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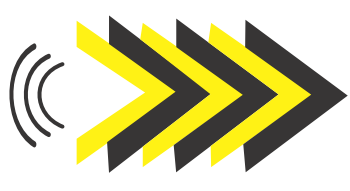
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The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) says physical work on its \$1 billion port modernisation project will commence before the end of the third quarter of 2026 as it concludes stakeholder consultations and host community engagements ahead of contractors' mobilisation.

The authority gave the assurance amid concerns within the maritime industry over reports that Nigeria has begun repaying the foreign loan obtained for the project, including accrued interest, despite construction not yet starting.

Speaking on the project, the NPA's General Manager of Public Affairs, Ikechukwu Onyemekara, said the authority is completing the final pre-construction processes required before contractors move to site.

According to him, stakeholder and host community engagements are necessary to prepare port users and residents for the large-scale construction activities expected during the implementation phase.

"We are looking at the end of this quarter. As of now, we are preparing for stakeholder engagement and community engagement ahead of the commencement," Onyemekara said.

He explained that the sensitisation exercise is intended to inform stakeholders and host communities about the influx of heavy equipment, increased traffic, and construction-related noise that will accompany the project.

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FRSC Trains Zamfara Traffic Agency Per'nel On Professional Road Traffic Enforcement

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Zamfara State Sector Command, has organized a capacity-building training for personnel of the Zamfara Road Traffic Agency (ZAROTA) to enhance professionalism in road traffic management and improve interactions with motorists across the state.

The training, held at the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) Hall along Bye-Pass Road in Gusau, was supervised by the Zamfara State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Aliyu Ma'aji.

Speaking during the exercise, Ma'aji said the programme was designed to familiarize ZAROTA personnel with the rules, ethics, and legal framework guiding traffic enforcement. He stressed that traffic officials must carry out their duties professionally and refrain from intimidating, harassing, or embarrassing members of the public.

He also commended the ZAROTA Commandant for his commitment to improving the agency's operations and

fostering collaboration with relevant security agencies.

The Commandant of ZAROTA, Muhammad Bello Musa, acknowledged receiving several complaints from members of the public regarding the conduct of some personnel, describing such behaviour as unacceptable.

According to him, the agency is currently handling 48 court cases and remains committed to ensuring that its officers operate within the law. He urged participants to apply the knowledge gained from the training in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Musa also appreciated the support of the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), and the Department of State Services (DSS) in promoting effective traffic management and public safety in the state.

Representing the Emir of Gusau, Alhaji Abdulkadir Ibrahim Bello, the District Head of Tudun Wada, Alhaji Nuraddeen Kabir Dan Baba, commended the FRSC

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Lekki Port Strengthens Global Trade Con'tivity With HMM-ONE Alliance Service

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Lekki Port has recorded another milestone in its drive to strengthen Nigeria's position in global maritime trade with the successful maiden call of the HMM-ONE Alliance service at the Lekki Deep Seaport.

The vessel call follows the launch of the Mediterranean West Africa Service (MA2), a new container shipping route jointly operated by Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM) and Ocean Network Express (ONE). The service connects major ports across Europe and West Africa, expanding the reach of both global shipping lines to Lekki Port.

The development is expected to improve trade opportunities for Nigerian importers and exporters by enhancing connectivity with international markets, facilitating faster cargo movement, and supporting more efficient supply chains.

It also aligns with ongoing efforts to boost Nigeria's maritime competitiveness through increased direct vessel calls and the use of modern port infrastructure.

Managing Director of Lekki Port, Wang



Lekki Port

Qiang, described the maiden call as a significant endorsement of the port's growing role in global shipping and logistics.

According to him, the inclusion of Lekki Port in the Mediterranean West Africa Service reflects the confidence leading international shipping companies have in the port's world-class infrastructure and operational efficiency.

He noted that the new service would broaden trade opportunities for customers, strengthen Nigeria's access to key global markets, and advance the port's vision of becoming the leading trade and logistics gateway in West Africa.

Qiang added that Lekki Port's deep draught, modern facilities, and efficient operations position it to accommodate

larger cargo volumes while meeting the evolving demands of the global shipping industry.

Industry observers say the addition of the MA2 service further reinforces Lekki Port's strategic importance on international shipping routes and supports Nigeria's ambition to emerge as a leading maritime and trade hub in the West African region.

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NIWA Intensifies Nationwide Crackdown On Illegal Jetties, Unsafe Water Transport

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The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has intensified efforts to dismantle illegal jetties and curb unsafe water transport operations across the country as part of measures to improve safety on Nigeria's inland waterways.

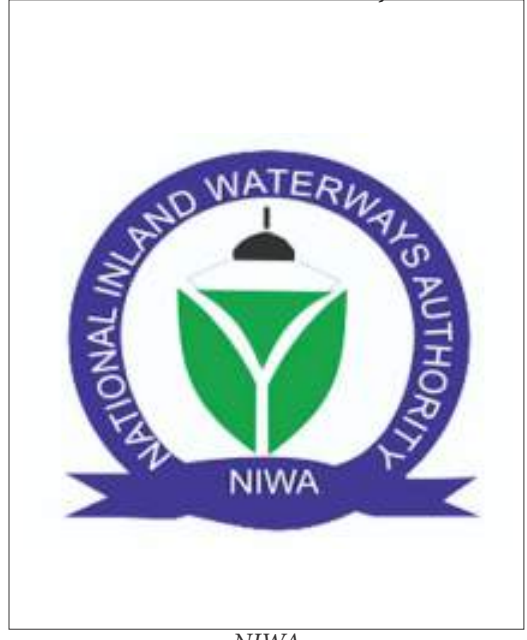
The Chairman of NIWA's Governing Board, Barrister Mukhtar Shehu Shagari, disclosed this during a media briefing held as part of a tour of the agency's projects and facilities in Lagos.

Shagari, who led the tour alongside members of the Governing Board and NIWA's Managing Director, Engineer Yusuf Buba Garba, identified illegal jetties and widespread non-compliance with safety regulations as major threats to safe navigation on the nation's waterways.

He said the authority is strengthening collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force and other security agencies to boost enforcement of existing

regulations and ensure operators adhere to prescribed safety standards. According to him, the partnership will provide additional support for NIWA marshals, enhance monitoring activities, and improve compliance across the country's inland waterways. Shagari reaffirmed the agency's commitment to promoting safe, secure, and efficient inland water transportation through strict enforcement of safety regulations and sustained engagement with stakeholders.

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NIWA

FAAN Launches Airport Waste Recycling Programme To Boost Sustainability

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The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has commenced a nationwide airport waste recycling programme as part of efforts to improve environmental sustainability, reduce carbon emissions, and promote efficient waste management across the country's aviation sector.

The initiative was officially launched by FAAN's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mrs. Olubunmi Onabanjo-Kuku, with the unveiling of indoor colour-coded recycling bins at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA) in Lagos.

Speaking during the launch, Onabanjo-Kuku described the programme as the first phase of FAAN's Circular Economy Programme, which aims to reduce waste, encourage recycling, lower operational costs, and pave the way for waste-to-power technology.

She noted that although waste generated at MMIA declined from about 1,446 tonnes in 2023 to approximately 1,383 tonnes in 2024, all the waste was still

disposed of in landfills without being sorted or recycled.

According to her, the introduction of colour-coded recycling bins will enable passengers, airport workers, concessionaires, and other stakeholders to separate waste at the point of disposal, making them active participants in protecting the environment.

Onabanjo-Kuku explained that the indoor recycling bins represent only the first stage of the programme. The second phase will involve the installation of larger outdoor recycling bins across airport premises, while the third phase will see certified waste management firms collect and transport sorted materials—including plastics, glass, cans, and organic waste—to recycling facilities.

She said the initiative would not only improve environmental outcomes but also deliver economic benefits by reducing the authority's dependence on new materials, lowering operational expenses, and cutting the volume of waste sent to landfills.

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Lagos Intensifies Crackdown On Illegal Occupants Of Okokomaiko-Orile Road Median

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The Lagos State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to the sustained removal of illegal traders, squatters, and other occupants from the Okokomaiko-Orile road median, saying the corridor must remain free of encroachment to facilitate the Lagos Rail Mass Transit project.

Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab, made this known during an inspection of the ongoing enforcement exercise along the busy highway. He said the visit was aimed at assessing compliance with the government's directive to clear illegal structures and commercial activities from the area.

According to Wahab, the government had engaged traders occupying the median for several years but had recorded little lasting compliance, describing the continued occupation as an abuse of public infrastructure funded by taxpayers.

He explained that authorities had repeatedly cleared illegal occupants from the Okokomaiko end towards Orile



Tokunbo Wahab

but stressed that the government was now determined to ensure a permanent solution through continuous monitoring and enforcement.

The commissioner noted that the wide road median was specifically designed to accommodate the Lagos Rail Mass Transit project and warned that the state would not allow any activities capable of obstructing the project.

Wahab also urged residents to adopt

proper waste disposal practices by using their designated Private Sector Participation (PSP) waste operators. He cautioned against indiscriminate dumping of refuse on roads, medians, and other public spaces.

He advised residents to report any failure in waste collection by PSP operators to the Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), assuring them that service providers are obligated to deliver

efficient waste management services.

The commissioner further disclosed that the state government was intensifying sanitation enforcement in markets, warning that market leaders and traders would be held accountable for maintaining clean and hygienic trading environments.

"If traders cannot keep their markets clean, then they should not be doing business there. Environmental cleanliness is a collective responsibility and must be taken seriously by everyone," Wahab said.

He revealed that the ministry had prosecuted more than 100 offenders over the past year for encroaching on road medians and violating environmental laws.

Reiterating the government's commitment to protecting critical public infrastructure, Wahab said enforcement of environmental regulations would continue without fear or favour to preserve the alignment for the Lagos Rail Mass Transit project and promote a cleaner, more sustainable Lagos.

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Local Transport News

SROL Expands Youth Transport Scheme With Commercial Minibuses

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Segilola Resources Operating Limited (SROL), a subsidiary of Thor Explorations Ltd. and operator of Nigeria's first large-scale commercial gold mine, has expanded its Youth Empowerment Transport Scheme with the distribution of nine commercial minibuses to beneficiaries across its host communities in Osun State.

The company said the initiative forms part of the second phase of its 2026 Youth Empowerment Programme, aimed at creating sustainable income opportunities and strengthening local livelihoods.

Under the scheme, three commercial minibuses were presented to beneficiaries in each of the host communities of Iperindo, Odo-Ijesha, and Imogbara to enable them establish commercial transportation businesses.

SROL also extended business support to beneficiaries of previous editions of its Youth Empowerment Programme. In Imogbara, an aluminium fabricator who received equipment under the 2025 programme was provided with a generator to improve

productivity and business operations. Similarly, a cobbler from Iperindo who completed beginner and advanced vocational training under the 2023 programme received additional materials and a filing machine to expand his business. Speaking during the handover ceremony, SROL Mines Manager, Sikiru Haruna, reaffirmed the company's commitment to sustainable community development through investments in skills, entrepreneurship, and economic empowerment.

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Segilola (SROL)

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The Zamfara State Government has warned residents against encroaching on the ongoing Daza Gidan Dawa Road project, directing those with illegal structures along the project corridor to remove them without delay. The warning was issued during an inspection of the road project by a joint technical team comprising officials from the Zamfara State Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, the Ministry of Housing, and the Zamfara State Urban and Regional Planning Board (ZUREPB).

The inspection team was led by the Director of Civil Engineering in the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, Engr. Dalhatu Mayana, alongside the Executive Secretary of ZUREPB, Comrade Audu Bala, and other technical officials.

During the inspection, the team identified several cases of encroachment within the approved road alignment, noting that the illegal structures could impede the timely execution of the project.

Zamfara Warns Residents Against Encroaching On Road Project Corridor

The officials urged affected residents to voluntarily remove any structures located within the designated road corridor to allow contractors to continue work without unnecessary delays.

They emphasized that public cooperation is vital to the successful completion of the project, which is expected to improve transportation, strengthen connectivity, and stimulate socio-economic development in the area.

The government reaffirmed its commitment to delivering the road project on schedule and appealed to residents to comply with the directive in the interest of public safety and infrastructure development.

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FG Allocates N46bn For Kano Airport Runway Reconstruction



Keyamo

The Federal Government has earmarked more than N46 billion for the reconstruction of critical aviation infrastructure at the Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport (MAKIA) as part of efforts to upgrade the facility to international standards.

Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, disclosed this on Tuesday during the inauguration of the remodelled domestic terminal at the airport, named after the late Muhammadu Adamu Dankabo.

According to the minister, the project includes the rehabilitation of the airport's runway, taxiway and other major airside infrastructure,

adding that about 60 per cent of the allocated funds has already been released to contractors handling the work.

Keyamo said the intervention would modernise one of Nigeria's oldest airports and position it to safely accommodate aircraft from across the world upon completion.

He noted that the project aligns with President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, which prioritises improved safety, operational efficiency and enhanced passenger experience across the nation's aviation sector.

Also speaking, the Managing Director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Mrs. Olubunmi Kuku, announced that rehabilitation and expansion of the airport's Hajj terminal would commence soon to improve facilities for pilgrims travelling to the HolyLand.

Kuku said the upgraded domestic terminal now features a modern baggage handling system, conveyor system, air-conditioning units and

other mechanical improvements designed to enhance passenger comfort and operational efficiency.

She explained that the remodelling became necessary because of Kano airport's strategic role as a major aviation hub in Northern Nigeria, adding that FAAN remains committed to providing seamless passenger services and restoring confidence in the country's aviation infrastructure.

Chairman of the FAAN Board, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, described the inauguration of the remodelled DanKabo Terminal as a major milestone in the Federal Government's drive to modernise Nigeria's airports. According to Ganduje, the project represents more than physical rehabilitation, reflecting the government's commitment to building an aviation sector that meets global standards of safety, efficiency and passenger satisfaction.

He noted that the Kano airport remains a key gateway for trade, investment, tourism and national integration, and urged passengers and other airport

users to protect the upgraded facilities and comply with FAAN's operational regulations.

Representing Kano State Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf, the Commissioner for Transportation, Barrister Haruna Isa Dederi, reaffirmed the state government's commitment to supporting initiatives that promote socio-economic development and improve the aviation sector.

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Ebonyi Moves To Revoke Delayed Rural Road Contracts, Gives September Deadline

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The Ebonyi State Government has commenced the process of terminating contracts for several abandoned 2-kilometre rural road projects across the state over prolonged delays in execution.

Commissioner for Special Projects, Dr. Ngozi Obichukwu, announced the decision after a meeting with the affected contractors in Abakaliki, saying the move follows a directive from the State Executive Council (EXCO) aimed at ensuring timely completion of public infrastructure projects.

According to the commissioner, the meeting was convened to identify the challenges responsible for the slow pace of work, but stressed that contractors who have failed to meet agreed timelines risk losing their contracts.

She noted that the rural road projects



Governor Nwifuru

were initiated by economic connectivity, and Governor Francis development.

Nwifuru to improve Obichukwu said agricultural produce to access to agrarian communities where urban markets.

communities, the projects have She acknowledged In addition, the Commissioner for Special facilitate the progressed are that some contractors Projects has been directed to carry out a transportation of farm already experiencing cited difficult terrain comprehensive inventory of all affected produce, and improved living and delays in payment project sites ahead of the government's stimulate local conditions, better certification as factors administrative takeover.

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affecting project delivery, adding that the Ministry of Special Projects would strengthen project monitoring to ensure value for money and strict compliance with contractual timelines.

The commissioner explained that the latest action follows concerns raised by the State Executive Council over the slow implementation of the road projects across the three senatorial districts.

As part of measures to fast-track completion, EXCO has directed the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice to conclude the legal process for terminating all affected contracts.

The council also constituted Special EXCO Committees in the state's 13 local government areas to supervise the completion of the road projects before September 2026.

In addition, the Commissioner for Special Projects has been directed to carry out a comprehensive inventory of all affected project sites ahead of the government's administrative takeover.



Airport

Aviation workers have issued a seven-day ultimatum to airline operators and other organisations owing statutory Ticket Sales Charges (TSC), warning that failure to settle the outstanding debts will result in nationwide picketing of defaulting companies.

The ultimatum was jointly issued by the Air Transport Services Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (ATSSSAN) and the National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE) following the expiration of an earlier 14-day notice served on July 8, which lapsed on July 23 without compliance.

The unions accused the affected operators of failing to remit the statutory five per cent Ticket

Aviation Workers Give Airlines Seven-Day Ultimatum Over Unpaid TSC

Sales Charge collected on every airline ticket sold in Nigeria. The levy is meant to be paid to the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) for distribution among aviation agencies to support their operations and meet financial obligations.

According to the unions, the continued non-remittance of the charges has deprived aviation agencies of critical funding needed to maintain safe and efficient air transport services while also affecting the welfare and working conditions of employees.

In a statement signed by ATSSSAN General Secretary, Frances Akinjole, and NUATE Deputy General Secretary, Odinaka Igbokwe, the unions described the continued default as "willful non-compliance."

"Our earlier 14-day ultimatum has expired, and regrettably, willful non-compliance has been recorded. The aviation agencies remain starved of the required funds to keep our skies

safe, while the conditions of service of our members in the various agencies continue to be jeopardised because of the non-remittance of the Ticket Sales Charge," the statement said.

The unions warned that withholding the statutory deductions poses a serious risk to the country's aviation sector by weakening the financial capacity of regulatory agencies and reducing staff morale.

"This unnecessary demotivation factor to the air transport worker is a security and safety risk," they said, stressing that inadequate funding could ultimately compromise the safety and security of Nigeria's airspace.

The workers said they could no longer remain passive while the situation persisted and issued a final seven-day notice to all defaulting airline operators and other indebted organisations.

"We can no longer helplessly fold our hands and allow the safety of our

airspace to remain compromised. We hereby issue a seven-day notice to every TSC defaulter to remit the total debt owed to the agencies. Failure to do so will result in our unions taking concrete actions at their various premises," the statement added.

The development raises concerns over a possible industrial dispute in Nigeria's aviation sector if the outstanding payments are not settled within the stipulated period.

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