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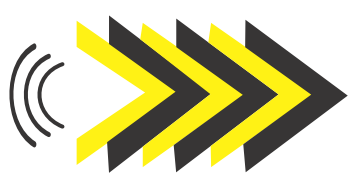
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Lagos Denies Granting NURTW Environmental Enforcement Powers

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The Lagos State Government has dismissed reports suggesting that members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) have been authorised to carry out environmental enforcement duties or arrest residents for violating sanitation laws.

The government described the reports as false and misleading, stating that transport union members have not been granted powers to act as officers of the Lagos State Environmental Sanitation Corps (LAGESC), popularly known as the Kick Against Indiscipline (KAI).

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab, clarified that LAGESC remains the only legally recognised agency responsible for enforcing environmental sanitation laws in the state.

Wahab stressed that no individual,

group or organisation outside the authorised government agencies has the mandate to arrest environmental offenders or enforce sanitation regulations.

He explained that recent engagements between the government and transport unions were aimed at improving cleanliness and waste management practices in motor parks, garages and other transport hubs across Lagos.

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The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has inaugurated the board of the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Management Authority (ALCOMA) as efforts intensify towards the development of the \$15 billion regional highway project.

The inaugural Board of Directors meeting, held from June 11 to 12, 2026, in Nigeria, established the governance structure, operational guidelines and procedures required to move the six-lane highway project from the planning stage to implementation.

The Abidjan-Lagos Corridor project, backed by a treaty signed by the heads of state of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo, is expected to improve regional connectivity, trade and economic integration, with sections of the highway projected to become operational from 2030.

During the meeting, members appointed Benin's Wilfrid Lauriano Do Rego as the first chairman of ALCOMA for a two-year

tenure, while Ayadji Omolade Hodonou Sourou Jacques was named deputy chairman in line with the rotational arrangement of the Inter-Governmental Agreement.

The board also created interim committees on human resources, legal and corporate affairs, and finance to oversee recruitment processes, administrative matters, budgeting and investment mobilisation.

The African Development Bank (AfDB) was approved as a non-voting member of ALCOMA and designated as the Mandatory Lead Arranger for the project's financing structure.

The estimated \$15 billion highway initiative will receive support through a proposed \$500 million catalytic capital allocation from the African Development Fund's Regional Operations Envelope, alongside financial contributions from participating countries, including Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria.

Meanwhile, ECOWAS has launched a regional trade workshop in Lomé, Togo,

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FERMA Clears Overgrown Vegetation Along Kwara Road To Improve Security, Safety

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The Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) has commenced the clearing of overgrown vegetation along the Geri Alimi–Offa Garage carriageway in Ilorin, Kwara State, as part of efforts to enhance road safety and curb criminal activities.

The exercise, carried out under the agency's "Operation Safeguard the Roads" initiative, is aimed at removing potential hiding spots for criminals while improving the overall condition of the road for motorists and residents.

Speaking during an inspection of the ongoing maintenance work on Tuesday, the Kwara State Coordinator of FERMA, Engineer Onimago Olusola, said the intervention was part of the agency's annual road maintenance programme.

He explained that youths engaged for the exercise had received training in basic road maintenance activities, including vegetation control, drainage desilting and minor repairs.

Olusola stressed the importance of



FERMA clears overgrown vegetation along Kwara road

maintaining drainage channels, especially during the rainy season, noting that poor drainage remains one of the major causes of road deterioration.

The FERMA official added that the agency was also carrying out patching works on the three-kilometre Geri Alimi–Offa Garage road, which had suffered damages from potholes and failed sections.

According to him, the repairs were being executed through direct labour to restore the road to a safer and more motorable state.

He urged corporate organisations and residents to support road maintenance efforts by keeping their surroundings clean and contributing to the upkeep of public infrastructure.

Olusola further disclosed that plans were underway to install solar-powered streetlights along the corridor to improve night-time visibility and security.

He also revealed that rehabilitation work had commenced on the Tsaragi–Lafiagi road, particularly on sections that had remained in poor condition for several years.

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MMA2 Concession Resolution To Boost Aviation Investment, Says FAAN

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The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has said the resolution of the long-standing concession dispute involving the Murtala Muhammed Airport Terminal Two (MMA2) will improve investor confidence and attract more private sector participation in Nigeria's aviation industry.

FAAN Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Olubunmi Kuku, stated this during the African Air Transport Convention and Expo 2026 held in Lomé, Togo, where she spoke on aviation financing and infrastructure development. Kuku, who participated as a panellist at the event, said successful Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects depended not only on access to funding but also on strong institutions, regulatory certainty and proper project management.

She noted that several PPP initiatives in Nigeria had encountered challenges due to policy inconsistencies, market uncertainties and concerns over project sustainability.

According to her, the MMA2 concession, managed by Bi-Courtney Aviation Services Limited (BASL), remained one of the most prominent concession arrangements in the country's aviation sector, although it had been surrounded by years of disagreements.

She explained that resolving the contractual issues would send a positive message to local and international investors seeking opportunities in Nigeria's infrastructure sector through PPP models.



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Mrs Kuku

Access Bank Unveils Scheme For Vehicle Purchase With 10% Deposit

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Access Bank has launched a vehicle financing initiative that will allow Nigerians to buy vehicles with as little as a 10 per cent deposit, while the bank finances up to 90 per cent of the vehicle's value.

The initiative is part of its vehicle asset financing programme aimed at expanding vehicle ownership and mobility services across Nigeria.

Speaking at the launch of AutoFest in Lagos yesterday, Executive Director, Corporate and Investment Banking Division, Access Bank, Iyabo Soji-Okusanya, said the programme was created to tackle the financing challenges that have limited vehicle ownership in the country.

She explained that customers can apply digitally for vehicle loans and receive approval within 72 hours. According to her, applicants are only required to provide a minimum equity contribution of 10 per cent before accessing financing for the balance.

Soji-Okusanya said the platform brings together vehicle manufacturers, dealers and financing providers, making it easier for customers to purchase both new and certified pre-owned vehicles through a single process.

She added that the initiative would also support businesses by providing access to vehicles needed for operations, while helping dealers improve inventory turnover and unlock capital tied up in unsold stock.

Providing further details, Group Head, Access Bank Mobility, Ishmael Nwokocha said the bank spent six months engaging dealers and other players in the automotive industry before launching the programme.

He noted that Nigeria records about 100,000 vehicle sales annually, with only 10 per cent being brand-new vehicles, while the remaining 90 per cent are pre-owned. According to him, rising vehicle prices have made ownership difficult for many Nigerians.

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NSIB, LASWA Partner To Strengthen Safety On Lagos Waterways

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The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) and the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) have commenced plans to formalise a partnership aimed at improving safety standards and preventing accidents on Lagos inland waterways.

The move followed a working visit by the Director-General of NSIB, Capt. Alex Badeh Jr., to the General Manager of LASWA and Lagos State Special Adviser on Transportation and Blue Economy, Mr. Oluwadamilola Emmanuel.

During the meeting, both agencies agreed to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will provide a framework for collaboration in areas including accident investigation, safety awareness, data sharing, capacity building and the development of improved safety practices across the waterways sector.

Badeh commended the Lagos State Government for its investments in water transportation infrastructure, noting that the growth of the state's



NSIB partners LASWA on safety on Lagos waterways

waterways system required stronger cooperation among safety stakeholders. He explained that the NSIB, whose mandate covers investigations across multiple transport sectors, remains focused on identifying the causes of accidents and providing recommendations to prevent future occurrences.

"Our role remains investigative and preventive. We are a non-punitive

agency focused on identifying root causes and recommending measures that will help prevent future occurrences," Badeh said.

He added that the proposed partnership would support operator training, technical knowledge exchange, vessel safety assessments, community awareness programmes and the implementation of evidence-based safety measures.

The NSIB boss also highlighted the bureau's specialised laboratories, which provide scientific and technical support for transportation accident investigations.

Speaking during the meeting, LASWA General Manager, Oluwadamilola Emmanuel, stressed the importance of inter-agency collaboration in achieving Lagos State's goal of developing a safe and sustainable water transport system.

He pointed to the ongoing Omi-Eko Water Transport Project, a major initiative supported by the French Development Agency and the European Commission, which seeks to improve urban water mobility through modern ferries, electric vessels, jetties, passenger terminals and maintenance facilities.

Emmanuel said safety remained a critical component of the project's success, adding that collaboration with NSIB would help strengthen operational standards across Lagos waterways.

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Residents Lauds Bridge Construction On Marabar Yakawada-Kaya Road

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The reconstruction of the Store Bridge along the Marabar Yakawada–Kaya Road in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State has revived economic activities and restored access to several communities that were cut off for more than two decades.

Residents told newsmen during a media tour, that the bridge has improved the movement of people, farm produce, and goods, ending years of hardship caused by the collapse of the structure, particularly during the rainy season.

The bridge, which serves as a strategic link between communities in Giwa Local Government Area and neighbouring parts of Katsina State, had long been abandoned, affecting transportation, healthcare delivery, and commercial activities.

Residents said the reconstruction has boost agricultural activities, improved access to markets and healthcare facilities, and reduced travel time and transportation costs for commuters and traders.

A commercial driver, Malam Shehu Muharazu, said motorists previously relied on longer alternative routes through Katsina State to reach their destinations whenever the bridge became inaccessible. Another farmer, Malam Ibrahim Muhammadu, noted that the project has eased the movement of farmers and agricultural produce, while another resident, Malam Muhammad Aminu, said it has improved access to emergency healthcare services in surrounding communities.

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Governor Sani

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The Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP) has trained its staff and stakeholders in road infrastructure on the importance of road safety awareness and community participation in reducing road traffic crashes across rural communities.

The two-day workshop brought together representatives of government agencies, road safety stakeholders, RAAMP officials from Kano, Kaduna, and Katsina states, as well as development partners to explore strategies for improving road safety awareness and reducing accidents on rural roads.

At the opening of the workshop, the commissioner for Rural and Social Development, Prof. Abdulhamid Ahmed, described the training as timely and necessary, particularly as the rainy season sets in and road safety concerns increase across the state.

He commended the organizers for initiating the programme at a critical period and urged participants to pay

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close attention to the sessions and actively engage in discussions.

The commissioner reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to supporting RAAMP in achieving its objectives, emphasizing the strong collaboration between government agencies and the project implementation team.

According to him, the ministry will continue to provide guidance, mentorship, and technical support to ensure the successful execution of road projects and safety interventions across the state.

Also speaking, the National Coordinator of RAAMP, Engr. Aminu Muhammed Budinga, encouraged participants to promote community ownership of road safety initiatives.

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NUPRC, Defence Meet To Enhance Crude Oil Production Stability



NUPRC

The Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) and the Federal Ministry of Defence have agreed to deepen collaboration on the protection of Nigeria's oil and gas infrastructure through non-kinetic interventions aimed at enhancing production stability and community engagement.

The commitment was made during a recent courtesy visit by a delegation from the Ministry of Defence to the Commission's headquarters in Abuja. Speaking during the meeting, the Commission Chief Executive of NUPRC, Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, highlighted the long-standing partnership between the Commission and security agencies in tackling

crude oil theft and safeguarding critical energy assets.

NUPRC Head Media and Corporate Communications, Mr. Eniola Akinkuotu disclosed this in a press statement yesterday.

The statement quoted Eyesan as saying, "Today, we are benefiting from those efforts. Last month, we recorded production of nearly 1.8 million barrels per day throughout the month," Eyesan stated.

She noted that sustained investment in security, technology deployment and human resources had been instrumental in achieving these gains.

The NUPRC boss stressed the need to further strengthen production assurance as Nigeria seeks to increase output and attract new investments into the upstream sector.

As we look to the future, we desire to grow production and must have assurances that security threats can be effectively managed. We can only achieve this through stronger

collaboration with security agencies and industry stakeholders," she added.

The NUPRC chief also underscored the importance of deploying advanced technologies, including drone surveillance, to monitor the extensive footprint of oil and gas operations across the country.

She disclosed that the Commission would work with industry operators to refine and promote the new security framework, with NUPRC taking a leading role in galvanising stakeholders and establishing a governance structure to ensure long-term sustainability.

Representing the Minister of Defence, General Christopher Gwabin Musa (Rtd), the Senior Special Assistant to the Minister, Major General Ekubi, said the Ministry was introducing a non-kinetic national security intervention model focused on promoting stability in Nigeria's upstream petroleum sector.

He explained that sports-based youth engagement initiatives would form a key component of the strategy, aimed

at addressing the root causes of insecurity in oil-producing communities.

"One of the best ways to engage youths in oil-producing areas is through sports-based interventions," he said, adding that the initiative would include structured programmes for persons with disabilities.

The initiative, the Ministry said, aligns with the host community development objectives of the Petroleum Industry Act and is expected to foster peace, strengthen community relations and create alternative pathways for economic empowerment.

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NPA, Police Deny Authorising Checkpoints On Apapa, Tin Can Port Corridors

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The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) have clarified that no official checkpoints or roadblocks have been approved along the Apapa and Tin Can Island port access corridors.

The clarification followed a stakeholder meeting in Lagos involving the NPA, security agencies, freight forwarders, truck operators and other port users to address congestion, extortion and other challenges affecting cargo movement. Speaking after the meeting, NPA Managing Director, Dr Abubakar Dantsoho, said discussions focused on operational bottlenecks along the port corridors, including illegal activities outside the port environment and overlapping responsibilities among security agencies.

Dantsoho explained that the challenges extend beyond the immediate port terminals to major access routes such as Mile 2 and Berger, where congestion



Dr. Dantsoho

and enforcement- Command and the both police formations related issues have Lagos State Police confirmed that they had continued to affect the Command, which had not authorised movement of goods. sometimes resulted in personnel to establish He noted that one of the conflicts along the checkpoints or roadblocks on the port was the duplication of The NPA boss said the corridors. roles between the meeting recorded “The AIG Maritime Police significant progress after Police has clearly stated

that they do not send anybody to go and form roadblocks or checkpoints on the corridor. Equally, the Lagos Police Command has said the same thing,” Dantsoho said.

He expressed optimism that the agreement would reduce disruptions, improve traffic flow and create a more efficient environment for importers, exporters and other port stakeholders.

Dantsoho also highlighted recent improvements in Nigeria's port operations, noting that reforms implemented by the Federal Government had contributed to improved efficiency within the port system.

Meanwhile, Assistant Inspector-General of Police in charge of Maritime Police, Okunade Ronke, said any officer found collecting money from truckers or operating illegal checkpoints was acting without authority and would face disciplinary action.

She stressed that no police officers had been deployed to establish checkpoints around the Apapa and Tin Can Island port areas, urging stakeholders to report any cases of misconduct.

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FAAN Hikes Airport Cab Fee, Sets October Upgrade Deadline

Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos, and the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, from July 1, 2026, if FAAN failed to reverse the policies.

The operators had opposed the directive requiring them to phase out vehicles manufactured before 2012, describing the policy as burdensome amid current economic challenges.

However, FAAN, in a statement, said airport transportation services must reflect the quality, safety and professionalism expected of major aviation gateways.

According to the authority, the vehicle upgrade policy is aimed at ensuring passengers have access to clean, reliable, comfortable and properly maintained vehicles.

“Passengers who utilise airport taxi services deserve clean, roadworthy, comfortable, and professionally maintained vehicles that reflect the premium environment expected of a modern

international airport,” FAAN said.

The agency also explained that the tariff adjustment was necessary due to rising operational costs, inflation and the need to sustain airport infrastructure and services. FAAN noted that the previous N500 tariff had remained unchanged for more than eight years, despite significant increases in maintenance expenses and other economic pressures.

“The adjustment from N500 to N1,500 should therefore be viewed within the context of prevailing economic realities and the need to sustain critical airport infrastructure and services,” the authority stated. On engagement with operators, FAAN dismissed claims that it had failed to consult stakeholders, saying it maintains regular discussions with licensed airport transport service providers.

The authority explained that its regulatory relationship is directly with registered cab companies

rather than unions or associations representing operators.

Meanwhile, FAAN said cab operators had been given sufficient time to comply with the vehicle upgrade requirement, noting that the policy was first communicated in July 2024.

The original compliance deadline was extended to January 2026 following requests from operators, with another extension granted until June 2026.

FAAN said it is now considering a final extension until October 2026 to allow operators more time to meet the new standards.

The authority, however, stressed that no further extensions would be considered beyond the proposed deadline.

FAAN maintained that the policy was not designed to frustrate operators but to improve service delivery and provide passengers with better airport transportation options.

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FAAN

The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has announced an increase in the operational tariff paid by airport cab operators from N500 to N1,500, while giving transport operators until October 2026 to upgrade their vehicles to meet new standards.

The authority said the measures are part of efforts to improve passenger experience, enhance safety, and ensure airport transport services meet international standards.

The decision follows concerns raised by members of the Nigeria Union of Private Cab Operators (NUPCO), who had threatened to suspend operations at the

Culled
The United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has begun using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to improve runway safety by identifying potential risks and preventing aviation incidents before they occur.

The agency has partnered with technology firm Palantir to deploy an AI platform known as Foundry, which analyses large volumes of aviation data to detect safety patterns, emerging threats and possible operational challenges at airports.

An FAA safety management official said the technology is designed to transform the agency's approach from responding to incidents after they happen to proactively identifying risks before they escalate.

According to the official, the platform integrates previously scattered safety information from multiple

FAA Deploys AI Tool To Predict, Prevent Runway Safety Risks



government sources, including incident reports, aircraft tracking data, weather reports, radar information, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) findings

and other aviation records. “This data has always been there, but it was previously stored in separate systems and analysed by different

divisions,” the official said. The FAA said the AI platform serves as a central system for combining safety datasets, allowing

analysts to identify airports and operations showing unusual trends or increased risk levels. The initiative follows renewed concerns over runway safety after a fatal

collision involving an Air Canada aircraft and an emergency vehicle at New York's LaGuardia Airport earlier this year, which killed two pilots and injured several others. However, officials acknowledged that the AI system would not have prevented the LaGuardia accident because the incident involved a complex combination of factors rather than a recurring safety pattern. The FAA explained that the technology is primarily designed to detect long-term trends and repeated risks, rather than predict isolated events involving multiple unexpected failures.

The agency has already used insights from the AI platform to address safety concerns at San Francisco International Airport, where it identified issues linked to simultaneous parallel landings.
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Iran and Oman will study the plans to charge what it calls costs to be charged for maritime service fees for services provided in crossing the strait, as administering the Strait of opposed to tolls, a plan Hormuz, the two countries said fiercely opposed by the United Tuesday, insisting they held States. sovereignty over the In a joint statement on waterway. Tuesday, Iran and Oman Tehran has repeatedly said it emphasised their “sovereign

Iran, Oman Discuss Strait Of Hormuz Maritime Service Fees

rights over their territorial waters”, but Muscat's foreign minister said on X that both sides were committed to “toll-free safe passage”.

They “agreed to maintain their dialogue on this issue through a joint working group between the two foreign ministries”, the statement said.

The working group was aimed at reaching “agreement on the future administration of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz and the services that will be provided in this regard and the costs associated with them in accordance with international standards”, they said.

The statement followed meetings in Muscat between top officials from the two nations. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and chief negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf met Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq and Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi.

Last week, Iran's foreign ministry said the country would impose what it called maritime service fees for crossing the strait.

Ghalibaf has said the fees will come into

effect after a 60-day period without charges that is stipulated in a memorandum of understanding signed with the United States.

The MOU states that Iran and Oman, which border the strait, will discuss its “future administration and maritime services” alongside other Gulf countries. The strait, through which roughly 20 percent of the world's crude oil and liquified natural gas normally transits, was closed by Iran after it came under fire from the United States and Israel.

But Iran has since lifted its blockade as part of the deal signed with the US last week.

Prior to the memorandum of understanding, Oman had come under fire from US officials over reports it planned to charge joint tolls with Iran.

US President Donald Trump has threatened that if Oman tries to control the waterway alongside Iran he will “blow them up”.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has also said he will sanction Muscat if it helps impose a tolling system.

On Tuesday, Omani Foreign Minister Albusaidi said on X following his meeting with Araghchi and Ghalibaf that “we affirmed commitment to international law and toll-free safe passage”.
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JAMB Scraps Affiliated Degree Programmes In Colleges Of Education

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The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has formally ended admissions into affiliated degree programmes run by Colleges of Education, marking a major shift in Nigeria's teacher education system and effectively making the Nigeria Certificate in Education the sole entry route into the institutions from the 2026/2027 academic session.

The decision is contained in JAMB's newly released NCE/ND Agric Registration Guidelines issued by the Office of the Registrar in June 2026.

Under the new policy, the Board declared that “no admission into any affiliated programme in any College of Education from 2026/7 Session.”

JAMB also ruled out direct admission into 100 and 200 levels in Colleges of Education, insisting that all fresh entrants must now come through the NCE programme.

“With effect from 2026/7 Session, no admission into 100 or 200 Level is allowed into any College of Education. All entrants are through NCE,” the Board stated.

The development signals the end of an era for affiliated degree programmes, which for decades enabled Colleges of Education to award university degrees through



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partnerships with conventional universities.

The reform is expected to affect thousands of candidates who applied for degree programmes through affiliated Colleges of Education for the 2026 admission cycle.

To cushion the impact, JAMB outlined options for candidates who had already selected affiliated Colleges of Education for degree programmes through Direct Entry.

According to the Board, affected candidates may apply for a change of institution at no cost, transfer to the parent university to which the degree programme is affiliated, or allow their second-choice institution to become their first choice for admission processing.

“A candidate may choose to be moved to the parent university to which the Degree programme is affiliated,” the Board said.

JAMB added that candidates wishing to switch institutions had been given up to June 22 to complete the process.

Similarly, candidates seeking 100-level admission into affiliated Colleges of Education through the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination have been presented with three options: change institution, elevate their second-choice institution to first choice, or migrate to the NCE programme.

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Sanwo-Olu Congratulates Oyebanji On Ekiti Election Victory



Oyebanji

Culled:
Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State has congratulated Governor Biodun Oyebanji of Ekiti State on his landslide victory in Saturday's governorship election.

He described the victory as a reward for good governance and effective service delivery.

Mr Sanwo-Olu, who is also the chairman of the South-West Governors Forum, said this in a statement issued on Sunday by his

Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Gboyega Akosile.

The Independent National Electoral Commission declared Mr Oyebanji of the All Progressives Congress (APC) as the winner of the governorship election on Sunday in Ado-Ekiti.

The Lagos governor said Mr Oyebanji's victory across the 16 local government areas of the state, with 83.54 per cent of the total votes, reflected the governor's popularity and the confidence reposed in him by the electorate.

Mr Sanwo-Olu urged the Ekiti governor to remain committed to delivering more dividends of democracy to the people during his second term.

The governor, who served as a member of the APC national

campaign council for the election, also praised President Bola Tinubu for providing purposeful leadership and driving the Renewed Hope Agenda aimed at transforming Nigeria's socio-economic development.

He also commended leaders and members of the APC at the national, state, local government, and ward levels for working in unity to secure the party's victory in the election.

“I congratulate my dear brother, Gov. Biodun Oyebanji of Ekiti, for emerging victorious in yesterday's governorship election.

“I also congratulate his running mate, Mrs Monisade Afuye, on her re-election.

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SGF Urges Greater Investment In Cyber Security

Culled:
The Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Sen. George Akume, has urged the Galaxy Backbone (GBB) to increase investment in cyber security and broadband infrastructure.

Akume, represented by Dr Ibrahim Kana, Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, made the remarks at a gala and award ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of Galaxy Backbone on Friday in Abuja.

He described the organisation as a critical national asset that had strengthened governance, enhanced public service delivery and supported economic growth over the past two decades.

He said that GBB had evolved from a bold government initiative into Nigeria's foremost provider of secure government connectivity and digital infrastructure.

According to him, the organisation was established to provide a unified, secure ICT infrastructure for government institutions and facilitate efficient service delivery through technology.

“Today, Galaxy Backbone stands proudly as one of the nation's foremost digital institutions and the trusted provider of secure government connectivity.

“The story of Galaxy Backbone is, in many respects, a reflection of Nigeria's digital transformation journey.

“From its modest beginnings to its current position it has consistently demonstrated excellence, innovation and strategic foresight,” he said.

The SGF said GBB played an indispensable role in connecting government institutions across the country, strengthening cybersecurity frameworks, facilitating digital governance and enabling seamless collaboration among Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

He said the organisation's extensive fibre-optic network, certified data centres, cloud services and secure digital platforms were the backbone of modern governance in Nigeria.

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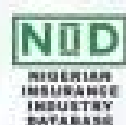
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Senator Remi Tinubu

First Lady Hails Fathers As Pillars Of Strong Families, Nation Building

Culled:
First Lady Senator Oluremi Tinubu has paid glowing tribute to fathers across Nigeria and the world, describing them as indispensable pillars of strong families and critical partners in building a responsible and prosperous society.

In her 2026 Father's Day message issued on Sunday, the First Lady celebrated the love, resilience and sacrifices of fathers, acknowledging their enduring role in nurturing the character, confidence and future of their children.

She said fathers remain central to the stability of families through their

guidance, protection and unwavering commitment, noting that their contributions help lay the foundation for stronger communities and national development.

Oluremi Tinubu also extended her appreciation to father figures, mentors and role models who continue to make positive impacts in the lives of young people by providing leadership, support and inspiration.

"On this Father's Day 2026, we celebrate the love, strength, and sacrifice of fathers across Nigeria and around the world.

"Fathers play a vital role in shaping the character, confidence, and future

of their children. Through their guidance, protection, and dedication, fathers help build strong families and stronger communities.

"Today, we honour all fathers, father-figures, role models, and mentors who show up each day, working to provide for their families.

"May you continue to be a source of wisdom, strength, and inspiration to your families," she said.

The First Lady wished fathers a happy celebration and prayed for renewed strength and grace as they continue to discharge their responsibilities to their families and society.

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Kano, Kaduna, Kebbi Farmers Get 100,800 Bags Of Fertiliser

Amidst efforts to boost food production in the country, the National Agricultural Development Fund (NADF) under the Renewed Hope Farm Input Support Programme (FISP). has commenced the distribution of 100,800 bags of fertiliser to 25,200 smallholder farmers across Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi and Jigawa states.

The Executive Secretary of NADF Mohammed Ibrahim during the flag off in Kastina Safe at the weekend said

the initiative was designed to reduce production costs to improve access to quality farm inputs and boost food production in line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

According to him, each beneficiary farmer will receive four bags of fully subsidised fertiliser, while each participating state will receive 20,160 bags for distribution to 5,040 farmers identified by the state chapter of the All

Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN).

The ED stated that the fertilisers are locally produced, traceable and marked "Not for Sale" to prevent diversion, adding that NADF has also concluded plans to deploy over 1,800 extension advisory workers nationwide to support farmers with technical guidance and best practices.

The NADF boss highlighted the agency's ongoing interventions in the

region, including support for over 5,000 ginger farmers affected by blight in Kaduna State and assistance to flood-affected onion farmers in Kebbi and Sokoto states.

Katsina State Governor, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, commended President Tinubu for prioritising agriculture and described the fertiliser support programme as a strategic intervention aimed at increasing productivity and strengthening food security.

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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.
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- 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.

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Driving Schools and Safety Alliance Africa - DSSAA is Africa's premier Professional Association of Driving School Owners, Instructors,Driver Assessors and Road Safety professionals.

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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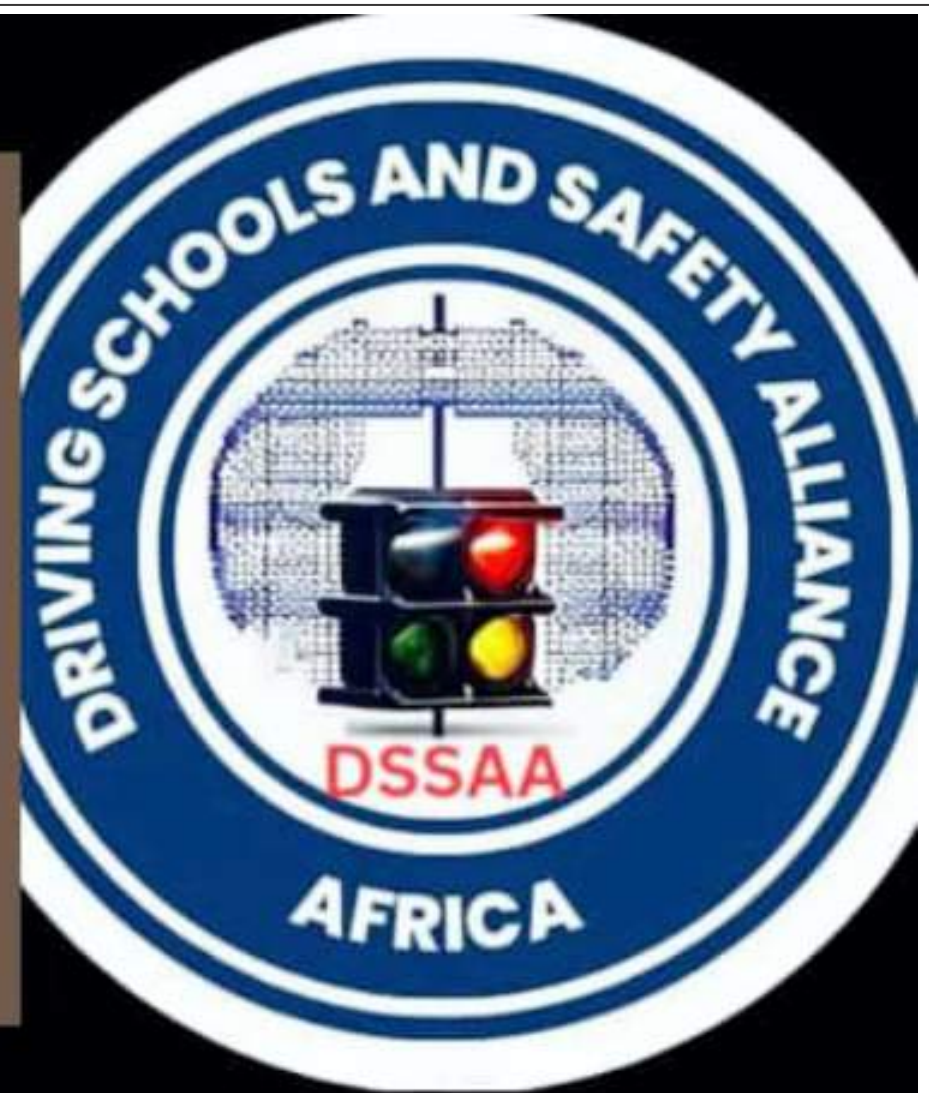


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