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## Sanwo-Olu Flags Off 670m Adebayo-Akinade Road In Ikorodu

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The Lagos State Government has commenced the construction of the 670-metre Adebayo-Akinade Road in Igbogbo-Baiyeku Local Council Development Area of Ikorodu.

The project was officially flagged off on Wednesday on behalf of the state Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, by the Special Adviser on Rural Development, Nurudeen Agbaje.

Agbaje said the project formed part of the administration's broader intervention in rural communities aimed at improving infrastructure, stimulating economic activities and reducing the pressure that drives residents from rural areas to urban centres.

He explained that the government was deploying infrastructure development to open up rural communities and create an enabling environment for businesses and other economic activities to thrive.

According to him, the Adebayo-

Akinade Road project comes shortly after the approval of six other road projects in Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Government Area and Ifelodun LCDA.

He appealed to residents and community stakeholders to protect the construction site and avoid activities that could hinder the contractor's work, while urging the contractor to deliver the project within the stipulated time and according to the required standards.

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Governor Sanwo-Olu

## FG Targets December Commissioning For Kano-Katsina Rail Project

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The Federal Government has announced plans to commission the 284-kilometre Kano-Katsina railway project by December 2026, with the project currently 80 per cent complete.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transportation, Engr. Funsho Adebisi, disclosed this during a joint inspection of the project involving officials of the Ministries of Transportation and Finance, representatives of lending institutions and the project contractor.

Adebisi, who was represented by the Director of Rail Transport Services, Engr. Habibat Buhari, said the government remained committed to meeting the December commissioning deadline despite challenges affecting construction along the corridor.

He identified insecurity, land disputes and the seasonal slowdown in construction activities during the rainy season as some of the factors slowing work on the project.

According to him, construction activities have been temporarily affected by the rains, while security concerns have disrupted operations in some sections of the corridor.

He added that disputes involving land and canal areas had also prevented contractors from accessing some portions of the project, noting that some communities were yet to accept provisions relating to the Land Use Act.

Adebisi, however, assured that the challenges would not prevent the project from being completed, as the government was engaging affected communities and other stakeholders to resolve the disputes.

"These will only cause delays, not stop the project. We have had similar cases in the past, and they have been attended to," he said.

He expressed confidence that the December deadline would be achieved, noting that materials required for track laying had already been stockpiled at the project camp.

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# Motorists Raise Alarm Over Abandoned Truck, Accidents On Enugu-onitsha Exp'way

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Motorists plying the Enugu-Onitsha Expressway have raised concerns over an abandoned heavy-duty truck obstructing the highway around 9th Mile Corner, describing the situation as a serious threat to road users.

The truck, which reportedly broke down about five days ago, has remained on the expressway, allegedly causing traffic congestion and contributing to multiple accidents in the area.

The incident occurred close to the site of the international motor parts market being constructed by the Enugu State Government.

A motorist, Uchenna Eze, who spoke on Wednesday evening, said the obstruction had created a dangerous situation for motorists and had reportedly resulted in several accidents, with some road users sustaining injuries.

According to him, the truck's presence on the busy highway has



The abandoned truck on the Enugu-Onitsha expressway

also caused significant traffic gridlock, worsening the difficulties faced by motorists.

Eze urged the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Enugu State Government to urgently remove the abandoned truck and restore the free flow of traffic.

He said, "This is a very bad

situation. The place where the truck broke down is very dangerous and it has been causing accidents.

"Today, being Wednesday, there were multiple accidents and a lot of people were injured and taken to the hospital for treatment.

"The FRSC mounts a road checkpoint close to here, and I don't know why they have not enforced

the removal of the truck from the expressway to allow free flow of traffic."

He further appealed to the authorities to act swiftly to prevent further accidents and protect travellers using the expressway.

Efforts to obtain the reaction of the FRSC were unsuccessful as of the time of filing this report.

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## FAAN Clears Bolt To Resume Operations At Nigerian Airports

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The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has cleared e-hailing platform Bolt to resume operations at airports managed by the authority. FAAN announced the development on Thursday following constructive engagements with Bolt to establish an acceptable operational framework for e-hailing services at the nation's airports. The decision comes amid public concerns over the temporary disruption of e-hailing services and the cost of airport transportation, particularly following the introduction of the authority's Airport Car-Hire Management System (ACHRAMS). The controversy intensified after a travel content creator, Chris Joondeph, popularly known as “Authentic Travelling,” shared a video on TikTok in which he said he was quoted N30,000 for a trip from the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, to the Radisson Blu Hotel in Ikeja. Acknowledging the concerns raised by

passengers, FAAN apologised for the inconvenience caused by the temporary interruption of e-hailing services. The authority said its initial actions were driven by regulatory, safety and security considerations rather than economic interests. “FAAN is aware of and deeply appreciates the concerns expressed by passengers over the increased cost and inconvenience experienced during the temporary interruption of e-hailing services,” the authority said.

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## Fubara: Legacy Projects Will Give APC Edge In Rivers Elections

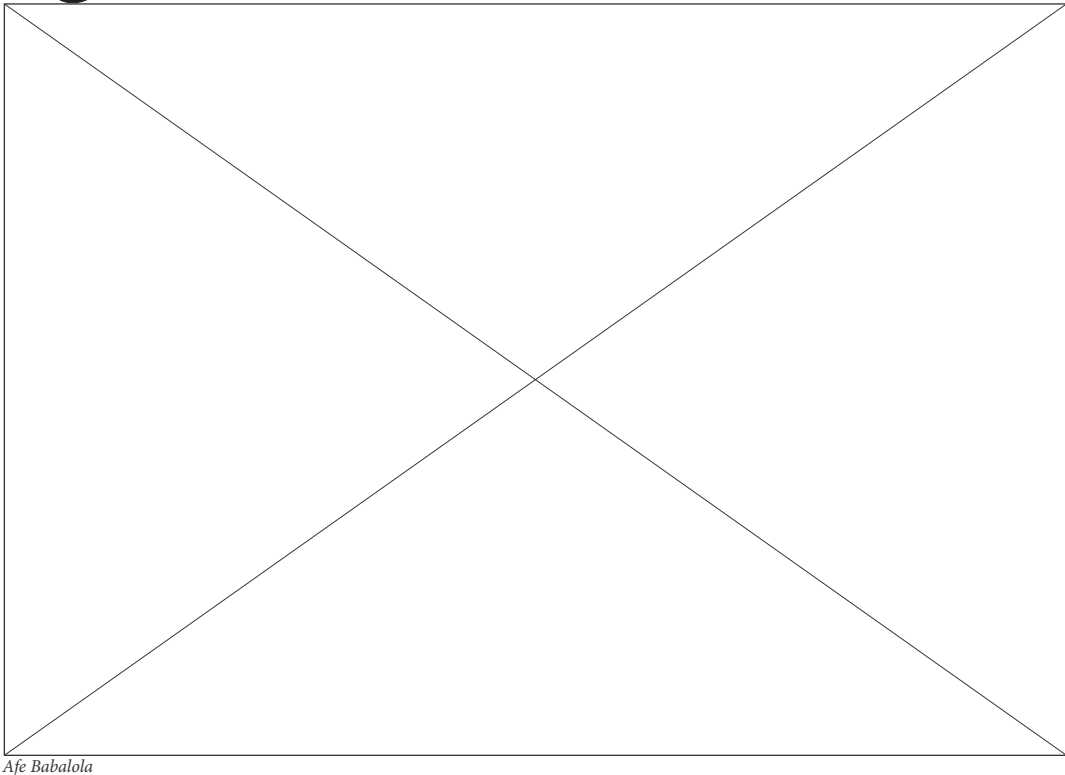
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Rivers State Governor, Siminalayi Fubara, has said the delivery of legacy infrastructure projects by his administration will give the All Progressives Congress (APC) a decisive advantage in the forthcoming general elections. Fubara stated this on Wednesday while commissioning the 14.5-kilometre Agba-Ndele Road and a 200-metre bridge linking communities in Emohua and Abua/Odual Local Government Areas of the state. The governor said the newly completed project and other infrastructure commissioned by his administration would provide tangible evidence for APC candidates to present to voters during their campaigns. According to him, the projects would make it easier for the party's candidates to connect with grassroots communities and campaign on the achievements of the administration. “I believe that what we have done here

today will make it easy for our candidate to represent us in the forthcoming elections. When he comes here to campaign, especially in Emohua, he will tell them, 'My party did this, and my party did that.' So, it will be easy for us to win the election here,” Fubara said. The governor described the road and bridge as part of his administration's efforts to extend development to rural communities and ensure that government projects have a direct impact on residents. He said the intervention was necessary because of the poor condition of the old Abua Road, which had caused commuters significant delays and hardship. Fubara said the newly completed infrastructure would ease transportation challenges faced by residents of Abua and communities around Ahoada. “I'm not interested in just doing anything; I'm interested in doing something that can add value and change the lives of our people,” he said.

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# House C'ttee, NCAA Move To Strengthen Aviation Regulation, Consumer Protection

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The House Committee on Delegated Legislation of the National Assembly has called for stronger regulatory mechanisms in Nigeria's aviation sector to improve compliance, consumer protection and the effectiveness of delegated legislation. The committee made the call during a recent visit to the Corporate Headquarters of the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) in Abuja, where lawmakers engaged the aviation regulator on regulatory oversight, legislative reforms, airline compliance and passenger welfare. Welcoming the delegation, the Director General of Civil Aviation, Capt. Chris Najomo, stressed the need for sustained collaboration between the NCAA and the National Assembly to ensure that Nigeria's aviation regulatory framework remains effective, responsive and aligned with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards. Najomo noted that the Civil Aviation Act 2022, the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations (NCAR) 2023 and other



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regulatory instruments provide the legal and technical framework for the NCAA's responsibilities in aviation safety, security, economic regulation and consumer protection. Chairman of the committee, Hon. Olufemi Richard Bamishile, said the visit was aimed at giving lawmakers a deeper understanding of the NCAA's rule-making and regulatory processes while fostering stronger cooperation between both

institutions. Bamishile expressed concern over outstanding statutory remittances owed by airlines and advocated legislative amendments that would enable the immediate deduction and remittance of funds due to the NCAA. According to him, an improved statutory collection mechanism would strengthen the authority's funding and enhance its ability to effectively carry out its

regulatory and oversight functions. Also, a member of the committee, Hon. Rufus Adeniyi Ojuawo, sought explanations on the persistent cases of flight delays and cancellations, as well as measures being taken by airlines and the regulator to reduce operational disruptions. Responding on behalf of the DGCA, the Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Michael Achimugu, attributed some previous disruptions to inadequate aircraft capacity. Achimugu explained that when an airline deploys a single aircraft across multiple routes, the unavailability of the aircraft could trigger disruptions across several destinations, affecting a large number of passengers. He, however, disclosed that airlines were increasingly improving their capacity through dry-lease arrangements. He added that the NCAA was also developing a system that would enable passengers affected by cancellations or prolonged delays to be rebooked on alternative airlines.

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# Ogun FRSC Decorates 57 Promoted Officers, Charges Them In Discipline

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The Ogun State Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has decorated 57 officers recently promoted to higher ranks, urging them to uphold discipline, professionalism and integrity in the discharge of their duties.

The officers were decorated on Thursday following their elevation, with the Sector Commander, Corps Commander Oludare Ogunjobi, describing the promotions as both a recognition of their past performance and a call to greater responsibility.

The newly promoted officers comprise five Assistant Corps Commanders, 27 Chief Route Commanders, 16 Superintendent Route Commanders, six Route Commanders and one Deputy Route Commander.

Among those decorated was the Sector Public Relations Officer, Afolabi Odunsi, who was promoted to the rank of Chief Route Commander.

Ogunjobi said Odunsi's promotion reflected the Corps' recognition of his

commitment and professionalism in public communication and stakeholder engagement.

Congratulating the newly promoted officers, the Sector Commander urged them to justify the confidence placed in them by demonstrating strong leadership, integrity and dedication.

He reminded the officers that their new ranks came with increased responsibilities, particularly in advancing the FRSC's mandate of reducing road traffic crashes and protecting lives on Nigerian roads.

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The Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) has announced plans to reduce transportation fares nationwide through the proposed National Affordable CNG Transit Programme (NACTP).

The initiative, discussed at the governors' meeting in Abuja on Wednesday, is expected to leverage the lower operating costs of compressed natural gas (CNG) to make public transportation more affordable for Nigerians.

According to a communiqué signed by the NGF Chairman and Kwara State Governor, AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, participating states would support the conversion of vehicles to CNG, provide transport fleets and facilitate the development of the necessary infrastructure.

In return, transport operators participating in the programme would be required to reduce passenger fares.

The governors, however, did not announce a commencement date, saying further work was required to finalise the programme's financing and

# Governors Plan Cheaper Transport Fares Through CNG Scheme

implementation framework.

Speaking with journalists after the meeting, Bayelsa State Governor Douye Diri said the initiative was part of the governors' efforts to cushion the impact of high transportation costs following the removal of the petrol subsidy.

Diri explained that lowering transport costs could have a wider impact on the economy because transportation constitutes a significant portion of the cost of moving food, goods and other commodities.

"Transportation is key," the governor said, stressing that the cost of moving goods from one location to another is eventually reflected in the prices paid by consumers.

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# Nigeria, UAE Deepen Aviation Ties Ahead Of Etihad's Lagos Return



Keyamo

Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are strengthening their aviation and economic ties ahead of Etihad Airways' planned resumption of daily flights between Abu Dhabi and Lagos in March 2027.

The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, made this known following a recent working visit to Abu Dhabi at the invitation of the UAE Government and Etihad Airways.

Etihad is scheduled to commence daily Abu Dhabi-Lagos services on March 18, 2027, as part of six new African routes announced by the airline under its continental expansion programme.

During the visit, Keyamo held discussions with senior executives of Etihad Airways Group at the airline's headquarters. The meeting focused on completing the administrative requirements for the commencement of the Lagos service and exploring opportunities for a broader strategic partnership between Nigeria and the airline.

The minister was received by senior Etihad officials led by Captain Khalid Humaid Al Ali, Senior Vice President, Aeropolitical and International Government Affairs.

Keyamo also toured the Etihad Aviation Training (EAT) facility, where he examined the airline's advanced training infrastructure and discussed possible areas of cooperation in pilot and cabin-crew training, curriculum development and capacity building for Nigerian aviation institutions.

The facility operates 11 full-flight simulators covering Airbus and Boeing aircraft, as well as other advanced training equipment used

for training pilots, cabin crew and airport personnel.

The minister further visited Zayed International Airport to assess its operational systems, passenger experience, technology and integrated aviation infrastructure.

The engagement provided an opportunity for Nigeria to examine practices that could support ongoing efforts to improve airport efficiency, digitalisation, passenger experience and infrastructure development in the country.

Beyond the planned Lagos-Abu Dhabi route, the growing relationship with Etihad is expected to create opportunities for increased trade, investment, tourism and cargo connectivity between Nigeria, the UAE and other international markets. Etihad has identified cargo connectivity as particularly important to sectors including agriculture, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing and infrastructure.

Potential areas of expanded cooperation include aviation training

and human-capital development, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), engineering, cargo and logistics, airport development, technology, airline partnerships, tourism and private-sector investment in Nigeria's aviation industry.

Keyamo stressed the importance of ensuring that Etihad's return to the Nigerian market goes beyond the resumption of flights and becomes the foundation for a long-term partnership that delivers value to both countries.

The Federal Government said the engagement reflects its broader efforts to use aviation as a tool for economic diplomacy, investment mobilisation, skills development and national economic growth.

With Etihad expected to reconnect Abu Dhabi and Lagos daily from March 2027, the renewed partnership could further strengthen Lagos' position as a gateway linking West and Central Africa with the wider global economy.

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# Abia, NRC Sign MoU On Access Road Across Umuahia Rail Corridor

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The Abia State Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) to facilitate the construction of an access road across the railway corridor in Umuahia, the state capital.

The proposed road will link Okpara Square and Akanu Ibiam Street, popularly known as Goodshed, to Bende Road, with the aim of improving connectivity and easing traffic congestion within the capital.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, Abia State Governor, Alex Otti, said the project formed part of his administration's broader plan to transform Umuahia and address transportation challenges in the city.

Otti explained that the access road would complement ongoing efforts to integrate the railway station and bus terminal into a major transportation hub.

He directed the Commissioners for Transport and Works, Chimezie Ukaegbu



Abia State, NRC sign MoU on access road

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significantly improve mobility across Abia.

Otti further revealed plans to collaborate with other South-East governors on developing an integrated regional rail network, with support from the NRC.

On the existing police station located within the railway corridor, the governor directed the Umuahia Capital Development Authority to relocate it temporarily and develop a design for a new railway station incorporating a police facility.

Earlier, the NRC Managing Director, Dr Kayode Opeifa, said the agreement was reached after the Abia Government fulfilled the conditions required by the corporation for the construction of the access road.

Opeifa said the project would improve connectivity between Okpara Square, Goodshed, Akanu Ibiam Road and Bende Road, thereby easing traffic and enhancing mobility in Umuahia.

He commended the Abia Government for following due process and described the administration as responsive and committed to infrastructure development.

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## FCTA, FRSC Begin Crackdown On Traffic Violations In Abuja



FCTA, FRSC

The Federal Capital Territory Administration, in collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps and other relevant agencies, has commenced a sustained enforcement operation against traffic violations across Abuja.

The exercise targets motorists who disobey traffic lights, drive against traffic, use unauthorised routes, park illegally and commit other offences capable of disrupting traffic flow and endangering road users.

The Mandate Secretary of the FCTA Transportation Secretariat, Chinedum Elechi, disclosed this on Thursday at a joint intervention press conference in Abuja.

Elechi said a special task force had been constituted to patrol strategic locations, apprehend offenders and ensure that those found culpable faced appropriate sanctions under existing national and FCT traffic regulations.

According to him, the enforcement became necessary following increasing disregard for traffic regulations, particularly amid the expansion of the FCT road network under the administration's urban renewal programme.

He noted that while the expansion and construction of new roads had improved mobility and connectivity across the territory, some motorists had taken advantage of the improved infrastructure to flout traffic rules.

The offences being targeted include traffic light violations, route violations, driving against traffic, illegal parking on major roads and junctions, parking under bridges and on pedestrian crossings.

Elechi urged motorists and

commercial transport operators to obey traffic regulations, use designated routes and park only in approved areas.

He stressed that the exercise was not intended to harass law-abiding motorists but to promote safer roads, improve traffic flow and protect lives and property.

Also speaking, the FCT Sector Commander of the FRSC, Corps Commander Tijjani Iliyasu, expressed concern over increasing cases of excessive overloading, traffic light violations, route violations, driving against traffic and indiscriminate parking.

Iliyasu said the offences contributed significantly to traffic congestion, obstructed vehicular movement and exposed road users to danger.

He disclosed that offenders apprehended for applicable offences, particularly excessive overloading, traffic light violations and route violations, would henceforth undergo prescribed

medical and psychological evaluation before prosecution, where applicable.

According to him, Regulation 176, Sub-regulation 5 of the amended National Road Traffic Regulation 2012 provides for medical and psychological evaluation of persons suspected of committing certain offences at an approved government hospital before prosecution, at the offender's expense.

The FRSC commander said the measure was aimed at addressing dangerous driving behaviour and encouraging responsible road use.

He urged motorists to obey traffic lights, road signs and markings, avoid overloading and driving against traffic, and use only authorised routes.

He also advised road users to avoid indiscriminate parking and activities that obstruct traffic, urging them to use designated motor parks, bus stops and approved loading and dropping points.

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