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Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Wike, has announced that President Bola Tinubu will this week inaugurate a series of completed road infrastructure projects across Abuja.

Wike made the disclosure on Monday during an inspection tour of the projects, expressing satisfaction with the quality of work and the contractors' adherence to project timelines.

According to the minister, the commissioning exercise will commence on Tuesday with the inauguration of the Usafa Road project. The N5 Lifecamp Road is scheduled for commissioning on Wednesday, while the Airport-Kuje Road will be inaugurated on Thursday.

He stated that all three projects have been completed and are ready for public use.

"Those three projects are 100 per cent complete and ready for commissioning," Wike said.

The minister commended the contractors, including CGC, Arab Contractors and Julius Berger, for delivering the projects as agreed.

Wike also disclosed that the official residence of the President of the Court of Appeal, being constructed by a local contractor, will be commissioned on Friday, June 12.

He described the quality of work on the project as satisfactory and expressed confidence that the completed

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President Bola Tinubu

### Oyeyemi Calls For Stable Auto Policy To Reduce Road Crash Deaths

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Former Corps Marshal of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and President of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), Dr Boboye Oyeyemi, has expressed concern over the continued loss of lives from preventable road crashes in Nigeria, describing the situation as a major setback to national development. Speaking in a telephone interview, Oyeyemi said thousands of Nigerians continue to die annually in road accidents that could have been avoided, leaving many families devastated.

While acknowledging significant progress in road safety management since the country's road crash peak in 1987, he noted that the achievements remain inadequate for a nation with Nigeria's large population and growing traffic volume.

According to him, the persistent occurrence of avoidable road crashes is undermining national development

and requires sustained policy interventions to address.

Oyeyemi advocated the implementation of a stable and long-term national automotive policy, stressing that frequent policy changes by successive administrations have hindered growth in the sector.

Reflecting on CILT's recently concluded 30th anniversary celebration, he urged policymakers to adopt consistent strategies similar to those implemented in countries such as South Africa, Morocco and Ethiopia, where sustained policies have helped strengthen the automotive industry.

He noted that Nigeria's automotive manufacturing sector remains at an early stage and is heavily dependent on imported vehicles. He added that the National Automotive Industry Development Plan has undergone several revisions over the years without generating the industrial momentum needed to transform the sector.

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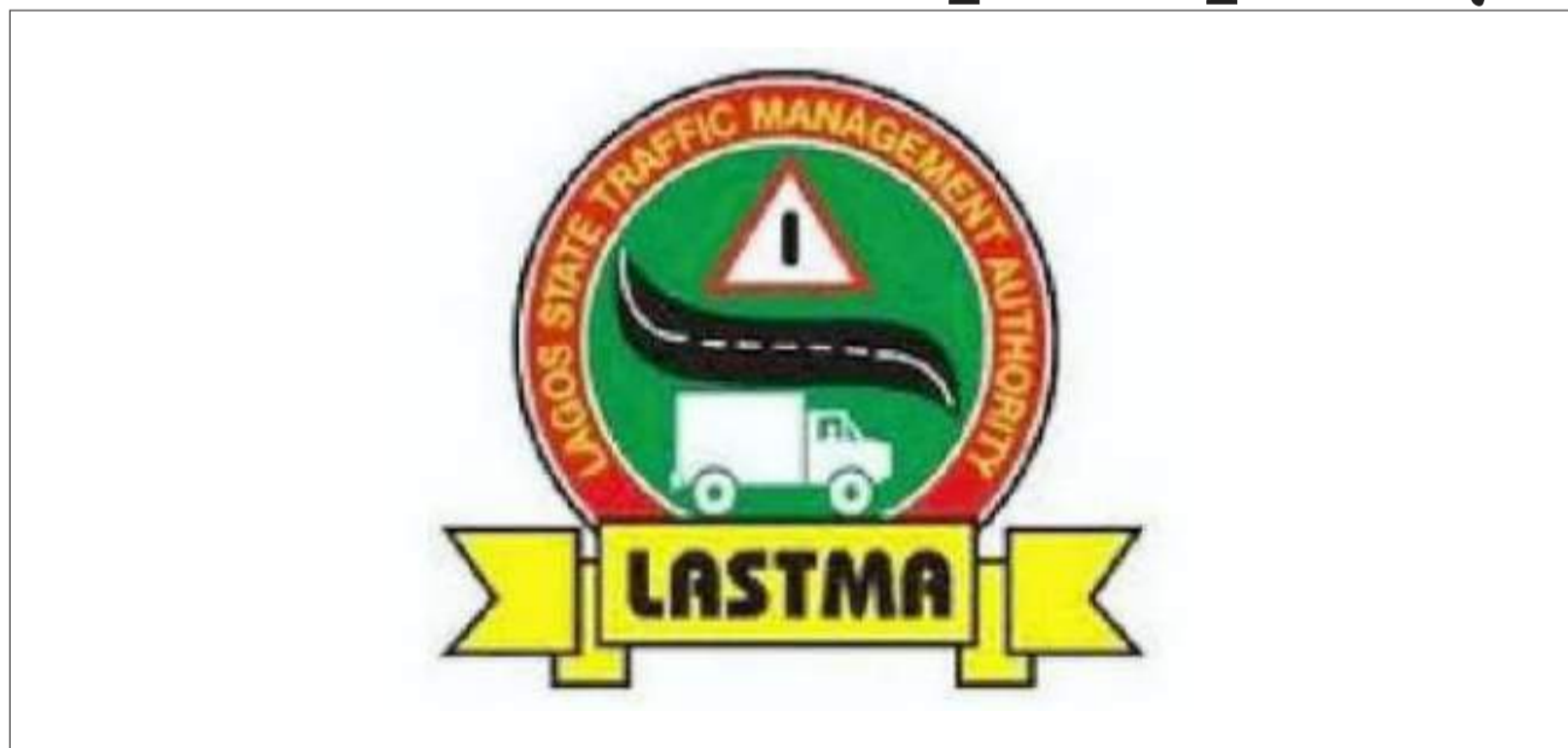
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According to a statement issued by LASTMA's Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment, Adebayo Taofiq, traffic officers on routine monitoring patrol promptly responded to the emergency.

The agency said its personnel secured the victim from further danger, evacuated her from the expressway and alerted the Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS) for medical assistance. Traffic management measures were also immediately implemented to prevent secondary accidents and maintain the flow of vehicles in the area.



LASTMA

LASTMA disclosed that the victim sustained fractures to her arm and leg and was subsequently transported by LASAMBUS officials to General Hospital, Odan, for urgent medical treatment and further evaluation.

Commenting on the incident, LASTMA General Manager, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, condemned the increasing incidence of hit-and-run

crashes in the state, describing the act as both morally reprehensible and a violation of the law.

He stressed the responsibility of all road users to safeguard human life and urged motorists to remain at accident scenes to provide assistance when crashes occur.

Bakare-Oki also commended the swift collaboration between LASTMA and

LASAMBUS personnel, noting that their prompt intervention was instrumental in preserving the victim's life and restoring normalcy to traffic along the corridor.

He further advised motorists to exercise caution, obey traffic regulations and promptly report road accidents and emergencies to relevant authorities to facilitate timely response and assistance.

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The initiative was discussed during a strategic meeting in Abuja between the Chief Executive of the NUPRC, Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, and the Director-General of the NNRA, Yau Idris.

According to a statement issued by the NUPRC's Head of Corporate Communications and Media, Eniola Akinkuotu, the partnership is aimed at eliminating regulatory overlaps, closing oversight gaps, and streamlining compliance processes for industry operators.

Under the proposed arrangement, the NNRA will collaborate with the NUPRC to integrate radiological impact

assessments into broader Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), while Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) management procedures will be incorporated into environmental guidelines governing upstream petroleum activities.

The two agencies also agreed to deepen cooperation in training, capacity building, and knowledge-sharing programmes focused on radiation protection and operational safety.

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### Navy Intercepts 135,000 Litres Of Illegal Fuel In Rivers

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The Nigerian Navy has intercepted over 135,000 litres of suspected illegally refined Automotive Gas Oil and disrupted illicit fuel transportation networks operating along waterways in Rivers State.

The Director of Naval Information, Navy Captain Abiodun Folorunsho, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday, saying the recoveries were made by personnel of Nigerian Navy Ship PATHFINDER during separate anti-crude oil theft operations around the Onne and Abonema areas under Operation DELTA SENTINEL.

Folorunsho said the operation resulted in the interception of "over 135,000 litres of suspected illegally refined Automotive Gas Oil (AGO)" and the disruption of fuel distribution routes used by suspected oil thieves.

According to the statement, troops on routine patrol intercepted a fibre boat carrying drums and jerrycans loaded with suspected stolen AGO at the entrance of

Owogono Creek in Ogu-Bolo Local Government Area.

The Navy said the boat and its cargo, estimated at about 63,000 litres, were recovered after "the operators abandoned them and fled into adjoining creeks."

In a related operation around Abonema in Akuku-Toru Local Government Area, naval patrol teams intercepted a wooden boat conveying about 72,000 litres of suspected illegally refined AGO concealed in sacks.

Folorunsho said the products "were being transported through the waterways for onward distribution before the operation disrupted the movement."

The Navy noted that the recoveries highlight the continued exploitation of creek channels by criminal elements involved in illegal petroleum activities.

According to the statement, "the recoveries underscore the continued use of the region's creek networks by criminal elements to transport and distribute illegally refined petroleum products."

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Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, disclosed the plan on Monday during the opening ceremony of Invest Lagos 3.0, organised by the Lagos State Government.

According to the minister, discussions are already underway between the Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development and the Lagos State Government to connect the existing rail line terminating at Ikeja Bus Stop to the airport terminals.

He explained that the proposed extension would run through the General Aviation Terminal (GAT), continue to the Murtala Muhammed Airport Terminal Two (MMA2), operated by Bi-Courtney Aviation Services Limited (BASL), and



Keyamo

terminate at the international terminal. Keyamo said the project would significantly improve connectivity to Nigeria's busiest airport while supporting efforts to transform Lagos into a major aviation and logistics hub on the continent.

"We are working with the Lagos State Government to extend the rail line from Ikeja Bus Stop through the domestic terminals and all the way to the

aviation hubs, citing its proximity to Europe, the Middle East, Southern Africa and South America.

Keyamo further highlighted ongoing investments in aviation infrastructure under the administration of President Bola Tinubu, including a \$500 million commitment towards the reconstruction and modernisation of the international terminal at the Lagos airport.

He said the upgrade would transform the decades-old facility into a modern airport capable of handling increased passenger and cargo traffic.

The minister added that the country's international airport network has expanded with the designation of Victor Attah International Airport and Maiduguri International Airport as international gateways, bringing the total number of international airports in Nigeria to seven. He also cited the resolution of the long-standing dispute between BASL and the Federal Government as evidence of efforts to create a more conducive environment for private sector investment in the aviation sector.

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international airport. The project is expected to commence soon," he said.

The minister also revealed that Lagos accounts for about 67 per cent of passenger traffic across Nigeria's airports, underscoring its strategic importance to the nation's aviation industry.

He noted that Lagos enjoys a geographical advantage that positions it to compete with established African

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The three-day retreat, which commenced on Thursday, June 5, 2026, is themed "Consolidating Gains and Institutionalizing Sustainable Growth." It brings together FAAN's senior management team to assess the Authority's transformation journey, strengthen institutional capacity, and align strategic priorities with evolving global aviation trends and industry best practices.

According to a statement issued by FAAN's Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Henry Agbebire, discussions on the opening day centred on positioning the Authority for future growth through sustained reforms and strategic planning. Key sessions examined global and African

airport development trends, process standardisation, performance management across Nigeria's airports, as well as infrastructure modernisation and operational efficiency.

The retreat also provided an opportunity for a comprehensive review of progress recorded under the Managing Director's transformative agenda, with emphasis on embedding sustainable growth, operational excellence, innovation, and long-term value creation within the Authority.

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At least three passengers were feared dead on Monday evening following the derailment of the Warri-Itakpe train in Agbor, Delta State.

The incident was confirmed by the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) in a statement issued by its Managing Director, Kayode Opeifa. According to the NRC, emergency response and rescue operations were immediately activated after the accident, while efforts were made to ensure the safety and accountability of all passengers on board.

The corporation disclosed that three fatalities had been confirmed, adding that relevant authorities were still assessing the circumstances surrounding the derailment.

"Sadly, three fatalities have been confirmed at this time," the statement said.

The NRC noted that support was being provided to affected passengers and their families as

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investigations continue into the cause of the incident.

"The thoughts and prayers of all Nigerians are with the victims and their loved ones," the corporation stated.

It further urged members of the public to rely only on verified information and official updates from the NRC regarding the accident and ongoing investigations.

The Warri-Itakpe rail line is one of Nigeria's major standard-gauge railway corridors, linking communities across Delta, Edo and Kogi states. Authorities are expected to provide further details as rescue efforts and investigations progress.

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# Residents Lament Deplorable Ogun Market Road, Seek Intervention



Ogun deplorable road

Residents and road users in Abule Oko, Oke-Ayo, Magboro, Ogun State, have decried the worsening condition of the community road, describing it as dangerous, slippery and a threat to lives and livelihoods, particularly during the rainy season.

PUNCH Metro gathered during a visit to the community on Tuesday that the road, which stretches from Abule Oko to Cele Bus Stop and connects areas such as Oke-Ayo, Igaun and Makogi, has deteriorated significantly over the years, making movement difficult for commuters, motorists, traders and residents.

Our correspondents observed that following a recent heavy rainfall, the road became nearly

impassable, forcing some residents to remove their footwear before accessing the market.

A commercial motorcyclist, identified simply as Abubakar, told PUNCH Metro that the road was previously manageable after community youths made efforts to patch it but has since deteriorated.

"When I first started working here, the road was not like this. Community youths fixed it, and the movement was easy. But now, the road has become completely bad, especially during this rainy season," he said.

Abubakar added that he had not witnessed any government intervention since he began working in the area. He noted that although a section of the road near Magboro Main Market was recently repaired, residents were unsure whether the work was carried out by the government or a private individual.

"The truth is, I am not from here, and I have not seen or heard of any attempt by the government to fix this road. We

can only pray that the government does what is right," he added.

Another resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the road had been in a deplorable condition for many years, with only temporary interventions such as occasional grading by the Community Development Association, which he described as ineffective.

"The road has been like this for many years. What they do is just grade it once in a while, maybe twice a year, and that does not solve anything," the resident said.

The resident further alleged that past efforts by two organisations to rehabilitate the road were unsuccessful after a community leader reportedly demanded a financial settlement before work could commence.

Traders at Abule Oko Market also said the situation worsens during rainfall, turning the road into a muddy and hazardous path for pedestrians and motorists.

"In most cases, people fall and sustain injuries. Motorcycles lose balance, and

even cars struggle to pass," a trader said.

"Accidents happen a lot. When cars try to avoid potholes or slippery sections, they lose control and hit motorcycles. I have seen people sustain serious injuries such as broken legs, broken arms and head wounds," Abubakar added.

The traders further lamented that the development had negatively affected economic activities in the area, with many reporting a sharp decline in patronage due to the difficulty customers face in accessing the market.

"This road is very important to us. If it is repaired, people will still come even when it rains," a trader identified as Alamu said.

He added, "Many traders have already left because of low patronage. When traders leave, buyers will go elsewhere, even though everything they need is available here."

Another trader, Mummy Pemisire, recounted how a fish seller recently slipped, fell and broke her arm while attempting to access the market.

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## Local Transport News

# FG Revives Highway Security Patrols, Deploys CCTV To Boost Road Safety

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The Federal Government has announced the reintroduction of security patrols on major highways across the country as part of efforts to tackle rising insecurity and improve safety for road users.

Minister of Works, Senator David Umahi, disclosed this during an inspection of the Abuja–Keffi Highway at the weekend, saying the initiative was being implemented under the directive of President Bola Tinubu.

According to the minister, the revived Highway Security Patrol system will be coordinated by the Nigeria Police Force in collaboration with other security and paramilitary agencies. He said the government would support the operation with patrol vehicles, solar-powered street lighting and closed-circuit television (CCTV) surveillance systems.

“As directed by the President, we are reviving the Highway Security Patrol system under the police. We will provide vehicles, CCTV systems and solar



Umahi

lighting. Security officers will be strategically stationed along the highways, while emergency response time will be reduced to less than 10 minutes,” Umahi said. He noted that the

initiative forms part of a broader strategy by the Tinubu administration to address security challenges nationwide. The minister also urged Nigerians to support ongoing efforts to improve security,

rehabilitation methods. He instructed them to mill only four centimetres of existing asphalt and blend it with 10 centimetres of stone base, instead of the previously used 20 centimetres.

According to him, the recycled materials should be stabilised with cement and compacted to create a durable pavement capable of lasting up to 50 years.

“Road infrastructure is critical to national development. Asphalt should not be removed unnecessarily because it still contains valuable bitumen. Milling and stabilising it with stone base and cement creates a strong, rock-like structure and reduces project costs,” he explained.

Umahi warned against wasteful construction practices and called for greater accountability among officials in the Ministry of Works, stressing that all public servants share responsibility for delivering quality infrastructure.

He further revealed plans to establish a modern highway monitoring centre equipped with ICT-driven surveillance technology capable of detecting incidents on roads in real time.

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## Nigerian Government Vows Timely Completion Of Road Projects



Umahi

The Nigerian government has committed to completing road infrastructure projects and ending the era of abandoned and substandard roads.

The Minister of Works, David Umahi, made this commitment during a road inspection tour of Federal Government road projects in the Federal Capital Territory, FCT, and Nasarawa State, North Central Nigeria.

To ensure timely completion, the Minister emphasised the importance of contractors adhering strictly to approved specifications, contractual obligations, and the ministry's directives while maintaining open communication with the ministry on

operational challenges.

He acknowledged that several projects across the country had suffered setbacks due to unfinished stretches and therefore directed the contractor to prioritise the completion of all outstanding sections of the road before commencing additional asphalt works.

Mr. Umahi expressed satisfaction with the quality and pace of work on the Reconstruction and Expansion of the 43.65-kilometre Mararaba–Keffi Road (Keffi bound) being handled by the China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) Ltd.

The Minister also commended another contractor, Messrs JRB Construction Company, for the standard of work being delivered in the Full Emergency Rehabilitation of the Mararaba–Keffi (Abuja-bound) Road.

He expressed confidence that the project would be completed before

the scheduled 1st March 2028 deadline, with ancillary components, including the installation of solar-powered street lighting.

“This is highly commendable. The quality of work is evident, and I encourage you to sustain this standard through to completion.

“If you encounter any difficulty, inform us immediately. The Federal Government remains committed to meeting its obligations, including timely payments. However, quality must never be compromised,” He stated.

The Minister who also inspected the Abuja–Kaduna–Zaria–Kano Road, Section II, being handled by Messrs Infioquest International Ltd, stated that completion of outstanding works is scheduled for 12th November, 2026.

Some members of the National Assembly who were present at the inspection include the chairman of

the Senate Committee on Works, Sen. Allwell Onyesoh and the Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Works, Hon. Akin Alabi, alongside the Member representing the Akwanga/Wamba/Nasarawa Eggon Federal Constituency, Hon. Jeremiah Sa’idu.

The lawmakers commended the President for his commitment to infrastructure development and described the ongoing road projects as strategic investments capable of stimulating economic growth, improving connectivity, facilitating trade and commerce, and enhancing national integration.

The Federal Controller of Works, FCT, Mr Mohammed Usman commended the Minister for his hands-on leadership and consistent supervision, as well as the contractors for maintaining quality standards and ensuring steady progress on the projects.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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between Hagenow Land and Berlin-Spandau.

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

However, temporary

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

The renewal project,

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

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

Some station upgrades will continue beyond the reopening date due to

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

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

## Kenya Airways Eyes Bid To Operate Another Airline

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

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

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

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

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

and financial stability.

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

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

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## General News

# Nigeria, Development Partners Push Urban Water Reforms

*Culled:*

The Federal Government and Development partners have called for stronger collaboration and increased investment to address persistent challenges in Nigeria's urban water supply sector and expand access to safe and reliable services.

The call was made on Monday in Abuja at a workshop on Urban Water Supply Sector Report in Nigeria: Progress, Challenges and the Way Forward, organised by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation with development partners.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the workshop seeks to clarify challenges in implementing urban water reforms, identify replicable success factors, and draw lessons from local and international experiences.

Speaking on behalf of the Development Partner Group for the Water and Sanitation Sector, the Ambassador of France to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Marc Fonbaustier, commended Nigeria's reform efforts, infrastructure investments and strengthened cooperation among stakeholders.

He said representatives from 25



Participants at the Urban Water Supply Sector Reform

states attended the workshop, describing it as evidence of strong national commitment to improving water services.

Fonbaustier said Nigeria had recorded progress through governance reforms, institutional strengthening and infrastructure investments, but noted that major gaps remained.

He said many urban households still depended on boreholes, water vendors

and tanker services, which were often costly, unreliable and unsafe.

"Accelerating access to sustainable, affordable and reliable water services remains a top priority," he said.

He added that the workshop, supported by the French Development Agency, was designed to share experiences, identify practical solutions and strengthen sector collaboration.

Fonbaustier disclosed that the agency had committed over 300 million euros to water investments across seven Nigerian states in the past decade.

He said water investments go beyond infrastructure, improving health outcomes, reducing burdens on women and children, and supporting economic activity.

He also noted that water security challenges were now global, driven by climate change and rising demand.

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# US Plans Deportation Of 110 Nigerians

*Culled:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Nigeria's Trade Surplus Jumps 341% To N7.555tn In 2026 Q1



National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

*Culled:*

Nigeria recorded a sharp improvement in its merchandise trade balance in the first quarter of 2026 as exports rose and imports declined significantly, pushing the country's trade surplus to

N7.55tn.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics' Foreign Trade in Goods Statistics report released on Monday, total trade stood at N34.79tn in the review period, with exports accounting for

amounting to N13.62tn.

The report showed that the trade balance remained positive at N7.55tn, representing a 340.88 per cent increase compared to the preceding quarter.

"The merchandise trade balance for Q1 2026 remained positive at N7.55tn, indicating an increase of 340.88 per cent compared to the value recorded in the preceding quarter," the NBS stated, attributing the development largely to lower petroleum product imports and higher crude oil exports.

The statistics office disclosed that total exports rose by 2.77 per cent year-on-year from N20.60tn recorded in the corresponding period of 2025 and increased by 11.63 per cent from N18.96tn in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Exports accounted for 60.85 per cent of total trade during the quarter.

Crude oil remained Nigeria's dominant export commodity, generating N11.20tn and accounting for 52.92 per cent of total exports.

Non-crude oil exports stood at N9.97tn, while non-oil exports contributed N3.19tn, representing 15.05 per cent of total exports.

The report noted that crude oil exports, despite declining by 13.53 per cent from N12.96tn recorded a year earlier, increased by 15.45 per cent compared to the previous quarter.

Other petroleum product exports surged by 51.49 per cent year-on-year to N6.78tn.

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## UNITED NATIONS

United Nations (UN)

# UN Raise The Alarm Over Killings, Abductions In Nigeria

**Culled:**  
 The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has raised concerns over what it described as credible reports of killings, abductions, sexual violence and forced conversions targeting Christian and other religious minority communities in Nigeria, particularly in the northern and Middle Belt regions.

The concerns were contained in a press release issued on Monday by the UN human rights office, which warned that worsening insecurity in parts of the country has created an environment where armed groups

operate with severe consequences for civilians.

The office said, "These reports are deeply troubling," adding that the deteriorating security situation in northern Nigeria and the Middle Belt has enabled armed extremist groups and other actors to operate amid persistent allegations of impunity and inadequate protection by authorities.

It further stated that "the testimonies we have received paint a horrifying picture of fear, trauma, coercion and abandonment," stressing that victims and survivors must be protected and supported, including through justice

and reparations.

According to the OHCHR, violence targeting religious minorities continues in several parts of the country, including killings, attacks on places of worship, mass displacement and mob violence linked to blasphemy allegations.

The office expressed particular concern over the risks faced by women and girls, noting that they are exposed to abductions, sexual violence, forced marriage and forced conversion.

"We are particularly alarmed at the very specific and heightened risks of discrimination, violence and

exploitation that Christian women and girls are exposed to," it said, adding that "in many cases, those who resist are reportedly threatened, punished, disappeared or killed."

The UN rights office referenced a communication to the Nigerian government detailing reported incidents, including abductions and sexual assault of women, the disappearance of girls abducted from a church in Borno State, forced conversion and child marriage in Bauchi State, and an attack on a 16-year-old girl whose hand was allegedly cut off after her family rejected a forced marriage proposal.

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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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