

United Nigeria Airlines To Set Up National Carrier For Guinea-Bissau

The Government of Guinea-Bissau has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with United Nigeria Airlines (UNA) to establish a national carrier for the West African nation. The aim is to enhance the aviation connectivity and economic integration. A statement on

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FAAN Launches Probe Into Alleged Gold Smuggling By Staff

The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has commenced an investigation into allegations of gold

smuggling involving one of its Aviation Security personnel at the Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano.

The staff member, identified as Ali Baffa, was arrested by operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes

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Foreign Affairs, FRSC Crackdown On Fake Diplomatic Plates

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) have strengthened their

collaboration to curb the rising abuse, falsification, and illegal use of diplomatic and

official number plates across Nigeria. The agreement was reached during a

strategic meeting held at the FRSC National Headquarters in Abuja between the Ministry's

spokesperson and the FRSC Deputy Corps Commander, Osondu

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Foreign affairs partner FRSC in cracking down on fake diplomatic plates

FG Signs Deal On Smart National Transport Data Bank

The Federal Government has signed a concession agreement for the implementation of the Smart National Transport

Data Bank (S-NTDB), a project aimed at modernising Nigeria's transportation sector through technology-driven data

management. The agreement, signed on Monday in Abuja, is between the Nigerian Institute

Technology (NITT) and Asia Arab Investment Nigeria Limited (AAI). Stakeholders described the initiative as a major step towards improving

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United Nigeria Acquires Two Additional Boeing Aircraft

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FG To Begin Kaduna Light Rail Construction

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The Federal Government is set to commence construction of the Kaduna Light Rail project next month, following the completion of key preparatory processes and technical assessments. This was disclosed after a meeting between officials of the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Kaduna State Government, led by Governor Uba Sani, according to a report by AIT News on Saturday.

The Kaduna Light Rail project is one of three federally approved urban rail systems planned for Kaduna, Kano and Lagos as part of efforts to improve mass transit infrastructure across the country. Officials said all necessary arrangements had been concluded to enable contractors mobilise to site within the next month, signalling the transition of the project from the planning stage to full implementation. Governor Uba Sani described the project as a transformative initiative that aligns with the state's vision of

developing an efficient and integrated transportation network to address growing urban mobility challenges.

Speaking during the engagement, the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Transportation, Engr. Olufunsho Adebisi, said technical assessments of the proposed rail corridors had been completed. He noted that current efforts are focused on addressing potential obstructions, refining route alignments and resolving

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Governor Sani

Remi Tinubu To Commission Road Projects, Other Infrastructure In Benue

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Sir Tersoo Kula, Chief Press Secretary (CPS) to the governor of Benue State, Rev Fr Hyacinth Alia, has said that the First Lady of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, will on Tuesday commission 10 newly completed roads out of the 45 ongoing road projects in the state that were at various stages of completion.

He said the 10 road projects totalling 11.5 kilometres to be commissioned form part of the urban renewal and infrastructure development projects embarked upon by the Alia administration, aimed at improving mobility, boosting economic activities, and enhancing the quality of life for residents in the state.

The roads that are expected to be commissioned by the wife of the president are the dual carriage, Ishaya Bakut road; off Ishaya Bakut road (Spur 1, 2 and 3); Abu King Shuluwa road and Mama Mbateren Alia street (former Keke Napep road).

The other road projects to be

commissioned are: Dabo Plaza to Fashion Hub road; Sir James Iorpuu street; Tyagher Gbaa street, and Jato-Aka road.

Kula explained that Benue is set to host the first lady, who is also the National Chairman, Renewed Hope Initiative, "in what promises to be a memorable and impactful visit for the people of the state, particularly women."

In a statement made available to newsmen in Makurdi on Sunday, the CPS, Oluremi Tinubu, said that he will also commission and hand over the Community ICT Centre in Ihugh.

Kula explained that "The visit forms part of the Renewed Hope Initiative, a nationwide programme dedicated to empowering women, strengthening families, and improving the well-being of vulnerable groups across the country.

"While in Benue, the First Lady will engage with women and beneficiaries of the initiative as part of efforts to deepen its impact at the grassroots."

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Ex-Ayade Aide Donates Facility To Support C'River Road Rehabilitation Project

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A former Special Adviser on Cocoa Development and Control to former Cross River State Governor, Senator Ben Ayade, Dr. Oscar Ofuka, has donated a facility to support the ongoing rehabilitation of the Ikom-Obudu road being undertaken by the Cross River State Government.

The facility, located in Bendeghe Ekiem community in Etung Local Government Area, was handed over at the weekend for temporary use by Faith Plants Global, the construction firm handling the 10-kilometre road rehabilitation project.

Speaking during the handover, Ofuka said the gesture was aimed at complementing Governor Bassey Otu's infrastructure development efforts and accelerating the successful execution of the project.

According to him, providing accommodation for the construction company will not only facilitate smooth operations but also strengthen security within the host community.



Governor Bassey

"This is my little way of supporting government efforts and contributing to the development of our communities," he said.

Receiving the facility on behalf of the construction firm, the Clan Head of Okosoro Clan, His Royal Highness Ntufam Abraham Asu, commended Ofuka for the initiative, describing it as a demonstration of commitment to

community development.

Asu noted that the facility would provide a conducive environment for personnel working on the road project and contribute to its timely completion.

The traditional ruler also addressed the lingering disputes over cocoa farm allocations in the area, describing the issue as a recurring source of tension among stakeholders.

He said disagreements over cocoa allocations and compliance with court judgments had fueled conflicts in the past, adding that traditional institutions were committed to promoting dialogue and ensuring a lasting resolution.

Asu assured residents that community leaders would continue to engage relevant stakeholders to sustain peace and protect investments in the area.

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Lagos Waterways Face Increased Risk From Excess Cargo Loads

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“Operating a vessel without a clear line of sight is incredibly dangerous. It makes it nearly impossible for a captain to spot oncoming traffic, sandbanks, or smaller passenger boats in time to avoid a collision,” she stated.

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has expressed concern over the growing practice of loading barges with cargo beyond approved limits, warning that the trend is creating significant safety risks on Lagos waterways.

The caution was issued during the 2026 Dockworkers' Day celebration organised by the Shipping Correspondents Association of Nigeria (SCAN) in Lagos. Speaking at the event, the Lagos Area Manager of NIWA, Engr Sarat Braimah, said excessive container loading on barges increases the likelihood of accidents involving tugboats and other watercraft operating along inland routes.

Braimah stressed that safety standards

within the maritime industry must be strictly observed, noting that negligence on the waterways can have consequences far beyond financial losses.

She said: “To maximise profit per trip, operators frequently overload barges with shipping containers. When these heavy containers are stacked too high or poorly arranged, they create a massive blind spot that completely blocks the tugboat captain's forward visibility.

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Lagos Begins Major Road Upgrade In Ikeja GRA

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The Lagos State Government has commenced plans to rehabilitate and upgrade critical road infrastructure within Ikeja Government Reserved Area (GRA), as part of efforts to improve mobility, urban renewal and the overall quality of life in the area.

The project includes the rehabilitation of Ladoke Akintola Road and the reconstruction of Oladipo Bateye, Tayo Ayeni, Adetunji Adeoba and Sowemimo roads.

To facilitate smooth execution of the projects, the Office of Infrastructure under the Lagos State Ministry of Works and Infrastructure held a stakeholders' engagement meeting on Thursday with residents and other affected parties. The meeting provided details on the scope of work, anticipated benefits and possible disruptions during the construction period. Speaking at the forum, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Infrastructure, Mr. Olufemi Daramola, urged residents to cooperate with the government

throughout the construction process.

Represented by the Permanent Secretary, Office of Infrastructure, Mr. Tokunbo Oyenuga, Daramola explained that some public utilities and infrastructure might need to be relocated, including into private premises where necessary, to support the road improvement and urban regeneration efforts.

He assured stakeholders that the projects are expected to be completed within six to fifteen months, depending on prevailing weather conditions.

“We appeal to residents to bear with the temporary inconveniences that may arise during construction. These projects are designed to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life within Ikeja GRA,” he said.

Responding on behalf of residents, Chairman of the Ikeja GRA Residents Association (IGRARA), Dr. Muiz Banire, represented by Mr. Ade Atobatele, commended the state government for initiating the road upgrade programme.

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Tinubu Revives Long-Abandoned South East Road Projects - Umahi

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Minister of Works, Senator Dave Umahi, has said the administration of President Bola Tinubu is delivering critical road infrastructure projects in the South-East, including major transport corridors that had remained unrealised since the colonial era.

Umahi made the remarks during an inspection tour of federal road projects in Ebonyi State, where he led a delegation of senior journalists and government officials to assess the progress of ongoing works under the Federal Government's Renewed Hope Agenda.

According to the minister, one of the flagship projects is the Calabar-Ebonyi-Benue Trans-Saharan Superhighway, which he described as a strategic economic corridor designed to boost trade, connectivity and regional development across the South-East, South-South and North-Central regions. He noted that the project, conceived decades ago but left dormant, has now been revived by the Tinubu administration.

“It is a colonial-era dream long forgotten,



Umahi on a tour on Federal Road Projects in Ebonyi

but President Tinubu has revived it, and construction is now underway,” Umahi said.

The minister disclosed that Section One of the highway, originally planned as a 118-kilometre stretch, has been expanded to 123.6 kilometres at a cost of N45 billion, with dualisation works progressing steadily. He added that Section Two, spanning parts of Benue, Kogi and Nasarawa states, has been awarded at a

contract value of N668 billion.

Umahi said parts of the project have reached approximately 28 per cent completion despite the rainy season, attributing the pace of work to the use of concrete pavement technology.

He explained that the highway would facilitate the movement of agricultural produce such as cassava, yam, cashew and palm oil while enhancing economic ties between Nigeria and neighbouring

Cameroon.

The minister also said the Federal Government is increasingly adopting concrete road technology across the country to improve durability and reduce maintenance costs.

During the inspection, the delegation visited key infrastructure projects, including bridges along the superhighway corridor, the Onueke concrete pavement section, and the 1.3-kilometre Ndi-Egbe Bridge in Afikpo Local Government Area, which links Ebonyi and Cross River states and is scheduled for completion in December 2026.

The team also inspected the N35 billion Onueke Flyover project, designed to ease traffic congestion and improve transportation within Ebonyi Central Senatorial District.

Speaking during the visit, Ebonyi State Governor Francis Nwifuru commended the Federal Government for ongoing infrastructure investments in the South-East and highlighted development projects being implemented by his administration across the state.

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Stakeholders Back NAHCO's Bid For Airport Terminal Concessions

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Shareholders of the Nigerian Aviation Handling Company (NAHCO) have urged the company's management to pursue the acquisition and management of airport terminals as the Federal Government moves ahead with plans to privatise key airport infrastructure across the country.

The call was made during the company's 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Lagos, where shareholders expressed confidence in NAHCO's financial strength and operational capacity to participate in the planned concession of Nigeria's major international airports.

The Federal Government is proposing the privatisation and concession of five major international airport terminals under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework to be supervised by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development.

Speaking at the AGM, President of the Association for the Advancement of Rights of Nigerian Shareholders (AARNS), Dr.

Farouk Umar, commended NAHCO's performance and urged the company to leverage its growing market position to expand into airport management.

According to him, the company has attained a level of operational competence that positions it to provide aviation services beyond Nigeria's borders. He noted that NAHCO possesses both the financial capacity and industry expertise needed to compete successfully for airport concession opportunities.

Umar also praised the company's strong



airport concessions

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Residents of communities along the Benin-Akure Highway in Edo State have commended ongoing efforts to improve road infrastructure, particularly the reconstruction of the highway, describing the project as a major boost to economic and social development in the area.

The communities expressed their appreciation during a courtesy visit to the Edo State Government in Benin City, where they were received by the Deputy Governor, Dennis Idahosa, on behalf of Governor Monday Okpebholo.

Speaking on behalf of the communities, the Secretary of Evboneka Community, Ekhoesuehi Cardinal, said the reconstruction project had brought relief to residents who had endured years of hardship caused by the poor condition of the road.

According to him, the rehabilitation of the highway is expected to improve transportation, enhance connectivity, and attract investment to communities along the corridor.

Edo Communities Praise Benin-Akure Highway Reconstruction

"The road rehabilitation is a welcome development, and we are confident it will open up the area for greater economic activities," Cardinal said.

In his remarks, Idahosa described the Benin-Akure Highway reconstruction as a landmark infrastructure project capable of stimulating socio-economic growth across the state. He urged residents to support the contractors handling the project and take ownership of the initiative to ensure its successful completion.

He also called on the communities to continue supporting the administration of President Bola Tinubu to enable the state benefit from additional developmental programmes under the Renewed Hope Agenda.

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FG Probes Delta Jet Incident, Tightens Airstrip Surveillance



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The Federal Government has ordered a comprehensive investigation into the controversial landing of a private aircraft on an unfinished road in Ogwashi-Uku, Delta State, and is considering stricter surveillance measures for private airstrips and airports nationwide.

The aircraft, a Bombardier Challenger CL-601 business jet, reportedly landed on the roadway near Asaba last week before departing the location without regulatory clearance, triggering concerns among aviation authorities and security agencies.

Investigations revealed that the aircraft, registered as N989BC, is owned by Best

Aircraft Deals LLC of Salt Lake City, Utah, United States, and operated in Nigeria by VMO Aero Limited. The jet was manufactured in 1988 by Canadair Ltd and carries serial number 5021.

Sources familiar with the operation disclosed that both the captain and co-pilot on the flight were American nationals.

The incident has prompted inquiries by the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB), and security agencies over reports that the aircraft landed on a public roadway, discharged passengers, and later departed without official authorization.

Aviation security consultant Olufemi Adeniji called for a thorough investigation into all individuals connected to the flight, stressing the need for enhanced monitoring of private aviation facilities across the country.

According to Adeniji, the aircraft's departure from the roadway raises

significant concerns about compliance with aviation regulations and security procedures.

He questioned how a fixed-wing aircraft could land and later take off from a public road without immediate intervention from security authorities, warning that the incident could have resulted in a major accident.

Adeniji urged the government to strengthen oversight of private airstrips and airports, particularly in light of Nigeria's security challenges, adding that all passengers, crew members, and persons involved in coordinating the operation should be thoroughly investigated.

He also called for scrutiny of the aircraft's cargo and passenger manifest to determine whether any prohibited items were being transported.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development has directed a full-scale investigation into the occurrence, while reports indicate that the flight crew has been taken into custody for questioning.

The NCAA had earlier expressed concern after the aircraft reportedly flew from the roadway to Lagos without notifying air traffic controllers before departure. The agency said it was only informed after the aircraft was already airborne.

Following its arrival in Lagos, the NCAA grounded the aircraft, suspended the operator's Permit for Non-Commercial Flight (PNCF), and placed the crew under regulatory review.

The NSIB has also intensified its investigation, confirming the recovery of both the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) and Flight Data Recorder (FDR) from the aircraft.

NSIB Director-General, Alex Badeh Jr., said investigators have begun examining operational, maintenance, and air traffic control records linked to the flight.

According to him, data obtained from the aircraft's recorders will assist investigators in establishing the sequence of events and determining whether established aviation safety procedures were followed.

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Sanwo-Olu Says Development Of Lekki Port Phase 2 To Begin Soon

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The Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu has announced that development work on Phase 2 of the Lekki Port project will commence soon, reinforcing the State's ambition to deepen its position as West Africa's leading maritime and logistics hub.

Sanwo-Olu made this known at the Invest Lagos Summit 3.0 held on Tuesday in Lagos.

Speaking on the State's infrastructure agenda, Babajide Sanwo-Olu highlighted Lagos' strategic role in driving regional trade and economic integration, noting that the rapid growth of Lekki Deep Sea Port has necessitated plans for its next phase of development.

He explained that the expansion of the Port will significantly enhance cargo handling capacity, strengthen maritime trade, and deepen Lagos' role as a gateway to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) market of over 1.4 billion people.

"With the African Continental Free Trade



Governor Sanwo-Olu

Area (AfCFTA) creating a market of over 1.4 billion people and a combined GDP exceeding \$3 trillion, Lagos occupies a uniquely strategic position.

The Lekki Deep Sea Port, within five years, is

moving to phase two because it is almost under implementation. They have been funded, progressing, and it is moving to phase two. These are not just our State," he said.

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Port, Wang Qiang, commended the Lagos State Government for maintaining a stable and investment-friendly environment.

He noted that the next phase of development will play a key role in expanding the port's operational and cargo-handling capacity, improving logistics efficiency along the Lekki corridor, and attracting additional global shipping and logistics investments.

Qiang noted that the expansion aligns with Nigeria's broader trade facilitation agenda and the increasing demands of regional and international shipping networks.

"We are deeply encouraged by the continued support of the Lagos State Government, whose infrastructure-led policies have created a stable and forward-looking environment for long-term maritime investment.

The commencement of the next phase of development represents a significant milestone in our journey to expand capacity, enhance operational efficiency, and strengthen Lekki Port's position as a premier gateway for West African trade under the AfCFTA framework," he added.

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Maritime Expert Calls For Open Ship Registry To Drive Economic Growth



Captain Onoharigho

A former Deputy Registrar of the Liberian Maritime Authority and maritime expert, Captain Anthony Onoharigho, has called on the Federal Government to embrace open ship registry regime as part of efforts to boost revenue, expand Nigeria's vessel fleet, create jobs and strengthen the nation's standing in the global maritime industry.

Onoharigho made the call while reacting to recent discussions between the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the Malta Ship Registry at Posidonia 2026 in Athens, Greece, where both parties explored areas of collaboration

to modernise Nigeria's Ship Registry.

He noted that the engagement offers Nigeria a chance to learn from successful maritime jurisdictions such as Malta and Liberia, which operate globally competitive registries that attract vessel owners worldwide.

According to him, Nigeria's current ship registration framework remains restrictive and bureaucratic, discouraging shipowners who prefer jurisdictions with simple, transparent and fast processes.

"One of the reasons Nigeria has not been able to significantly increase its fleet size is the cumbersome nature of vessel registration. Shipowners naturally prefer countries where registration can be completed within 24 hours, whereas the process may take weeks or even months in Nigeria," he said.

Onoharigho explained that

adopting an open registry would encourage more vessels to fly the Nigerian flag, thereby increasing fleet tonnage and enhancing the country's visibility in international maritime circles.

He said that every vessel registered under Nigeria's flag serves as an ambassador across global waters, generating both prestige and steady revenue through annual fees, adding that a competitive registry would attract greater investment into the maritime sector and improve confidence among local and international shipowners.

Beyond revenue, he said an open registry regime, combined with effective implementation of the Cabotage Act, could significantly increase employment opportunities for Nigerian seafarers and maritime professionals, saying that expanding the fleet would provide sea-time experience for cadets

and create jobs for thousands of trained graduates seeking opportunities.

He urged policymakers to study successful models in Malta and Liberia, stressing that reforms aimed at increasing vessel registration, improving regulatory efficiency and encouraging indigenous participation would unlock Nigeria's maritime potential.

Expressing optimism, Onoharigho said the partnership discussions between NIMASA and Malta could serve as a catalyst for broader reforms capable of transforming Nigeria into a major maritime hub in Africa.

"If the right reforms are implemented, Nigeria can become one of Africa's leading maritime nations. The opportunity is there. What is needed is the political will and commitment to build a ship registry that is efficient, competitive and attractive to vessel owners

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Türkiye, Saudi Arabia Sign Landmark Rail, Transport Cooperation Agreements

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Türkiye and Saudi Arabia have signed two landmark agreements aimed at strengthening cooperation in transportation, logistics, and railway development, marking a significant step in efforts to enhance regional connectivity and trade.

The agreements were signed on Tuesday by Turkish Transport and Infrastructure Minister Abdulkadir Uraloglu and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Transport and Logistic Services, Saleh bin Nasser Al-Jasser.

Announcing the development, Uraloglu described the accords as the beginning of a new phase in bilateral relations, focused on expanding technical cooperation and knowledge exchange in key transport sectors.

According to the Turkish minister, the agreements will facilitate collaboration in



areas including logistics centres, modern transport applications, railway technology, infrastructure development, workforce training, and human

resource capacity cooperation across a wide range of areas, from logistics centres to modern applications," Uraloglu said. He added that both countries were working to

establish a stronger and more sustainable framework for cooperation in the railway sector, with the goal of supporting regional development, trade, and

connectivity. One of the agreements, the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Logistics Services, is designed to support the construction and management of logistics centres, facilitate the sharing of expertise, and promote joint projects.

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The second agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Railway Sector, seeks to encourage collaboration across all areas of railway development and operations. Uraloglu noted that Türkiye and Saudi Arabia were also exploring alternative regional trade routes, particularly through Syria, Jordan, and Iraq. He said recent test runs from Türkiye through Iraq to Saudi Arabia had demonstrated the viability of the corridor.

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Kenya Airways (KQ, Nairobi) is preparing a plan to operate another country's national airline as part of a broader growth strategy aimed at strengthening its long-term recovery, according to chairman Kiprono Kittony.

"There is a plan, and you're going to see a stronger and more robust airline. We are planning to bid for becoming a national airline for another country," Kittony told a news conference in Mombasa on May 28, as quoted by Kenya's Citizen Digital.

Kenya Airways Eyes Bid To Operate Another Airline

A Kenya Airways spokesman verified the quote to ch-aviation but provided no further insight into the identity of the country or the nature of the proposed arrangement.

The disclosure comes as the Nairobi-listed carrier pursues a recovery strategy following years of financial instability, leadership turnover, and mounting debt pressures.

Kittony said the airline was focused on securing short-term emergency funding to meet immediate operational requirements, while leveraging its status as a publicly listed company to attract fresh investment through capital markets.

He linked Kenya Airways' recovery prospects to Kenya's broader economic ambitions, including plans to expand exports of agricultural produce and other goods, a move expected to support cargo demand. He also pointed to airport expansion plans that could boost tourism and passenger traffic.

Acting group managing director and CEO George Kamal reiterated that Kenya Airways remains a strategic national asset and is focused on restoring customer confidence

and financial stability.

Kenya Airways is seeking USD1.5 billion to USD2 billion from strategic investors, and talks with four potential partners have advanced to the due diligence stage, Kamal told ch-aviation in a recent interview. It is weighing a range of financing structures including equity, debt, cash injections, and aircraft-backed arrangements. The Kenyan government retains the option to convert KES132 billion shillings (USD1.02 billion) of Kenya Airways' debt into equity.

Kenya Airways' after-tax loss of KES17.2 billion (USD133 million) in 2025, despite its second-highest revenue on record, was blamed on the lengthy grounding of three B787-8s due to engine maintenance shortages and global supply chain issues.

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Nigeria Unveils New HIV Strategy To Reduce Donor Dependence

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The Federal Government has launched the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (NSP) 2026–2030, a comprehensive framework aimed at reducing Nigeria's dependence on foreign donor support and strengthening domestic financing for HIV prevention, treatment and care.

Speaking at the launch in Abuja on Thursday, Director-General of the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA), Dr Temitope Ilori, said the new strategy was designed to sustain the gains achieved in the country's HIV response amid declining global funding.

Ilori noted that Nigeria could no longer rely on a donor-dependent model, stressing the need for a sustainable, government-led approach to combating HIV/AIDS.

“A central driver for this new plan is the recognition that the current donor-dependent, parallel system model is no longer sustainable,” she said. “With dwindling external funding, Nigeria must transition to a new business model that emphasises sustainability, country ownership, and a government-led and government-owned response.” According to her, the strategic plan



NACA

draws from lessons learned from previous interventions, recent HIV estimates and changing realities in global health financing.

She explained that the framework aligns with the UNAIDS Global AIDS Strategy 2026–2031 and Nigeria's five-year Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Government on HIV response and health systems strengthening.

A key component of the new

plan is the integration of HIV interventions into existing national systems across sectors such as health, education, youth development, gender and justice, replacing fragmented donor-funded programmes.

Ilori added that prevention efforts would focus more on adolescents and young people, while service delivery would increasingly be integrated into primary healthcare systems and

supported through digital innovation, local manufacturing and community-led initiatives.

An overview of the strategy showed that Nigeria has recorded a 52 per cent reduction in new HIV infections since 2010, while about 80 per cent of people living with HIV are aware of their status.

Current estimates indicate that approximately 1.98 million Nigerians are living with HIV.

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Cardoso Formally Receives C'Bank Of The Year Award

Culled:

Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Mr. Olayemi Cardoso, formally received the Central Bank of the Year Award at the Central Banking Awards ceremony held in London on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

He dedicated the honour to the Board, management, and staff of the Bank for their steadfast commitment to institutional reform and economic stability.

In his acceptance speech, Cardoso expressed appreciation to Central Banking Publications and the award judges for the recognition. He also congratulated fellow institutions and individuals honoured during the event.

The CBN Governor stressed that the award was not a personal achievement but a testament to the collective efforts of the entire Central Bank of Nigeria, particularly the professionals whose dedication, integrity, and expertise – often exercised away from public attention – have strengthened the Bank and reinforced confidence in Nigeria's economy.

“I accept this award on behalf of the Board, Management and staff of the Central Bank of Nigeria,” Cardoso said.

“Above all, it belongs to the many dedicated professionals who serve our institution with integrity, expertise, and an unwavering commitment to the public good.”

Reflecting on the global economic landscape, Cardoso noted that recent years had presented significant challenges for central banks worldwide, with Nigeria facing its own share of economic pressures and policy tests.

He highlighted several difficult but necessary measures undertaken by the CBN, including efforts to address elevated inflation, implement major reforms in the foreign exchange market, and invest in critical digital and financial infrastructure to support the country's long-term economic development.

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Nigerians Evacuated From South Africa Arrive Lagos



Nigerians evacuated from SAfrica arrive in Lagos

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Nigerians evacuated from South Africa have arrived safely in Lagos following a recent xenophobic tensions that left many Nigerian residents in fear. The evacuees arrived at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport,

Lagos, at about 10:15 a.m. on Thursday aboard an Air Peace aircraft.

The return flight is part of a coordinated evacuation effort by the Federal Government in response to renewed attacks targeting foreign nationals in South Africa.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Sola Enikanolaiye, was expected to receive the returnees upon arrival at the airport.

The evacuation comes amid growing concerns over the safety of Nigerians residing in South Africa following reports of violence and attacks on foreign-owned businesses and communities.

The Federal Government had earlier assured that it would continue to engage South African authorities to ensure the protection of Nigerians and prevent further escalation of tensions.

In a statement signed by spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kimiebi Imomotimi Ebienfa on Wednesday, the ministry disclosed that the screening of Nigerians willing to

voluntarily return home due to the xenophobic attacks had been extended to Sunday, June 14, 2026, to accommodate more affected persons.

It stated that the extension reflected the federal government's commitment to the welfare and protection of Nigerians abroad.

The ministry further assured that relevant ministries, departments and agencies, MDAs, had put in place adequate reception, documentation and support arrangements for the returnees upon their arrival.

Meanwhile, the government of South Africa has slammed a five-year travel ban on the 268 Nigerians cleared for repatriation after declaring them illegal residents.

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FG Unveils New Platform To Boost Tax Compliance

Culled: The Federal Government on Wednesday launched Rev360, a digital tax administration platform designed to improve tax compliance, simplify taxpayer interactions and strengthen revenue collection as part of ongoing reforms to modernise Nigeria's tax system.

The platform was unveiled at the headquarters of the Nigeria Revenue Service in Abuja during an event attended by senior government officials, development partners, professional bodies, business associations, tax consultants and taxpayers.

Representing the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr Taiwo Oyedele, the Permanent Secretary (Special Duties) in the ministry, Mohammed Danjuma, described the platform as a major step in the modernisation of the country's revenue administration architecture.

He said efficient tax administration was critical to economic growth because it encourages voluntary compliance, improves transparency and boosts investor confidence.

Oyedele said, "When tax administration becomes more efficient, compliance becomes easier.

When compliance becomes easier, businesses can focus more on growth and productivity.

"As Nigeria continues its journey towards greater economic competitiveness and sustainable growth, initiatives such as Rev360 will play an important role in strengthening governance, supporting voluntary compliance, improving transparency, and creating a more enabling environment for business to thrive."

According to him, the federal government's economic reforms agenda is anchored on strong institutions, improved fiscal

management, digital transformation and greater efficiency in public sector operations.

Also speaking, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr Jumoke Oduwole, said the platform would support the government's efforts to improve the ease of doing business and achieve its ambition of building a \$1tn economy.

Oduwole recalled earlier attempts to automate tax administration processes and noted that the revenue agency had made significant progress in responding to stakeholder concerns and improving service delivery.

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NDPC, Meta Partner On Data Protection In Nigeria

The Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC) has launched the Meta Supported Initiatives for Data Protection (M-SIDP), a two-year strategic program to strengthen data safeguards for Nigerian users.

Announcing the initiative on Monday via a press release signed by Head, Media Unit, Itunu Dosekun, the NDPC said it is in connection with the commission's regulatory process involving Meta Platforms, Inc.,

following investigations into the company's data processing practices in Nigeria.

"The initiative stems from a 2025 court-approved settlement after NDPC investigated Meta's data processing practices, with Meta committing support aligned to the Nigeria Data Protection Act 2023 and related directives," Dosekun said.

"The matter was concluded in 2025 through a court-approved settlement.

As part of the settlement, Meta committed to supporting a two-year programme of public facing data protection measures that aligns with the objectives of the Nigeria Data Protection Act, 2023 (NDP Act), the NDP Act General Application and Implementation Directive (GAID) and the NDPC Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan (SRAP) 2023-2027."

Dosekun explained that the M-SIDP targets governance and research,

ecosystem safety, capacity building for data protection officers, and awareness campaigns focused on vulnerable groups, while NDPC retains full independent regulatory authority.

"The M-SIDP programme is structured around the following strategic areas: « Governance, Research and Development; Fostering Safety and Sustainability Mechanisms for Ecosystem & [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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