP)

have cited findings from Turkey's Court of Accounts alleging that dozens of managerial positions within TCDD were filled without the competitive examina-

tions normally required for promotion. They argued that such appointments undermined merit-based recruitment and contributed to

inefficiencies within the organisation.

Critics have also questioned several senior appointments made following the ruling Justice and Development Party's (AKP) loss of control of Istanbul's municipal government in the 2019 local elections, alleging that former municipal officials were subsequently placed in key railway positions.

Beyond financial concerns, TCDD has continued to face scrutiny over railway safety. Opposition figures referenced major rail accidents in 2018, including the Çorlu train derailment that claimed 25 lives and a high-speed train collision near Ankara that killed nine people. Investigations into the incidents highlighted maintenance shortcomings, signalling failures and infrastructure deficiencies.

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## Georgia Launches Railway Modernisation Plan - Kvrivishvili

*Culled*  
Georgia is launching a large-scale overhaul of its railway system aimed at boosting capacity, efficiency, and regional connectivity, Economy Minister Mariam Kvrivishvili has said.

"We are embarking on a historic renewal of Georgian Railways –

a process that will fundamentally transform the company," Kvrivishvili said during a presentation of the reform plan.

The strategy focuses on three key directions: infrastructure development, strengthening freight transport, and

modernizing passenger services, combining operational and infrastructure upgrades into a single system.

The minister said the company's financial performance has improved, with an optimization effect exceeding ₾230 million over the past year and net profit rising to 30%. Operating profit margins increased from 25% to 36%.

Rail capacity has also expanded, with throughput on the main line up 30% and transit time across the country reduced by 20%.

Kvrivishvili said Georgia plans to purchase 50 new locomotives and 1,500 wagons, with more than ₾1 billion in investment. The upgrades are expected to cut transit time from 24 hours to 12 hours and double overall transport capacity.

Passenger services are also set for expansion, with new trains planned to increase ridership and improve travel speed and comfort.

Major infrastructure works are underway. Rehabilitation of the Tbilisi-Batumi railway and Tbilisi-Akhaltikhe railway lines is expected to be completed by August 2026, reducing travel

time to Batumi to around four hours and halving journey times to Akhaltsikhe.

The historic Borjomi-Bakuriani railway line is also set for rehabilitation, with completion planned for winter 2027.

Kvrivishvili linked the railway upgrades to broader regional connectivity plans, including the Anaklia deep-sea port project, which she describes as a key component of Georgia's logistics network. Construction of connecting road and rail infrastructure is expected to begin soon.

She added that growing global demand for alternative trade routes has increased the importance of the Middle Corridor, positioning Georgia as a key transit partner between Europe and Asia.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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 kidnappers 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.

## About DSSAA

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