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The Lagos State Environmental and Special Offences (Enforcement) Unit (Taskforce) has impounded 309 commercial motorcycles during a major enforcement operation along the ECOWAS Road corridor, while also removing illegal structures and environmental nuisances across Alaba Rago and adjoining areas. The exercise, carried out in collaboration with the Lagos State Police Command and coordinated by the Ministry of the Environment and Water

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Ekiti Approves N16.75bn For Road Reconstruction, Streetlight Projects

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The Ekiti State Executive Council has approved contracts worth N16.75 billion for road reconstruction, road upgrades and solar-powered streetlight projects aimed at improving infrastructure, connectivity and economic development across the state.

The Commissioner for Information, Taiwo Olatunbosun, disclosed this in a statement after the State Executive Council meeting on Monday, saying the projects align with the government's commitment to enhancing transportation, security and socio-economic growth.

According to him, N14.309 billion was approved for two major road projects in Ado Ekiti and the Ekiti South-West/Ekiti West axis.

The largest allocation, N12.576 billion, will fund the reconstruction of the 18.83-kilometre Ilawe–Erijiyan–Ikogosi Road, which links Ekiti South-West and Ekiti West Local Government Areas. The project is expected to improve the

movement of people and goods, strengthen security, provide easier access to the Ikogosi Warm Springs Resort and other tourist attractions, and stimulate economic activities along the corridor. The road is scheduled for completion within 16 months.

The council also approved N1.733 billion for the reconstruction of the 2.24-kilometre Spotless–Assembly of God/Opposite Olaloluwa Muslim Grammar School Road in Ado Ekiti.

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The Police Public Relations Officer, SP Wasiu Abiodun, disclosed this in a statement, explaining that the exercise, which began on June 26, is aimed at strengthening internal security, curbing vehicle-related crimes, improving vehicle identification, and ensuring compliance with traffic laws.

According to him, the operation targets vehicles without registration number plates, those with defaced or obscured plates, as well as vehicles fitted with unauthorised tinted glass, in line with the provisions of the Road Traffic Act and other relevant regulations.

Abiodun said the exercise is designed to prevent criminal elements from

exploiting unregistered or concealed vehicles to carry out unlawful activities. He added that vehicles found to be in violation after screening are subjected to further investigation before being arraigned before competent courts for prosecution.

The Commissioner of Police in Niger State, CP Adamu Abdullahi, said the enforcement exercise is intended to enhance public safety rather than inconvenience law-abiding residents. He noted that vehicle registration serves purposes beyond identification, describing it as a vital tool for intelligence gathering, crime investigation, and the prompt tracing of vehicles used in criminal activities.

Abdullahi reaffirmed the command's commitment to protecting lives and property and urged residents to comply with vehicle registration and traffic regulations, assuring that the enforcement exercise will continue as part of efforts to strengthen security across the state.

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Police Arrest 123 Traffic Offenders, Recover Firearm In Kano Number Plate Crackdown

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The Kano State Police Command has arrested 123 motorists for violating vehicle registration and number plate regulations under its ongoing enforcement campaign, Operation Clean Plates.

The Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Adamu Bakori, disclosed this on Monday while briefing journalists at the command headquarters in Bompai, saying the operation is aimed at removing vehicles with concealed, defaced or missing number plates from roads across the state.

Bakori said such violations are often exploited by criminals to conceal their identities and evade law enforcement.

According to him, the exercise, which began on July 6, has led to the interception of 123 vehicles across Kano's 44 local government areas. He added that all the affected drivers have been charged to court for prosecution.

He stressed that operating vehicles without proper registration is not merely a traffic offence but a security concern,



Ibrahim Bakori, Commissioner of Police Kano State

noting that criminals frequently use such vehicles to facilitate unlawful activities while avoiding detection.

The police commissioner also revealed that officers attached to the Panshekara Division made a significant arrest during the operation.

He said operatives intercepted a vehicle without a number plate on July 9 within the Kano metropolis. Although the driver

initially attempted to evade arrest, he was later apprehended after a pursuit.

The suspect, identified as 51-year-old Mahi Ibrahim of Rijiyar Zaki Quarters, was allegedly found in possession of a Beretta pistol, suspected cannabis, a knife, electric cables, 120 lithium batteries and a vehicle believed to have been stolen.

Bakori said the recovery reinforces the importance of the statewide enforcement

exercise, noting that vehicles without proper identification are often used to transport firearms, narcotics and other dangerous items.

He disclosed that the suspect has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), where investigations are ongoing to determine the source of the firearm and establish any links to a wider criminal network.

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Item Community Commends Kalu Over Umuakpaeme Road Project

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Residents of Umuakpaeme Item in Bende Local Government Area of Abia State have praised the Senator representing Abia North Senatorial District, Orji Uzor Kalu, following the award of a contract for the construction of the Umuakpaeme Road.

The commendation was made during the community's mid-term meeting, where the President-General of Umuakpaeme Item, Shedrack Okpa Ogbonnaya, described the road project as a significant development that would improve the community.

Ogbonnaya expressed gratitude to Senator Kalu for facilitating the project and prayed for continued success and divine blessings for the lawmaker. He also acknowledged those working with the senator to ensure the delivery of the project.

He assured the senator that the community would closely monitor the construction and provide regular updates until its completion.

Also speaking at the meeting, Port Harcourt-based Nollywood actor Chinedu Iheanacho described the award of the two-kilometre road project as a welcome development, noting that it would positively impact residents of the area.

Another community member, Ajah Ukaegbu, commended Senator Kalu for the initiative and expressed optimism that the project would be completed as planned. He reaffirmed the community's support for the senator.



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Orji Kalu

FG Blames Blocked Drains, Climate Change For Lagos Flooding

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The Federal Government has attributed the persistent flooding in Lagos to blocked drainage channels, indiscriminate waste disposal, poor environmental practices and the effects of climate change, dismissing claims that the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway is responsible for the flooding and ocean surge in parts of the state.

Minister of Works, Engr. David Umahi, stated this during a stakeholders' consultative meeting attended by landlords, members of the National Assembly, officials of the Federal Ministry of Environment, representatives of the Lagos State Government and journalists.

Umahi explained that the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway was designed to improve drainage by collecting runoff from surrounding communities and safely discharging it into the Atlantic Ocean.

He warned that the Federal Government would begin arresting and prosecuting individuals found obstructing drainage channels with concrete or other materials,

stressing that such actions contribute significantly to flooding.

According to the minister, while previous offenders would be pardoned, the government would no longer tolerate practices that undermine public infrastructure and threaten lives and property.

He urged residents to keep culverts, drainage channels and manholes free of refuse, describing flood prevention as a collective responsibility.

Umahi also condemned indiscriminate waste disposal into drainage systems and the destruction of trees planted along the coastal corridor by livestock, saying residents must take responsibility for protecting public infrastructure instead of blaming the government.

The minister noted that Lagos' geographical location as a low-lying coastal city, with over 40 per cent of its landmass covered by water, makes it particularly vulnerable to flooding, adding that climate change has further worsened the situation across the country.

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Dangote Offers N500,00 Reward To Curb Illegal Truck Haulage

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Dangote Industries Limited has launched a whistleblower initiative offering a ₦500,000 cash reward to individuals who provide credible information leading to the arrest of persons involved in illegal haulage operations using Dangote-branded trucks.

The company said the initiative is part of efforts to protect the integrity of its nationwide logistics network and eliminate the unauthorised use of its vehicles for commercial transportation of goods and passengers.

In a statement issued in Lagos, the company urged members of the public to report suspected cases of illegal haulage, stressing that its trucks are authorised to transport only products designated to each subsidiary.

According to the company, Dangote Cement trucks are permitted to carry only cement, limestone, high-grade gypsum, coal and clinker, while Dangote Sugar Refinery trucks are restricted to sugar products. Trucks belonging to NASCON Allied Industries are authorised to transport Dangote Salt and DanQ



Dangote trucks

Seasoning products, while Dangote Packaging vehicles are designated for bags and packaging materials.

It added that trucks operated by Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals are authorised to transport polypropylene products, while Dangote Fertiliser Limited vehicles are meant exclusively for the haulage of urea fertiliser.

The company warned that any Dangote-branded truck found transporting

unauthorised goods would be treated as engaging in illegal haulage, with both the driver and the owners of the goods liable to arrest, confiscation of the cargo and prosecution under applicable laws.

It explained that whistleblowers whose information leads to the arrest of offenders or the recovery of unauthorised goods would receive a ₦500,000 reward.

To facilitate investigations, the company advised informants to provide key details,

including the truck type, registration number, cab number, location, description of the goods being transported, vehicle colour and, where possible, photographs of the truck and cargo.

Dangote Industries said dedicated hotlines have been established across its operations to receive reports of illegal haulage, particularly involving trucks operating from its Obajana, Okpella and Gboko plants.

The company also disclosed that law enforcement agencies, including the Nigeria Police Force, have been authorised to arrest drivers found using Dangote trucks for unauthorised commercial haulage.

Reaffirming its zero-tolerance stance against logistics-related fraud, Dangote Industries called on members of the public to support the campaign by reporting illegal activities, noting that public cooperation is essential to protecting legitimate business operations and ensuring offenders are brought to justice.

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The operation was carried out by personnel of the Forward Operating Base (FOB) Bonny under Operation DELTA SENTINEL, according to the Director of Naval Information, Captain Abiodun Folorunsho.

In a statement issued on Monday in Abuja, Folorunsho said naval operatives conducted a targeted anti-crude oil theft operation around Dema Abbey Community in Bonny, where they uncovered seven concealed dugout pits believed to have been prepared for illegal crude oil storage.

He explained that preliminary findings showed four of the pits had been freshly excavated, while the remaining three contained water, suggesting they were being readied to facilitate crude oil theft

activities.

According to the Navy, similar concealed pits discovered during previous operations had been used as temporary storage facilities for stolen crude oil before it was transported to illegal refining sites.

Folorunsho said the newly excavated pits were immediately dismantled in line with established anti-crude oil theft procedures, denying criminal elements the infrastructure needed to operate within the Bonny axis.

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Heavy rainfall on Monday disrupted movement across several parts of Lagos, leaving commuters stranded, worsening traffic congestion and prompting transport operators to increase fares.

Residents who spoke with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) described the downpour as one of the heaviest in recent weeks, saying it flooded major roads, delayed businesses and affected productivity.

Many commuters were forced to trek through flooded streets, endure prolonged traffic and pay higher transport fares to reach their destinations.

A resident of Alimosho, Mrs. Odion Okiade, said transport fares increased by at least ₦1,500 whenever it rained, adding that Monday's downpour placed an additional financial burden on residents already grappling with the rising cost of living.

Another commuter, Mrs. Nkiru Ogbonna, who travelled from Costain, said she had to wade through knee-deep floodwaters before getting to her office, describing the experience as a recurring challenge

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during periods of heavy rainfall.

Mrs. Chineme Onuoha, who commutes from the Cele area, said a journey that normally takes between three and five minutes to Costain lasted about 25 minutes due to severe traffic congestion caused by the rain.

Similarly, another commuter identified as Mrs. Lilian said it took about 45 minutes to travel from Orile to Costain, adding that despite wearing a raincoat, she arrived at work soaked and exhausted after paying increased transport fares.

In Ayobo, near the Lagos-Ogun boundary, resident Mrs. Deborah said rising water levels from the nearby river frequently disrupt movement whenever heavy rain occurs, calling for improved flood control measures in vulnerable communities.

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FG Flags Off Tunga Madaki-Abuja-Kaduna Expressway Express Way Link



Abuja-Kaduna expressway

The Federal Government on Monday flagged off the construction of an access road linking Tungan Madaki Community to the Abuja-Kaduna Expressway, describing the project as a key step towards improving connectivity and expanding development to satellite communities within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). President Bola Tinubu, represented by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tajudeen Abbas, performed the groundbreaking ceremony, saying the project aligns with the administration's Renewed Hope Agenda of using infrastructure to drive economic growth and improve citizens' livelihoods.

The new road is an extension of the Bill Clinton

Drive—Tungan Madaki Road, which was commissioned a few weeks ago as part of activities marking the third anniversary of the Tinubu administration.

According to the President, the road will transform what began as a single access route into a broader transport network capable of stimulating economic activities across the corridor.

He noted that residents of Tungan Madaki, Zuba and neighbouring communities—many of whom are farmers, traders and students—have endured years of poor road infrastructure, particularly during the rainy season when access becomes difficult, agricultural produce is lost before reaching markets and transportation costs increase.

Tinubu said the new road would provide a direct link to the Abuja-Kaduna Expressway, reduce travel time and vehicle operating costs, while improving the movement of people and agricultural produce.

He added that the project would

strengthen food supply chains, support rural businesses, improve security response and encourage investment in housing, education, healthcare and industrial development.

"Infrastructure is not just concrete and asphalt; it is the bridge between potential and prosperity," the President said, adding that the project would also ease traffic pressure within the Abuja city centre by providing alternative routes for commuters and strengthening the economic corridor between the FCT, Kaduna and the North-West.

Tinubu commended the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Nyesom Wike, and the FCT Administration for accelerating infrastructure delivery and prioritising projects with direct impact on residents.

He urged the contractor to maintain high construction standards, complete the project on schedule and maximise the use of local labour during execution.

Speaking earlier, Wike said the project reflects the administration's commitment to extending infrastructure development beyond Abuja's city centre to satellite

towns and area councils.

He explained that the road project followed a request by the Chairman of the Gwagwalada Area Council after the council elections for a direct road connecting Tungan Madaki to the Abuja-Kaduna Highway.

According to the minister, the road will provide residents of Zuba with a shorter route into Abuja without passing through Gwagwalada and also improve access to the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport for communities along the corridor.

Wike thanked President Tinubu and the National Assembly for supporting infrastructure development in the FCT and expressed confidence that the contractor, China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), would complete the project in time for commissioning by December.

He described the road as "a Christmas gift" to residents of Tungan Madaki, Zuba and surrounding communities, reaffirming the administration's commitment to delivering infrastructure across all parts of the FCT.

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NADDC, ALCMAN Partner Chinese Firm On National Auto Parts Digital Platform

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The National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC) has stepped up efforts to strengthen Nigeria's automotive industry through a strategic partnership with the Automotive Local Content Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (ALCMAN) and China's Heija Industrial Group to develop a National Auto Parts Digital Platform.

The initiative, discussed during a meeting at the council's headquarters in Abuja, aims to establish a centralised database of Nigerian automotive component manufacturers and suppliers. The platform is expected to improve industry data, promote locally manufactured components, curb the circulation of counterfeit spare parts and provide credible market information for investors and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs).

Speaking at the meeting, ALCMAN National Chairman, Chief Anslem Ileku, said the project aligns with



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NADDC's drive to hindered investment in boosting investor expand local Nigeria's automotive confidence. component manufac- sector, adding that the Ileku also disclosed turing through digital platform would that more than 4,500 technology transfer and provide verified Chinese automotive commitment to promoting local content development, technology transfer, investment strategicpartnerships. information on manu- manufacturers have facilitation and the production of globally absence of reliable capacity and industry joining the platform competitive Made-in-Nigeria automotive industry data has capabilities, thereby through ALCMAN's components.

collaboration with Heija Industrial Group, creating opportunities for technology transfer and industrial cooperation.

Representatives of Heija Industrial Group presented the proposed framework for the platform, while officials from relevant government agencies offered technical inputs to enhance its implementation.

NADDC Director-General, Oluwemimo Joseph Osanipin, commended ALCMAN and its Chinese partners for the initiative, describing it as a significant step towards strengthening Nigeria's automotive value chain.

According to him, credible industry data is critical to attracting investment, expanding local manufacturing and positioning Nigeria as a competitive automotive hub in Africa.

Osanipin requested a comprehensive implementation framework for the council's technical review and reaffirmed NADDC's commitment to promoting local content development, technology transfer, investment facilitation and the production of globally competitive Made-in-Nigeria automotive components.

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FHA Expands Festac Road Reconst'tion As Residents Welcome Progress



Festac town

The Federal Housing Authority (FHA) has expanded the reconstruction of major roads in Festac Town, Lagos, with residents expressing optimism over the ongoing rehabilitation aimed at improving mobility and addressing years of infrastructure decay.

The project, being executed in partnership with the Lagos State Government and the Amuwo-Odofin Local Government Area, forms part of a phased programme designed to improve road infrastructure, strengthen drainage systems and reduce flooding across the estate.

The current phase covers sections of 2nd

and 7th Avenues, including the 3.2-kilometre stretch of 2nd Avenue, under an 18-month reconstruction plan.

Construction activities are also underway on sections of 7th Avenue and Agboju Market Road, where drainage channels are being rebuilt alongside road resurfacing to improve stormwater management and traffic flow.

The FHA had earlier completed the reconstruction of the First Gate, 1st Avenue and 5th Avenue, with solar-powered streetlights installed along parts of the rehabilitated routes to improve security and accessibility.

A visit to the project site by the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Monday showed contractors carrying out excavation, grading and asphalt-laying works, while drainage infrastructure was also being installed across the affected roads.

Although traffic was slowed by diversions and construction barriers, some sections of the roads have already been asphalted, with work continuing on other stretches.

The rehabilitation comes after years of deterioration caused by poor maintenance, rapid population growth and prolonged ownership disputes between the federal and Lagos State governments. The situation had weakened drainage systems, worsened flooding and left several roads riddled with potholes.

The road network serves thousands of residents daily, providing access to businesses, schools, healthcare facilities and other major routes within Lagos. Residents and motorists have welcomed the project, describing it as long overdue.

A commercial bus driver, Chinedu Okafor, said the poor state of the roads had increased travel time

and vehicle maintenance costs.

"We spent more time navigating potholes than driving. The temporary inconvenience is worth it if the work is completed on schedule," he said.

Another resident, Chioma Dike, said the rehabilitation would improve movement within the estate and support business activities, particularly during the rainy season.

She urged the authorities to ensure the project is completed to a high standard.

Similarly, John Okafor called on contractors to sustain the pace of work while minimising disruptions to traffic and commercial activities.

Residents expressed hope that the reconstruction would be completed within schedule, improving connectivity, enhancing road safety, reducing travel time and boosting economic activities across Festac Town.

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