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FAAN Investigates Viral Passenger-Security Disputes At Osubi Airport

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NIWA, Kogi Government Strengthen Partnership On Inland Waterways Dev'ment

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has sought closer collaboration with the Kogi State Government to unlock the economic potential of the state's inland waterways through improved infrastructure, safer navigation and sustainable water transportation. The call was made by Mukhtari Shagari, the Chairman of the NIWA Board of Directors, Barrister during a courtesy visit by the authority's

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NIWA DG - Yusuf Girei meets Governor Ododo over the inland waterways development

Motorists Residents Urge Ogun Gov'ment To Complete Mowe-Ofada Road Project

Motorists, commuters and residents have appealed to the Ogun State Government to expedite the completion of the second phase of the Mowe-Ofada Road reconstruction, citing growing transportation challenges and safety concerns along the corridor. The appeal was made during separate interviews with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Saturday, where road users acknowledged the completion of the first section of the project but called for immediate work on the

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C’River Exempts Women, Elderly Commercial Drivers From Daily Levies

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The Cross River State Government has exempted women engaged in commercial transportation and male commercial drivers aged 60 years and above from paying vehicle registration fees and daily operational levies.

Chairman of the Cross River Transport Regulatory Agency (CTRA), Chief Oliver Orok, announced the policy on Monday during a meeting with drivers' unions in the Calabar metropolis and the Southern Senatorial District.

According to Orok, the initiative aligns with Governor Bassey Otu's People First agenda and the administration's Season of Sweetness programme aimed at improving the welfare of transport operators.

He explained that women operating commercial vehicles would no longer be required to pay vehicle registration fees or daily operational levies. Similarly, men aged 60 and above who own and personally operate commercial vehicles will also enjoy the exemption.

The CTRA chairman further disclosed that the state government had reduced transport ticket prices and temporarily suspended enforcement of some traffic-related offences to support commercial drivers and encourage business growth.

He added that the government would sustain its free transportation programme during festive periods while continuing to provide fuel support for commercial vehicle owners.

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FRSC Launches Special Patrol To Reduce Highway Crashes In North-West

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The Federal Road Safety Corps has launched a special intervention patrol, codenamed "Daidaita Lodi" (Load Limit), to curb road traffic crashes along the Sokoto-Gusau highway and other major roads across Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara states.

The initiative was inaugurated on Monday in Sokoto by the Zonal Commanding Officer of RS10 Headquarters, Assistant Corps Marshal Shoba Akande, as part of a nationwide road safety intervention approved by the Corps Marshal, Shehu Mohammed. The operation is being implemented simultaneously across the FRSC's 12 zonal commands to address region-specific road safety challenges.

Speaking during the launch, Akande said the patrol would focus on strengthening traffic law enforcement, public awareness campaigns, stakeholder engagement, rescue preparedness and increased operational visibility to reduce crashes

and save lives.

He explained that the "Daidaita Lodi" campaign was specifically designed to tackle traffic offences responsible for avoidable road crashes and fatalities, with particular attention to overloading and other dangerous driving practices.

Representing Sokoto State Governor Ahmed Aliyu at the event, the Commissioner for Transport, Alhaji Bala Kokani, urged motorists and transport operators to obey traffic regulations, stressing that road safety is a shared responsibility requiring the commitment of government, transport stakeholders and road users.

Kokani commended the FRSC leadership for introducing the intervention, expressing confidence that it would improve road safety and reduce crashes across the zone.

Also speaking, the Iyan Sokoto, Alhaji Aminu Dodo, who represented the Sultan of Sokoto, pledged the continued support of the Sultanate Council for the FRSC's road safety campaigns.

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NIMASA, UNILAG Business School Move To Strengthen Maritime Research Partnership

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The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the University of Lagos (UNILAG) Business School are exploring a partnership aimed at advancing research, innovation and capacity development in Nigeria's maritime and logistics sector.

The proposed collaboration was discussed during a study tour by Executive PhD and Master's students of the UNILAG Business School to NIMASA's headquarters. The delegation was led by the Associate Professor of Transport Planning and Logistics and Programme Coordinator of the Doctor of Urban Logistics and Transport Planning, Dr. Olayinka Agunloye.

Speaking during the visit, the Director of NIMASA's Cabotage Services Department, Ms. Gloria Anyasodo, described the engagement as a strategic initiative, stressing that research is essential to sustainable development in the maritime industry. She said the agency remains



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committed to working with academic institutions and other stakeholders to identify industry gaps and develop practical solutions through research.

Anyasodo also disclosed that NIMASA is prioritising capacity building and digital transformation to improve efficiency across the maritime sector. According to her, the agency is deploying the Maritime Enhanced

Monitoring System (MEMS), a digital platform that will integrate existing systems to enable real-time monitoring of vessels, cargoes and maritime activities.

She explained that MEMS is part of NIMASA's preparations for the Federal Government's National Single Window project and is expected to enhance transparency, reduce human interface

and simplify regulatory processes.

"What causes corruption is a lot of physical interface. With digitalisation, people can process applications, make payments and monitor transactions online without unnecessary contact," she said.

Anyasodo identified the high cost of maritime infrastructure as one of the major challenges facing the sector but

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Tinubu’s Approval Of Plateau-Taraba Road Dualisation To Boost Regional Economy

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Plateau State Governor Caleb Mutfwang has commended President Bola Tinubu for approving the dualisation of the Mararaban Jama'a–Pankshin–Langtang–Shendam road linking Plateau State to River Ibi in Taraba State, describing the project as a major step toward unlocking the region's economic potential.

In a statement issued in Jos by the Governor's Director of Press and Public Affairs, Dr. Gyang Bere, Mutfwang said the road project would strengthen regional integration, improve connectivity, and enhance the quality of life for residents of Plateau, Taraba and neighbouring states.

The governor described the approval as a clear demonstration of the Federal Government's commitment to inclusive national development and efforts to bridge critical infrastructure gaps across the country.

According to him, the dual carriageway will facilitate the movement of goods

and services, reduce transportation costs, boost agricultural production, attract investment, promote tourism and deepen socio-economic activities across the North-Central and North-East regions.

“This is not just about constructing a road; it is about restoring hope, creating economic opportunities, generating jobs and opening up rural communities. It is a project that will positively impact generations to come,” the statement quoted the governor as saying.

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Governor Mutfwang

TRACE Urges Motorists To Avoid Flooded Roads, Drive Safely During Rainy Season

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The Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE) has advised motorists to avoid driving through flooded roads and adhere to safe driving practices to reduce road crashes during the rainy season.

The advisory was contained in a statement issued on Friday by the agency's Public Relations Officer, Babatunde Akinbiyi, during the unveiling of TRACE's Rainy Season Safe Motoring Guide themed, "Safe and Responsible Driving...AMUST!"

Akinbiyi noted that the rainy season is often accompanied by reduced visibility, slippery road surfaces, and longer stopping distances, making cautious driving essential.

He urged motorists to ensure they are mentally, physically, and emotionally fit before embarking on any journey. He also advised drivers to inspect their vehicles to confirm that critical components such as brakes, tyres, lights, batteries, and windscreen wipers

are in good working condition.

According to him, motorists should reduce speed on wet roads, switch on their headlights during rainfall, and maintain a safe following distance of between four and six seconds to minimise the risk of crashes.

"Wet roads reduce tyre grip and increase stopping distance. Motorists should adjust their speed to suit prevailing weather conditions," he said.

The TRACE spokesperson also warned against attempting to drive through flooded roads, stressing that floodwaters can be deceptive and may sweep vehicles away.

He further called on road users to obey traffic regulations and comply with directives from TRACE officers, reaffirming the agency's commitment to ensuring safer roads across Ogun State throughout the rainy season.

For emergencies, TRACE advised motorists and other road users to contact the agency through its emergency lines, 112 or 0806 270 3568.

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NCAT Upgrades Facilities, Secures Global Accreditations To Boost Aviation Training

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The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT), Zaria, has upgraded its training facilities and secured key international accreditations as part of efforts to strengthen its position as a globally competitive aviation training institution.

The Rector of NCAT, Dr. Danjuma Adamu Ismaila, disclosed this during a media briefing in Zaria, stating that the college had embarked on extensive rehabilitation of its infrastructure despite funding constraints.

According to him, students' hostels, classrooms and other critical facilities have been renovated and upgraded to meet international standards, while the institution has enhanced its academic programmes to align with global best practices.

"We inherited a system that required significant reforms and upgrades. Since coming on board, we have focused on improving our infrastructure and strengthening our academic programmes to align with international best practices," Ismaila said.



Danjuma Ismaila

He noted that the improvements have enabled the college to retain its Platinum Membership and Centre of Excellence status, while also securing accreditation from the United States-based Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). The rector added that NCAT has regained its affiliation with the International Air Transport Association (IATA), allowing it to offer internationally recognised IATA-certified courses.

The institution has also obtained membership of the National Council for Management Development (NCMD) to run recognised management programmes.

Ismaila further revealed that the college became eligible for intervention funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) after receiving accreditation from the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), describing the

development as a major boost to infrastructure development and manpower training.

He said NCAT is also pursuing certification by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which would enable its graduates to obtain internationally recognised licences.

"When we achieve EASA certification, our graduates, including pilots and air traffic controllers, will receive dual certification, making them employable across the world without undergoing additional licensing requirements in many countries," he said.

The rector also disclosed that the college is close to certifying its Boeing 737 Next Generation (B737-NG) full-flight simulator for commercial operations. He said the simulator, the only one of its kind in Nigeria, is expected to enhance pilot training and generate additional revenue for the institution.

Despite the achievements, Ismaila identified inadequate funding as a major challenge facing the college.

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FRSC Launches Three-Day Operation Sanity To Curb Road Crashes In Ondo

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has launched a three-day special enforcement operation, tagged "Operation Sanity," to reduce road traffic crashes across Ondo State.

Speaking during the flag-off of the exercise in Akure on Monday, the Ondo State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Dr. Samuel Ibitoye, said the operation is specifically targeted at addressing the major causes of road crashes identified through the command's research.

According to him, unlike routine road safety campaigns, the exercise will focus on enforcing compliance with critical traffic regulations that have been linked to frequent road accidents in the state.

He listed the targeted offences to include speeding, dangerous driving, overloading, tyre-related violations, driving under the influence of alcohol, seat belt violations, the use of mobile phones while driving, route violations, and vehicles emitting excessive smoke.

Ibitoye warned that motorists found

violating any of the listed traffic regulations would be arrested, booked, fined, and sanctioned in accordance with existing road safety laws.

He explained that overloading not only endangers the lives of passengers but also damages road infrastructure, urging motorists to comply with traffic regulations for their safety and that of other road users.

The sector commander also said the operation would combine enforcement with public enlightenment.

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The Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON), Osun State chapter, has suspended the activities of all transport unions across the state following a series of violent clashes linked to rival groups operating in public motor parks.

The decision, announced on Monday in Osogbo, is aimed at preventing further escalation of violence and restoring public safety.

Speaking on behalf of the ALGON Chairman, the association's Vice Chairman, Lanre Balogun, said the suspension takes immediate effect across all public motor parks in the state.

According to Balogun, recent factional disputes within the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) have resulted in violent incidents, including the killing of a toddler and the shooting of an elderly man who is currently receiving medical treatment.

He noted that the clashes have sparked reprisal attacks and prompted repeated security operations at motor parks to apprehend suspected criminals.

Balogun expressed concern that motor

Osun ALGON Suspends Transport Union Activities Over Rising Violence

parks were gradually becoming criminal hideouts, discouraging residents from using the state's primary transportation system.

He also disclosed that fresh protests erupted at motor parks and garages across Osun on Monday, creating tension before security personnel intervened.

As part of measures to restore order, ALGON directed that the activities of all transport unions, including motorcycle and tricycle operators, be suspended in all public motor parks across the state.

The association further called on security agencies to immediately take over motor parks and garages in the 30 local government areas and the Ife East Area Office, Modakeke, to safeguard lives and property.

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FG Inaugurates Committee To Drive Sustainable Aviation Fuel Programme



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The Federal Government has inaugurated a seven-member National High-Level Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Steering Committee to coordinate the implementation of Nigeria's Sustainable Aviation Fuel Programme and accelerate the decarbonisation of the country's aviation sector.

The committee comprises the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Director-General of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Director-

General of the National Council on Climate Change, and the Managing Director of NNPC New Energy Limited.

The inauguration took place on Monday during a high-level meeting on Sustainable Aviation Fuel implementation in Abuja, where the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, also unveiled Nigeria's National Sustainable Aviation Fuel Feasibility Study and launched the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Business Implementation Study with support from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

The event, organised by the NCAA in collaboration with ICAO, the European Union (EU) and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), brought together government officials, development partners, industry stakeholders and researchers to advance Nigeria's transition to cleaner aviation fuel.

Represented by the Director of Air Transport Management, Alhaji

Mohammad Tijani, Keyamo said the steering committee would provide strategic direction, coordinate implementation, promote collaboration among stakeholders and oversee the execution of the national SAF implementation programme.

He stressed that the transition to sustainable aviation fuel requires collaboration among government institutions, the private sector, academia, financial institutions and development partners, noting that the aviation sector must contribute to global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while supporting economic growth.

According to the minister, the development of a sustainable aviation fuel industry presents opportunities to attract investment, create jobs, strengthen energy security and unlock value across Nigeria's agricultural, energy and industrial sectors.

He added that Nigeria's abundant feedstock resources, including cassava and agricultural residues, position the country to become a

leading producer and supplier of sustainable aviation fuel in Africa.

Speaking on the feasibility study, Keyamo described it as a technical assessment of Nigeria's opportunities and challenges, noting that it would serve as the foundation for implementing the national programme.

He added that the Business Implementation Study would provide commercial and investment analysis aimed at attracting local and international investors.

The minister reaffirmed the Federal Government's commitment to providing the necessary policy direction, regulatory framework and investment incentives to support the emerging sustainable aviation fuel industry.

He also reiterated Nigeria's commitment to implementing the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and other global climate initiatives while pursuing the country's climate and sustainable development goals.

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Sanwo-Olu Pays N3bn Compensation To 331 Residents Affected By Lagos Road Projects

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Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has presented compensation cheques worth N3 billion to 331 residents whose land and properties were acquired for major road infrastructure projects across the state. Speaking during the presentation ceremony at the Adeyemi Bero Auditorium in Alausa, Ikeja, on Monday, the governor said the compensation underscores his administration's commitment to balancing infrastructure development with fairness and respect for the rights of affected citizens. Sanwo-Olu said the beneficiaries, identified as Project Affected Persons (PAPs), had their claims subjected to a comprehensive verification process, including enumeration, ownership confirmation and professional valuation by certified estate surveyors, to ensure that only legitimate claimants received compensation. He described the exercise as a



Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu

demonstration of compensate affected connectivity, stimulate responsible gover- property owners commerce and unlock nance, stressing that promptly and fairly. economic opportunities whenever government According to the across Lagos State. He reaffirmed his administration's commitment to delivering sustainable infrastructure while protecting the rights and welfare of Lagos residents, stating that the government is not only building roads but also strengthening public trust through responsible governance.

cooperation, noting that their contributions would help shape a more prosperous and sustainable Lagos for future generations. He urged beneficiaries to make prudent use of the compensation by investing in productive ventures, rebuilding their lives and securing the future of their families. The governor also assured residents whose compensation claims are still undergoing verification that no genuine claimant would be left out, while warning that fraudulent claims would not be tolerated. Sanwo-Olu commended officials of the Lagos State Lands Bureau, estate surveyors, valuers, engineers, town planners and community leaders for ensuring that the compensation process was conducted with transparency, professionalism and integrity. He reaffirmed his administration's commitment to delivering sustainable infrastructure while protecting the rights and welfare of Lagos residents, stating that the government is not only building roads but also strengthening public trust through responsible governance.

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Nigeria, Denmark Strengthen Maritime Security Partnership



Olatunji Disu

The Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and the Government of Denmark have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening maritime security through enhanced international cooperation, intelligence sharing and capacity building aimed at tackling emerging security threats within Nigeria's territorial waters. The renewed partnership was announced during a meeting between the Commissioner of Police in charge of the Force Marine Department, Force Headquarters, Abuja, CP Adepegba Kolawole Adetoye, and a delegation from the Embassy of Denmark at the Force Headquarters Annex in Lagos. The Danish delegation was led by Mr. Alex

Shoebridge, Consultant at Tana Copenhagen ApS for the Denmark Maritime Security Programme (DMSP), alongside Mrs. Oluwatuminu Onamade, Sustainability Lead and Senior Adviser at the Maritime Trade Council of Denmark. According to a statement issued by CP Adetoye, the meeting followed consultations initiated by the Danish Embassy with the Inspector-General of Police, IGP Olatunji Rilwan Disu, on the implementation of the Denmark Maritime Security Programme, which is expected to conclude in 2026. Adetoye conveyed the appreciation of the Inspector-General of Police to the Danish Government for its sustained support in enhancing maritime security, institutional capacity and regional cooperation across the Gulf of Guinea. He noted that the partnership has significantly improved the operational capability and

professionalism of the Force Marine Department through specialised training, operational support and knowledge exchange. While acknowledging the decline in piracy incidents within the Gulf of Guinea, the commissioner warned that emerging threats—including crude oil theft, illegal bunkering, human trafficking, arms and narcotics smuggling, illegal fishing, environmental crimes and cyberattacks targeting maritime infrastructure—continue to pose serious security challenges. He stressed that addressing these threats requires coordinated regional responses, the deployment of modern technology and sustained investment in human capacity development. The Danish delegation reaffirmed its commitment to working with the Force Marine Department on the next phase of the Denmark Maritime Security Programme, with a focus on sustaining capacity building, joint

exercises and intelligence sharing. Both parties reviewed achievements recorded under the existing programme and identified new areas of collaboration, including advanced maritime training, intelligence-led policing, maritime investigations, forensic science, cybersecurity, search and rescue operations, underwater investigations, drone operations, tactical medical care, fire safety aboard vessels, marine engineering and maritime domain awareness. The proposed collaboration will also leverage emerging technologies such as drones, satellite surveillance, secure communication platforms and artificial intelligence to improve operational effectiveness. The meeting further underscored the need for stronger collaboration among the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Navy, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), the Nigeria Immigration Service, the Nigeria Customs

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