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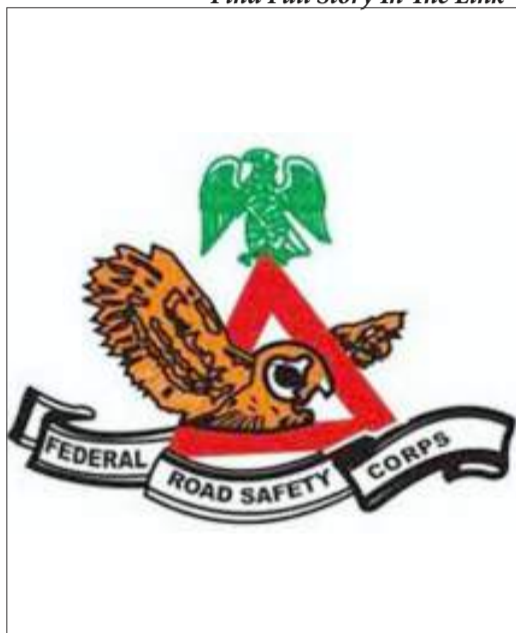
The Corps said the operation uncovered several vehicles carrying overloaded cargoes and containers that were not properly secured, noting that such practices significantly increase the likelihood of road crashes, fatalities, and economic losses.

FRSC officials stated that the

enforcement drive was aimed at improving compliance with road safety regulations and reducing the activities of motorists whose actions endanger other road users.

The Corps expressed concern over the continued disregard for safety standards by some transport operators, stressing that overloading and improper cargo transportation remain major causes of road accidents in the country.

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The Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, gave the commendation following reports submitted by supervisory teams from the national headquarters monitoring the special operations nationwide.

In a statement issued on Monday by the Corps Public Education Officer, Deputy Corps Commander Osondu Ohaeri, Mohammed praised the officers for their dedication, professionalism and outstanding performance throughout the exercise.

He noted that the commitment and gallantry displayed by personnel had played a significant role in enhancing safety on highways and ensuring smoother traffic flow during the Eid celebrations.

"The commitment and gallantry demonstrated by the personnel have contributed significantly to the successes recorded so far in ensuring safer highways and smoother traffic flow during the festive period," the Corps Marshal stated.

Mohammed expressed satisfaction with the conduct and operational efficiency of the officers but urged them to sustain the momentum for the remainder of the special patrol operation.

According to him, the achievements recorded so far have been driven by the dedication of FRSC personnel and the cooperation of motorists across the country.

"The positive impact of the special patrol operations has been largely driven by the unwavering commitment of FRSC personnel as well as the cooperation received from members of the motoring public," he added.

The Corps Marshal appealed to road users to continue adhering to traffic regulations and safety advisories issued by the corps during the festive season.

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Lekki Residents Seek FG Intervention Over Flooding Linked To Coastal Highway Project

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Residents of the Baruwa/Igbo Efon community along the Lekki-Epe corridor of Lagos State have appealed to the Federal Government for urgent intervention over persistent flooding allegedly caused by drainage works associated with the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway project.

The residents claimed that an open drainage channel connected to the ongoing highway construction has been discharging large volumes of stormwater into the community, resulting in recurrent flooding of homes, roads, and business premises.

According to community leaders, the flooding has damaged residential buildings and perimeter fences, destroyed household property, disrupted transportation, and exposed residents to health risks associated with stagnant and contaminated floodwater.

Speaking on behalf of the community, Chairman of the residents' association, Atanda Mudashiru, and Secretary, Zacheus Aladejobi, said the situation



Residents of Baruwa/Igbo Efon community seeking laments over persistent flooding

had also affected businesses, leading to reduced accessibility, flooding of commercial premises, and loss of income.

In a Save Our Soul (SOS) appeal addressed to the Federal Government through the Federal Controller of Works in Lagos, the residents urged authorities to halt the discharge of floodwater into the community and

implement measures to prevent further damage, especially as the rainy season intensifies.

The community leaders noted that more than 250 houses are currently at risk of flooding and structural damage, while over 1,200 residents have been affected by recurring water overflow and environmental hazards.

They also disclosed that about 80 small

and medium-scale businesses in the area have suffered operational disruptions and financial losses as a result of the flooding.

The residents warned that heavier rainfall in the coming weeks could trigger severe flooding, collapse of weakened structures, destruction of livelihoods, and possible loss of lives if urgent action is not taken.

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Five Injured In Multi-Vehicle Crash On Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway

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No fewer than five persons sustained varying degrees of injuries in a multi-vehicle crash that occurred at the Toll Gate area of the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway in Ogun State on Sunday.

The Public Relations Officer of the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident on Monday, stating that the accident occurred at about 11:35 a.m.

According to him, the crash involved a truck, six cars and two tricycles, with a total of 11 occupants comprising eight males and three females.

Akinbiyi disclosed that the injured victims included three females and two males, while the remaining occupants escaped unhurt.

He said three of the injured persons were taken to the General Hospital, Ota, for treatment, while the other two were taken to private hospitals by their relatives.

The TRACE spokesperson attributed the crash to excessive speeding and brake failure.

He explained that the truck, bearing registration number TRN 71 XB, reportedly suffered brake failure, causing the driver to lose control and ram into other vehicles on the highway.

Akinbiyi added that all vehicles involved in the accident had been evacuated from the scene to restore the free flow of traffic along the busy corridor.

He urged motorists to avoid speeding and ensure their vehicles are in good mechanical condition before embarking on journeys.

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FRSC Applauds Dangote Cement On New Transport Safety Policy

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has praised Dangote Cement Plc for delivering measurable and transformative improvements in road safety, noting a significant decline in articulated truck crashes across Nigeria following the introduction of innovative transport safety policies and operational reforms.

The Corps described Dangote Cement as a benchmark for transport management and road safety practices, not only in Nigeria but across Africa.

Speaking during a visit to the FRSC Headquarters, the Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed, praised the company for setting new standards in road safety management and urged the sustained implementation of initiatives that are reshaping Nigeria's transport landscape.

He noted that comparative figures between 2025 and 2026 revealed a 56 per cent reduction in road crashes

involving Dangote Cement trucks, alongside a 36 per cent decline in fatalities and a 52 per cent reduction in injuries.

According to the Corps Marshal, these outcomes clearly demonstrate the effective execution of Dangote Cement's Gap Analysis and the strength of its internal transport safety policies, which were described as worthy of emulation by logistics operators across Africa.

He noted that Dangote Cement's success reinforces the belief that when industry leaders get safety right, the benefits extend to the entire nation and the continent at large.

Earlier, the Head of Transport at Dangote Cement, Murilo Silva, highlighted the company's ongoing investments in advanced transport management systems, including automated inspection technologies and artificial intelligence-driven solutions designed to enhance both operational efficiency and road safety.

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Tinubu gave the commendation at the inauguration of three new warships, International Fleet Review and the launch of the Combined Maritime Taskforce (CMTF) held at the Eko Atlantic Water front as part of activities to celebrate the NN at 70.

The President said the Navy's growth from a modest colonial marine outfit established in 1956 into a modern maritime force reflected Nigeria's progress and commitment to regional security and economic stability.

The colourful event attracted heads of foreign navies and coast guards; senior military officers, diplomats, government officials, traditional rulers and captains of industries.

According to Tinubu, the anniversary offered an opportunity not only to



President Tinubu at the International Fleet Review

celebrate the NN's achievements but also to reflect on its contributions to national security and economic prosperity.

"Since its humble beginning in 1956 as a colonial marine, the Nigerian Navy has evolved in tandem with our nation's sovereignty, growing from a fledgling service into a modern, sophisticated naval power and an anchor of stability for Nigeria's economic prosperity," Tinubu said.

The President also commended the Navy for the eradication of piracy in the nation's waters as well as a reduction in crude oil theft and other maritime crimes. According to him, improved maritime security has strengthened the safety of littoral communities and supported increased oil production and national economic growth.

Tinubu also praised the display of naval assets during the fleet review, describing

it as evidence of growing international confidence in the Nigerian Navy and its role in promoting maritime collaboration in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG).

He urged officers and ratings to sustain professionalism and continue improving operational capabilities in safeguarding Nigeria's territorial waters and maritime resources.

"I charge the officers and ratings of the Nigerian Navy to sustain this high standard of professionalism and to continually deepen your operational capability and effectiveness in safeguarding our waters," he said.

Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Vice Admiral Idi Abbas, said the NN had strengthened cooperation with regional and international partners to ensure the GoG maintained its zero piracy status.

Abbas announced the formal launch of a Combined Maritime Task Force (CMTF) headed by Commodore Mohammed Shettima, supported by the President, saying the initiative would remain on standby to respond to emerging maritime threats across the sub-region.

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Portland Gas Opens New CNG Station In Ojota

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In commemoration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's third year in office and his administration's commitment to promoting cleaner and more affordable energy solutions, Portland Gas Limited, in collaboration with the Midstream and Downstream Gas Infrastructure Fund (MDGIF), has commissioned a 96,000 Standard Cubic Metres (SCM) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Daughter Station in Ojota, Lagos.

Chief Executive Officer, Folajimi Mohammed, said the Ojota facility forms part of a broader expansion strategy that includes the development of a 5 million Standard Cubic Feet per Day (SCFD) Mother Station.

According to him, the station is designed to significantly improve access to CNG and reduce waiting times for consumers. He said: "The facility currently has a storage capacity of 96,000 SCM and can accommodate multiple truck-loading cycles daily. At present, we operate a virtual pipeline model,

sourcing gas from a third-party mother station and transporting it to this location.

"However, plans are underway to connect directly to the Axxela (Gaslink) pipeline network, enabling us to become both a supplier and distributor of gas to our daughter stations and other customers."

Mohammed explained that expanding CNG infrastructure across the country remains critical to supporting Nigeria's energy transition agenda.

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Portland conversion centre

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One person has been confirmed dead while three others sustained injuries in a tricycle accident along Haske Road near the Lamingo Golf Club area of Jos, Plateau State.

The incident occurred on Monday evening when two commercial tricycles, popularly known as Keke Napep, collided.

An eyewitness, Mr. Joseph Haruna, said the crash happened after one of the tricycle operators attempted to avoid a pothole on the road, lost control and rammed into an oncoming tricycle.

He said the impact of the collision was severe, leaving one passenger dead at the scene, while three others sustained varying degrees of injuries.

The injured victims were quickly evacuated by sympathisers and emergency responders to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Another eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

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described the accident as tragic and called on relevant authorities to urgently repair potholes along the route to prevent further loss of lives.

According to him, the poor condition of the road has become a constant danger to motorists, tricycle operators and other road users in the area.

The crash caused temporary traffic congestion along the Haske Road axis as residents and commuters gathered at the scene.

As of the time of filing this report, officials of relevant traffic and emergency management agencies were yet to issue an official statement on the incident.

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FRSC, RAPNEC Seek Stronger Action On Pedestrian Safety



FRSC on road safety

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Road Accident Prevention Network Centre (RAPNEC) Nigeria have called for stronger collaboration among stakeholders to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and across the country.

The call was made during a stakeholders' engagement on the Mobility Snapshot Project and pedestrian safety held at the FRSC headquarters in Abuja.

Speaking at the event, the FCT Sector Commander of the FRSC, Corps Commander Tijani Eliassu, represented by Deputy Corps Commander Blessing Okoro,

reaffirmed the corps' commitment to evidence-based interventions aimed at reducing road traffic crashes and protecting vulnerable road users.

Okoro commended RAPNEC Nigeria and the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety for implementing the Mobility Snapshot Project in Nigeria since 2024, noting that assessments conducted in areas such as Arab Junction and Utako in Abuja revealed critical road safety concerns requiring urgent attention.

She identified non-compliance with zebra crossings and traffic signals, excessive speeding in urban areas, and inadequate pedestrian infrastructure as major threats to road safety.

"Road safety is a shared responsibility. FRSC cannot address road safety issues alone, which is why we continue to engage stakeholders in traffic management, enforcement and public enlightenment," she said.

Okoro said the FRSC remains committed to creating a safer

motoring environment where road crashes do not result in fatalities, stressing that strategic partnerships are essential to achieving that goal.

She also highlighted the corps' "Catch Them Young" initiative, which promotes road safety education among primary and secondary school students, as well as members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

Speaking on behalf of RAPNEC Nigeria, Executive Director Prince Ache Ogu described the engagement as part of a global initiative supported by the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, a United Nations-affiliated network comprising more than 400 non-governmental organisations worldwide.

Ogu said the initiative connects Nigeria to a global movement focused on making walking and cycling safer, healthier and more equitable for all road users.

"Across the FCT and Nigeria, walking and cycling remain the most accessible modes of mobility for

millions of people. Yet pedestrians and cyclists continue to bear a disproportionate burden of road traffic injuries and fatalities," he said.

According to him, the Mobility Snapshot Project identifies crash-prone locations, particularly those affecting pedestrians, by assessing dangerous road corridors and documenting challenges such as speeding, unsafe walkways and inadequate infrastructure, including the absence of zebra crossings and pedestrian bridges.

He added that findings from the project are uploaded to the Global Alliance database to support advocacy and policy interventions aimed at improving road safety.

Stakeholders at the meeting also called for stronger monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the impact of interventions under the project. They urged organisers to ensure that recommendations from the assessments are forwarded to relevant authorities for implementation.

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The government said the projects, executed under the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, are aimed at improving mobility, boosting economic productivity and supporting the needs of the state's growing population. Speaking during the 2026 Ministerial Press Briefing in Alausa, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Infrastructure, Engr. Olufemi Daramola, said the state completed an additional 130 roads spanning approximately 113 kilometres within the last year.

According to him, key projects delivered during the period include the Opebi-Mende Link Bridge and approach roads, Babajide Sanwo-Olu Road in Agege, Abaranje Road in Alimosho, as well as



Governor Sanwo-Olu

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administration remains committed to constructing resilient infrastructure capable of supporting the state's economic growth and improving residents' quality of life.

Also speaking, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Works, Dr. Adekunle Olayinka, said the government had continued to pursue an infrastructure-led development strategy to address existing deficits and drive sustainable growth.

He said work was ongoing on major public projects, including the Bola Ahmed Tinubu Administrative Complex and Revenue House in Alausa, which are expected to improve public service efficiency.

Olayinka disclosed that the state was also making significant investments in healthcare infrastructure, including the construction of a 280-bed General Hospital in Ojo, a 150-bed Massey Children's Hospital and a 1,500-bed Psychiatric Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre in Ketu-Ejinrin.

According to him, the projects are expected to improve access to healthcare services while creating employment opportunities.

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Sokoto-Badagary Highway To Boost Trade, Connectivity - FG



Goronyo

The Federal Government has described the 1,068-kilometre Sokoto-Badagry Super Highway as a transformative infrastructure project that will enhance trade, improve connectivity and stimulate economic growth across the country.

Minister of State for Works, Bello Goronyo, stated this while inspecting ongoing construction work and flagging off a roadside tree-planting programme along the Illela-Sokoto section of the highway.

Goronyo said the project, one of the flagship initiatives of President Bola Tinubu's administration, is designed to serve as a major economic corridor linking the northern and

southern regions of Nigeria.

According to him, the highway will facilitate the movement of goods and people, strengthen regional integration and create economic opportunities for communities along its route.

"The Sokoto-Badagry Super Highway is more than a road project; it is a road to prosperity. It reflects President Tinubu's vision of building a more connected, productive, environmentally sustainable and economically resilient Nigeria," he said.

The minister noted that the highway will connect with the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway, creating a strategic transportation network expected to improve trade, enhance security and support national development.

Representing the Minister of Works, David Umahi, Goronyo commended President Tinubu for prioritising infrastructure development as a tool for economic growth and national integration.

He disclosed that about 120 kilometres of the highway are currently under construction in the Sokoto axis, with approximately 20 kilometres already completed.

Goronyo added that solar-powered streetlights have been installed along sections of the continuously reinforced concrete pavement to improve road safety and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Speaking on the roadside tree-planting initiative, he said the programme forms part of efforts to promote sustainable infrastructure development and environmental protection.

According to him, the trees will serve as shelterbelts and windbreakers, help combat desert encroachment and soil erosion, and contribute to climate change mitigation.

He added that the initiative would also support the long-term preservation of the highway infrastructure.

The minister commended Umahi,

engineers of the Federal Ministry of Works and Hitech Construction Company for their contributions to the project.

He urged Nigerians, particularly residents of the North-West, to support the administration's Renewed Hope Agenda, noting that ongoing infrastructure projects are expected to improve living standards and drive economic prosperity across the country.

Goronyo reaffirmed the Federal Government's commitment to delivering infrastructure capable of supporting sustainable development and improving the welfare of future generations.

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Thailand Pushes Thai Airways To Expand Flights To Secondary Airport

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The Transport Ministry has called on Thai Airways International to expand both domestic and international flight services to secondary airports across the country as part of efforts to strengthen tourism and regional connectivity.

The proposal was discussed during a recent meeting between Deputy Transport Minister Phattrapong Phattraprasit and executives of the national carrier, according to government spokesperson Lalida Persvivatana.

Under the plan, the ministry wants Thai Airways to increase flight frequencies to key domestic tourist destinations including Krabi and Ubon Ratchathani, while also adding Nakhon Si Thammarat to its route network. The airline currently serves several domestic cities such as Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Khon Kaen,



Udon Thani, Hat Yai, Krabi and Phuket.

Officials also encouraged the airline to launch new international routes linking Malaysia, Singapore and Hong

Kong to secondary Thai destinations such as Krabi, Surat Thani and Hua Hin, in order to distribute tourist traffic beyond major hubs.

The policy forms part of a

broader government strategy to enhance air connectivity between major cities and smaller regional airports, many of which are managed by the Airports Department

under the Transport Ministry, while larger international hubs are operated by Airports of Thailand Plc.

Although Thai Airways is no longer a state

enterprise, the Finance Ministry remains its largest shareholder, holding a 38.9 per cent stake.

The push for expanded routes comes as Thailand continues to prioritise tourism-driven growth by improving access to emerging destinations and easing congestion at major airports such as Suvarnabhumi Airport.

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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

Georgia Launches Railway Modernisation Plan - Kvrivishvili

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-Akhaltshikhe railway lines is expected to be completed by August 2026, reducing travel

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

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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ULS Unveils New Jolly Phonics Materials To Boost Literacy In Nigeria

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As part of efforts to broaden access to effective literacy resources for schools, educators, and families across Nigeria, Universal Learning Solutions (ULS) has introduced a new range of high-quality Jolly Phonics learning materials designed to support early reading development. The materials were unveiled at the Nigerian International Book Fair 2026 held in Lagos from May 13 to 15, attracting educators, publishers, school owners and literacy stakeholders who explored the new resources and their potential impact on literacy development.

The initiative builds on the widespread adoption of Jolly Phonics in public schools over the past decade through partnerships with State Universal Basic Education Boards (SUBEBs) and the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC).

Speaking on the launch, Chief Executive Officer of Universal Learning Solutions, Gary Foxcroft, said the project would make globally recognised literacy materials more accessible to both public and private schools at a time when the demand for effective reading solutions is increasing.



Universal Learning Solutions (ULS)

“We are excited to bring these high quality materials to the Nigerian market at a time when demand for effective literacy solutions has never been greater,” Foxcroft said. He added: “The success of Jolly Phonics in government schools through the support of SUBEBs and UBEC has demonstrated the transformational impact that Jolly Phonics teaching can have on children's reading outcomes. We are now looking forward to making

these resources even more accessible to schools and families across Nigeria.”

As part of efforts to drive adoption of the programme, ULS will host a national webinar on June 4, 2026, bringing together education stakeholders from across the country to discuss the newly introduced literacy resources, partnership opportunities and sustainable phonics teaching.

The webinar will feature Chris

Jolly OBE, creator of the Jolly Phonics programme and publisher of Jolly Learning, alongside members of the Jolly Learning team, ULS executives and representatives of key education institutions.

Foxcroft disclosed that officials of the Nigerian Copyright Commission, the National Association of Private School Owners, school directors and proprietors are also expected to participate.

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MultiChoice Rolls Out Special DStv, GOtv W' Cup Offers

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MultiChoice, a CANAL+ company has introduced special World Cup bundle offers on DStv and GOtv to give more Nigerians access to football's biggest event.

From Monday, 1 June 2026, new DStv customers can purchase an HD decoder, dish kit and one-month DStv Yanga subscription for ₦15,000, while new GOtv customers can get a GOtv decoder, antenna and one-month GOtv Jolli subscription for ₦15,000.

The offer comes as anticipation builds for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which will be hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada. The tournament, the biggest in FIFA World Cup history, will feature 48 national teams, including 10 African nations, competing across 104 matches over 39 days.

Commenting on the offer, Chief Executive Officer of MultiChoice Nigeria, Kemi Omotosho, said the company is focused on making the FIFA World Cup experience more accessible to football fans across the country.

“The FIFA World Cup is more than just a tournament – it's a shared global moment. Our goal is to ensure that fans in Nigeria can experience every goal, every story and every unforgettable moment as it happens. Through our special World Cup bundle offers, we are making it more affordable for customers to get connected ahead of the tournament,” she stated.

As Africa's home of football, SuperSport on DStv will deliver comprehensive, round-the-clock coverage of the tournament. Viewers will enjoy live broadcasts of all 104 FIFA World Cup matches, four dedicated 24-hour World Cup channels and a bonus pop-up channel showcasing the best moments in World Cup history. To make navigation easier, selected SuperSport channels will be renamed for the duration of the tournament, ensuring customers can easily find and follow the action.

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Nigeria's Electricity Crisis Now Human Rights Issues - IHRC



IHRC-RFT

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The International Human Rights Commission-Relief Fund Trust (IHRC-RFT), Nigeria Chapter, has said that Nigeria's electricity crisis has gone beyond a basic inconvenience and

should now be treated as a serious human rights issue. The Country Director of the organisation, Ambassador Abdullahi Bakoji Adamu, made this known in a statement in which he called on the government to take urgent and practical steps to

address the country's power sector challenges.

According to him, access to stable electricity is directly linked to the well-being and dignity of citizens.

“Nigeria's electricity crisis has moved beyond inconvenience. it is now a matter of human rights, dignity, and national development,” he said.

Adamu explained that global human rights standards, including provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, support the need for access to basic services that ensure a decent standard of living.

He noted that sectors such as healthcare, education and small businesses cannot function properly without reliable

electricity.

“Hospitals, schools, industries, and small businesses cannot function in darkness. The dignity of citizens cannot depend on generators and fuel scarcity,” he stated.

The IHRC official also raised concerns over reports that the Presidential residence has shifted away from the national grid to alternative power sources, questioning what that means for ordinary Nigerians.

“If the highest office in the land no longer depends on the national grid, what assurance is left for ordinary Nigerians?” he asked.

He further questioned the affordability of alternative energy solutions such as solar power for the average citizen.

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CBN unveils payment plans for 2028

CBN Unveils Payments Vision 2028 To Power Nigeria's Digital Economy

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 The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has unveiled the Nigeria Payments System Vision (NPSV) 2028, a strategic framework designed to accelerate innovation, expand financial inclusion, and strengthen the country's digital economy. The roadmap was launched in Abuja during a gathering of banking executives, fintech operators, regulators, and development partners, underscoring the collaborative effort required to transform Nigeria's payment ecosystem over the next four years. According to the apex bank, the vision

aims to position Nigeria among Africa's leading payment ecosystems by promoting faster, safer, and more efficient digital transactions across the country. The framework identifies several key priorities, including enhancing interoperability among payment service providers, improving access to financial services for underserved populations, and strengthening cybersecurity measures to protect users and financial institutions from emerging digital threats. The CBN also stated that the initiative will support cross-border payment systems within the framework of the

African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), enabling Nigerian businesses to participate more effectively in regional and global trade. Stakeholders at the launch expressed optimism that the roadmap would boost public confidence in digital payment channels, lower transaction costs, and encourage greater collaboration among players in the financial services sector. They noted that the successful implementation of the vision could accelerate the country's transition towards a more inclusive, efficient, and cash-lite economy while fostering

innovation and economic growth. The Nigeria Payments System Vision 2028 forms part of the CBN's broader efforts to modernise the nation's financial infrastructure and ensure that the payment ecosystem remains responsive to evolving technological and economic realities. The framework identifies several key priorities, including enhancing interoperability among payment service providers, improving access to financial services for underserved populations, and strengthening cybersecurity measures to protect users and financial institutions from emerging digital threats.

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Kaduna Ranks Among Nigeria's Top Three Performing States

Kaduna State has emerged as one of Nigeria's top-performing states, securing third position nationwide in the 2025 Phillips Consulting State Performance Index (pSPI) and earning an Excellent Four-Star Rating. The Kaduna State Government described the ranking as an independent validation of the reform agenda and people-centred policies being implemented under Governor Uba Sani's administration.

In a statement issued by the Commissioner for Information and Culture, Malam Ahmed Maiyaki, the government said the assessment reflects notable progress across key sectors, including governance, fiscal management, economic development, infrastructure, healthcare, education, agriculture, security, and social inclusion. Maiyaki noted that the index is particularly significant because it

combines objective performance indicators with citizen feedback, making it a credible measure of governance outcomes. He said the ranking confirms Kaduna State's steady progress in strengthening institutions, improving service delivery, and expanding economic opportunities for residents. The commissioner added that the latest recognition adds to a growing list of accolades earned by the state in

recent months. He recalled that Kaduna had earlier been ranked first in Nigeria on the 2025 Transparency and Integrity Index published by the Centre for Fiscal Transparency and Public Integrity, and also recorded the country's highest score on the Control of Corruption Indicator. "These rankings are encouraging because they demonstrate that our efforts are yielding measurable results. *Find Full Story In The Link*

DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

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

About DSSAA

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

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

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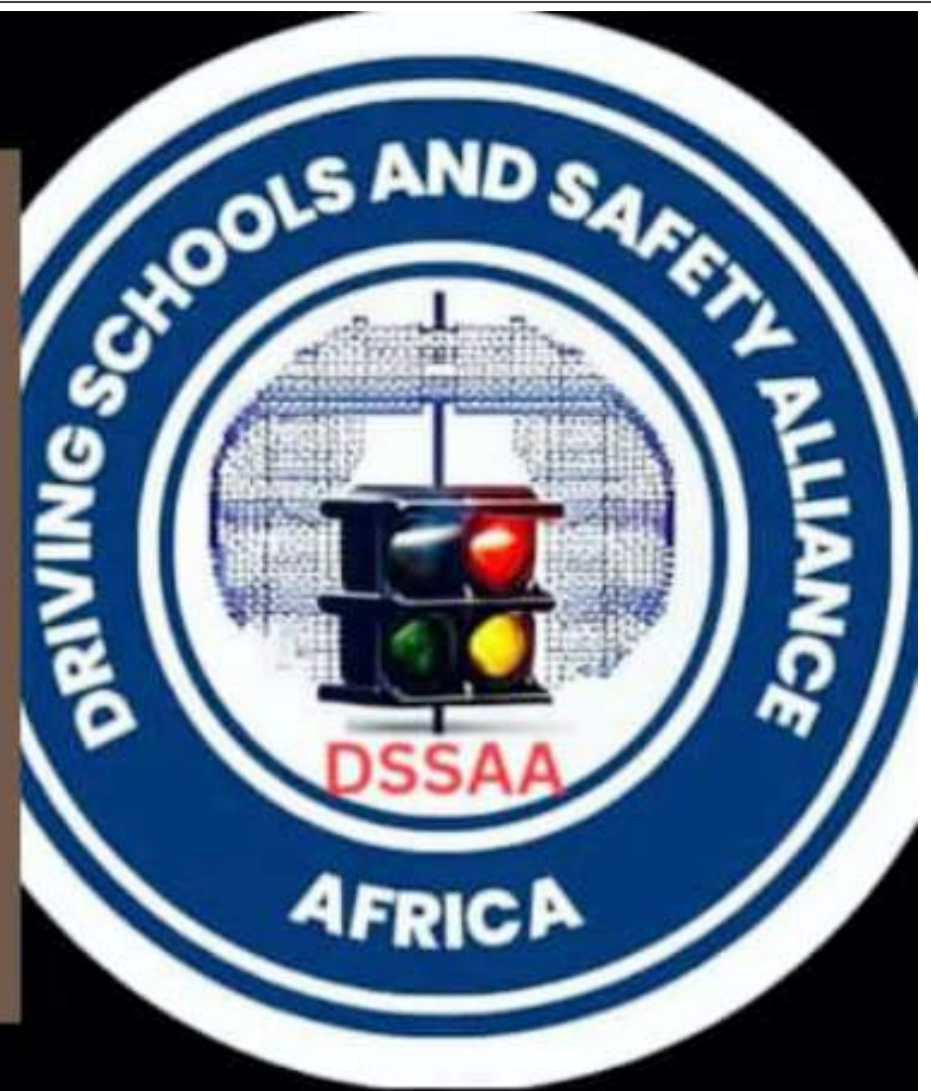


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