

LASTMA Rescues Over 200 Crash Victims, Clears 500 Road Incidents In Three Months

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NCAA, Nigerian Army Partner To Strengthen Aviation Security With Canine Operations

The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) and the Nigerian Army have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) other critical aviation aimed at strengthening infrastructure across canine security the country. The agreement was signed during a security at airports and ceremony held at the

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Senate Passes Bill Proposing N100,000 Fine For Major Traffic Offences

The Senate has passed a bill proposing tougher penalties for a range of traffic offences aimed at improving road safety and ensuring greater compliance with traffic regulations across the country. Under the proposed amendment, motorists who fail to obey traffic markings or other traffic control devices will be liable to a fine of

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Delta To Expand Water Transport After Launch Of CNG Bus Scheme

Ododo Pledges Post- Rainy Season Construction Of Odenyi-Oguna Road

FRSC Launches Road Safety Compliance Enforcement In Rivers



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FAAN To Roll Out Facial Recognition System For Domestic Air Travelers

The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has announced plans to introduce a biometric identity verification system, processing. The new platform, developed in partnership with Verxid Technologies Limited, will use facial recognition technology to verify passengers' identities, enabling seamless access through security checkpoints and boarding gates without

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FRSC Urges Motorists To Prioritise Safety As Rainy Season Intensifies

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has urged motorists across the country to strictly adhere to road safety measures during the rainy season to reduce the risk of road crashes.

The Anambra State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Bridget Asekhanuo, gave the advice on Wednesday in Awka, warning that forecasts indicate heavier rainfall in the coming weeks.

She said motorists must ensure their vehicles are roadworthy before embarking on any journey, with particular attention to tyre condition, visibility, and other critical safety components.

According to her, tyres should have adequate tread depth and proper traction to maintain a firm grip on wet road surfaces, describing them as one of the most important safety features of any vehicle.

Asekhanuo noted that driving during

rainfall poses increased dangers due to reduced visibility, slippery roads, and other hazardous conditions that can easily lead to crashes if drivers fail to take necessary precautions.

She advised motorists to clean their windscreens and windows thoroughly and inspect essential safety equipment, including headlights, brake lights, tail lights, turn signals, windscreen wipers, and wiper blades, to ensure they are functioning properly.

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The rainy season

Kaduna Gov Commissions Five Township Roads In Jaba LGA

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Kaduna State Governor, Uba Sani, has commissioned five township roads in Kwoi, the headquarters of Jaba Local Government Area, alongside the strategic Kwoi–Gora Road, describing the projects as a major step toward addressing years of infrastructure deficit in the area.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony, Governor Sani said the completion of the roads fulfilled a promise he made when he flagged off the projects in September 2025.

According to him, delivering on such commitments strengthens public confidence in government and demonstrates accountability.

The newly commissioned roads include Audu Tilo Road, Sabon Gari Road, Doctor Sani Road, Hospital Road and Kpop Ham Palace Road, in addition to the Kwoi–Gora Road.

The governor noted that Jaba Local Government had gone for more than two decades without the completion of

a single kilometre of road, describing the situation as a reflection of past infrastructural neglect.

He said the area was among 12 local government councils that received little attention in road development, adding that his administration is committed to ensuring equitable distribution of infrastructure projects across Kaduna State.

Governor Sani disclosed that his administration has initiated 150 road projects covering more than 1,355 kilometres across the state's 23 local government areas, with most of the projects already completed.

He explained that the projects are aimed at improving connectivity, expanding economic opportunities and ensuring that all communities benefit from democratic governance.

According to the governor, the newly completed roads will improve access to schools and healthcare facilities, ease the movement of farmers and traders.

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Lagos Begins Consultancy For Omi Eko Water Transport Project

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The Lagos State Government has commenced the Project Management, Operations and Design (PMOD) consultancy phase for the Omi Eko Project, marking another step towards modernising water transportation across the state.

The consultancy was formally launched during a kick-off meeting in Lagos attended by government officials, development partners and members of the consulting team responsible for implementing the project.

Commisioner for Transportation, Oluwaseun Osiyemi, said the consultancy would provide the technical leadership, operational guidance and project management expertise required for the successful delivery of the initiative.

He described the Omi Eko Project as one of the largest investments in inland water transportation in Africa, noting that it is designed to improve connectivity, reduce travel time, enhance passenger safety and



The Omi Eko water transport project consultancy agreement

stimulate economic activities across Lagos.

According to the commissioner, the project also aligns with the state's environmental sustainability objectives through the introduction of cleaner transport solutions, including electric ferry services.

Osiyemi explained that the responsibilities of the PMOD consultants go beyond project management and design, adding that the team would coordinate stakeholders, support implementation and ensure the project is delivered in line with international standards.

He also acknowledged the support of the French Development Agency (AFD), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Union (EU),

describing their partnership as vital to Lagos State's vision of building a sustainable urban mobility system.

Speaking on behalf of the consulting team, Head of Delegation and Director of the International Unit at Planet SA, Dimitris Galanis, reaffirmed the firm's commitment to delivering the assignment in line with global best practices.

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Veteran Actor Yinka Quadri Inducted As LASTMA Special Marshal

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Veteran Nollywood actor Olayinka Quadri has been inducted as a Special Marshal of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) as part of efforts to strengthen traffic law compliance and promote road safety awareness across Lagos State.

The induction ceremony took place at the agency's headquarters in Oshodi, where the General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Okun, formally decorated the actor and presented him with the official Special Marshal kit.

According to the agency, the Special Marshal initiative is designed to engage influential members of society, including public figures and community leaders, in supporting its campaign for safer roads and improved traffic discipline.

As a Special Marshal, Quadri is expected to leverage his public profile and decades-long career in the Nigerian film industry to encourage motorists and residents to obey traffic regulations and

embrace responsible road use.

LASTMA said the initiative forms part of its broader strategy to deepen public participation in traffic management through partnerships with respected individuals who can serve as ambassadors for civic responsibility.

The agency noted that programmes such as the Special Marshal and Special Traffic Mayor schemes are aimed at complementing enforcement efforts by promoting voluntary compliance with traffic laws.



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Osun Pays Second Tranche Of Com'sation For Iwo Road Dualisation Project

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The Osun State Government has commenced the second phase of compensation payments to property owners affected by the ongoing Iwo Township Road dualisation project, reaffirming its commitment to completing all outstanding payments despite financial challenges.

The compensation was presented on Wednesday by a state delegation led by the Director of Acquisition and Compensation in the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, Mr. Tope Falope, during a meeting with beneficiaries held at the palace of the Oluwo of Iwo, Oba Abdulrosheed Akanbi.

Representing the Commissioner for Lands and Physical Planning, Falope said the government remained determined to compensate all affected property owners, noting that the latest payments were made despite the state's tight financial situation.

He assured beneficiaries that the remaining compensation would be

settled as quickly as possible, adding that the administration was committed to the successful completion of the project.

Falope also commended the Oluwo of Iwo for his unwavering support for the road dualisation initiative, describing the monarch as a strong advocate of community development whose cooperation has contributed significantly to the project's progress.

The State Commissioner for Information and Public Enlightenment, Kolapo Alimi, disclosed that the second tranche of compensation covered claimants affected by the Odo Ori Junction–Post Office Junction–Oluwo Palace Road section of the project.

According to him, 67 beneficiaries received compensation in the latest phase, including Ansar-Ud-Deen Central Mosque, the Methodist Church and Right Time Kitchen.

He recalled that the government had earlier paid compensation to 127 claimants during the first phase of the exercise conducted a few months ago.

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NIWA To Upgrade Jetties, Phase Out Unsafe Boats Nationwide

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The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has announced plans to establish additional jetties across the country, rehabilitate existing infrastructure, and phase out unsafe boats as part of efforts to improve safety and efficiency on Nigeria's inland waterways.

Chairman of the NIWA Governing Board, Barrister Mukhtar Shehu Shagari, disclosed this during a media briefing in Lagos following a facility tour of the Authority's projects and operations within the Lagos Area Office.

According to Shagari, the visit enabled the Board to assess ongoing operations, identify infrastructure gaps, and develop strategies to strengthen inland water transportation nationwide.

He said the Board had made budgetary provisions to rehabilitate dilapidated offices and jetties while constructing additional jetties, particularly in Lagos, to meet the growing demand for water transport.

"We have made provisions in our budget to address infrastructure challenges



NIWA

across our offices and jetties nationwide. We want all NIWA facilities to be functional, presentable and capable of supporting efficient service delivery," Shagari said.

The Board Chairman expressed concern over the continued use of ageing and unsafe boats by some operators, describing many of the vessels currently in operation as outdated and unsuitable for modern water transportation.

He added that NIWA is collaborating with security agencies, including the Nigeria Police Force, to strengthen enforcement of water transport regulations, tackle the proliferation of illegal jetties, and improve compliance with safety standards.

Also speaking, the Managing Director of NIWA, Engr. Yusuf Gerie, said the Board's visit was aimed at gaining firsthand knowledge of activities within

the Lagos Area Office and identifying practical measures to improve operations across the country's inland waterways.

Gerie commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, for constituting what he described as a team of experienced professionals and technocrats to reposition the Authority and drive the Renewed Hope Agenda in the marine and blue economy sector.

In her welcome address, the Lagos Area Manager, Engr. Sarat Braimah, described Lagos as a strategic hub for inland water transportation in Nigeria and reaffirmed the office's commitment to promoting safety, regulatory compliance, operational efficiency, and infrastructure development on the nation's busiest waterways.

She expressed confidence that the Board's visit would further strengthen efforts to improve service delivery and enhance the Authority's overall performance.

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Local Transport News

High Ferry Fares Push Lagos Commuters Back To Road Transport

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Many commuters in Lagos are abandoning inland water transportation for road travel as rising ferry fares make long-distance journeys increasingly unaffordable. Passengers who spoke on Tuesday at the Marina Jetty in CMS said the high cost of water transportation has discouraged many residents from using ferries, especially on longer routes such as CMS to Badagry and Ikorodu. According to the commuters, while the Apapa-CMS route remains popular because it helps passengers avoid the persistent traffic on Marine Bridge, fares on the route have risen from N500 to N700 and now N1,000. They noted that longer waterway trips have become significantly more expensive, with a one-way trip from CMS to Badagry costing about N10,000, while passengers travelling to Port Novo pay as much as N12,000. The commuters argued that such fares are considerably higher than road

transport costs, making road travel a more attractive option despite traffic congestion. Reacting to the concerns, Chairman of the Lagos chapter of the Association of Tourist Boat Operators and Water Transporters of Nigeria (ATBOWATON), Comrade Saheed Lawal, blamed the high fares on the soaring cost of petrol and the rising prices of spare parts. Lawal explained that operators also face challenges accessing fuel, noting that there is only one official fueling point for

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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command has commenced a statewide traffic enforcement exercise aimed at curbing road traffic violations, reducing crashes, and improving safety on roads across the state. The Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Timfon John, disclosed this in a statement issued on Wednesday in Uyo, saying the operation forms part of ongoing efforts to restore order on the state's roads and protect the lives of motorists, passengers, and other road users. According to the statement, the Commissioner of Police, CP Baba Mohammed Azare, will personally supervise the enforcement exercise to ensure strict compliance with traffic laws and regulations. The police said the operation will focus on major traffic offences, including one-way driving, excessive speeding, the use of covered or concealed vehicle registration number plates, unlawful operation of motorcycles on restricted routes, as well as other

Police Launch Traffic Enforcement Operation In A'Ibom

traffic-related violations that endanger public safety. John explained that the exercise is a proactive public safety initiative designed to prevent avoidable road accidents, improve traffic discipline, and ensure safer roads across the state. She stressed that the operation is not intended to harass law-abiding citizens but to encourage responsible road use and compliance with existing traffic regulations. She warned that anyone found violating any of the identified traffic laws would be arrested and prosecuted in accordance with the law, adding that the Command would not tolerate actions capable of putting the lives of road users at risk.

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FG Reaffirms Commitment To Transform Nigeria's Aviation Sector



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The Federal Government has reaffirmed its commitment to transforming Nigeria's aviation sector through improved safety, infrastructure development, enhanced passenger experience, job creation, and stronger stakeholder engagement. The commitment was reiterated during the Second Quarter 2026 Hybrid Stakeholders/Citizen Engagement on Presidential Priorities and Ministerial Deliverables in the Aviation Sector, held at the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) Conference Room in Abuja. Speaking on behalf of the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo,

the Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Dr. Mahmud Kambari, said the engagement reflects the ministry's dedication to transparency, accountability, collaboration, and innovation in implementing President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda. Kambari described the quarterly engagement as a strategic platform that brings together government agencies, industry operators, development partners, and citizens to review progress, exchange ideas, and shape the future of Nigeria's aviation and aerospace industry. He noted that the ministry has made significant progress in implementing its presidential priorities and ministerial deliverables, particularly in enhancing aviation safety and security, expanding critical infrastructure, modernising airports and air navigation systems, promoting local content, creating employment opportunities, and improving passengers' travel experience. According to him, the aviation sector

remains a critical driver of national development by facilitating trade, tourism, investment, regional integration, and global connectivity. He stressed that sustained collaboration among government, private sector operators, development partners, and the public is essential to building a resilient, efficient, and globally competitive aviation industry. Kambari said the engagement also provided an opportunity to evaluate achievements, identify emerging challenges, draw lessons from implementation, and obtain stakeholder feedback to strengthen policy execution and service delivery across the sector. He encouraged participants to offer practical recommendations and innovative ideas that would support evidence-based decision-making and accelerate the ministry's strategic objectives. The permanent secretary reaffirmed the Federal Government's resolve to develop an aviation sector that meets and exceeds global standards, while stimulating economic growth, attracting

investment, creating sustainable jobs, and delivering world-class services to domestic and international travellers. He also appreciated stakeholders for their continued support, expressing confidence that the outcomes of the engagement would translate into practical actions that would deepen collaboration and further advance Nigeria's aviation industry. Earlier, in a welcome address delivered on his behalf by Mr. Peter Vembe, Kambari described the engagement as a strategic platform for dialogue, collaboration, and shared responsibility in advancing the Federal Government's Renewed Hope Agenda for the aviation sector. He emphasised that sustainable growth in the industry can only be achieved through strong partnerships among government, industry stakeholders, and citizens, urging participants attending both physically and virtually to contribute ideas that would support the development of a safer, more efficient, innovative, and globally competitive aviation sector.

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NCAA Bans American Pilot, Grounds Aircraft Over Asaba Landing Incident

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The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has barred the American pilot involved in the June 10 aviation incident at Asaba Airport from operating within Nigeria's airspace, while also suspending the aircraft's First Officer pending the conclusion of ongoing investigations.

The incident involved a Bombardier Challenger 601-3A operated by VMO Aero Limited with U.S. registration number N989BC, which reportedly landed on an uncompleted roadway in Asaba instead of the airport runway.

Director-General of the NCAA, Capt. Chris Najomo, disclosed the development on the sidelines of the Airport Business Summit in Lagos, stating that the regulatory authority had taken enforcement action after assuming responsibility for the regulatory aspect of the investigation from the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB).



Capt Najomo

Najomo said the pilot-in-command had been removed from flight operations in Nigeria and prohibited from flying within the country's airspace. He added that the aircraft remains grounded, with its Permit for Non-Commercial Flight (PNCF)suspended. "The investigation is still ongoing. NSIB has handed the regulatory aspect to the NCAA, and we are conducting our own investigation," he said.

According to the NCAA boss, although the NSIB carried out the initial safety investigation, the matter has now entered the regulatory phase under the authority's jurisdiction.

He also revealed that the Department of State Services (DSS) had joined the investigation, underscoring the seriousness of the incident. "As we speak, the aircraft is grounded, the PNCF is suspended, and the pilots are suspended from flying in Nigeria's airspace until investigations are concluded. As a pilot with 45 years of experience, I will not mistake a road for a runway. We will also examine other possible motives," Najomo said.

He assured stakeholders and the travelling public that the NCAA would conduct a thorough and transparent investigation to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident and impose appropriate sanctions where necessary.

Speaking on the Airport Business Summit, Najomo described the event as an important platform for addressing key issues affecting Nigeria's aviation industry.

He noted that the NCAA would also review concerns raised by operators regarding monopoly and anti-competitive practices in the sector, stressing the authority's commitment to ensuring a level playing field,

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Communities Seek Urgent Repairs On Asaba-Illah-Edo Fed Highway



Asaba-illah-Edo road

Residents of Ugbolu, Illah, Ebu and other communities along the Asaba-Illah-Edo federal highway in Delta State have appealed to the Federal Government to urgently rehabilitate the road following its severe deterioration.

The residents said the road, which links Delta State with Edo and Kogi states and serves as a major gateway to the South-East and South-South regions, has become increasingly difficult to navigate, especially during the ongoing rainy season.

They called on President Bola Tinubu to declare a state of emergency on deteriorating federal roads across the country, noting that

the condition of the highway has continued to affect commuters, businesses and economic activities. Among those worst affected are civil servants, traders and other workers who reside in Ugbolu but commute daily to Asaba for work. They said the road has become a source of hardship due to frequent traffic disruptions and vehicle breakdowns.

The Delta State Government had previously rehabilitated the stretch of the road from Asaba to Ifeamanda Filling Station in Ugbolu during separate intervention works carried out last year and earlier this year. While that section has remained in good condition, residents said the remaining portions of the highway have deteriorated significantly.

Several sections between Ebu community, the entry point into Delta State from Edo State, and Ugbolu have reportedly failed, with one of the worst-hit portions in

Ugbolu becoming almost impassable. Heavy-duty vehicles are said to frequently break down on the damaged section, causing prolonged traffic congestion.

A resident, Mr. Kingston Omena, described the road as an economic lifeline that plays a critical role in regional trade and transportation. According to him, the situation worsens whenever trucks break down, as smaller vehicles struggle to manoeuvre through the deep potholes, bringing traffic to a standstill.

He stressed that every day the road remains neglected increases transportation costs, disrupts businesses and places additional hardship on residents and commuters.

Commercial drivers and other road users also called for immediate palliative repairs, followed by a comprehensive reconstruction of the highway with proper drainage infrastructure to prevent further

deterioration.

Residents noted that persistent rainfall has worsened the condition of the road by washing away sections of the carriageway, creating deep gullies and making several parts unsafe for motorists.

Efforts to obtain comments from the Federal Controller of Works, Prince Oliseh, on plans to address the situation were unsuccessful, as he declined to comment.

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