FRSC Arrests Driver For Hiding 15 Passengers, 8 Motorcycles In Truck

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has arrested a driver, identified as Umar Muhammadu, for allegedly conveying 15 passengers and eight motorcycles concealed under the trampoline of a Mitsubishi Canter truck.

The vehicle, with registration number GDD 815 ZP, was intercepted by FRSC personnel after marshals became

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FCT Police Order Crackdown On One-Way Driving, Traffic Robbery

The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command has ordered a strict enforcement of traffic laws across the territory, directing its personnel to arrest and prosecute motorists who violate traffic regulations.

The Commissioner of Police, FCT Command, CP Ahmed Muhammed Sanusi, gave the directive on Sunday while charging

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Attempt To Cut NSIB's TSC Share Will Threaten Aviation Safety - DG

The Director-General of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB), Alex Badeh Jr., has warned that any reduction in the bureau's share of the five per cent Ticket Sales Charge (TSC) could undermine aviation safety and weaken the country's accident investigation capacity.

Badeh issued the warning during a virtual media parley with aviation journalists over the weekend, stressing

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Alex Badeh Jr - Director General, Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB)

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NPERA Act Will Boost Maritime Investor Confidence, Says MARCON

The Maritime Correspondents' Organisation of Nigeria (MARCON) has described the newly signed Nigerian Ports Economic Regulatory Agency (NPERA) Act as a major reform that will strengthen investor confidence and improve the efficiency, transparency and competitiveness of Nigeria's ports.

MARCON, in a statement issued in Lagos on Sunday by its General Secretary, Olamide Osho, said President Bola Tinubu's assent to the legislation had

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NUPRC Proposes Crude Oil, Gas Swap To Boost Domestic Supply

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Lagos Waterways Passenger Traffic Rises 6.7% In Six Months

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Passenger traffic on Lagos waterways increased by 6.7 per cent in the first half of 2026, with 2.5 million passenger movements recorded between January and June, according to the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA).

The figure represents an increase from the 2.3 million passenger movements recorded during the corresponding period in 2025.

LASWA attributed the growth to continued patronage of water transportation despite rising fuel costs, which have increased operational expenses for boat operators and affected fares.

The General Manager of LASWA, Oluwadamilola Emmanuel, said the sector recorded relatively modest growth during the first half of the year largely because of the impact of rising Premium Motor Spirit prices on transportation costs.

Emmanuel, however, expressed optimism about the outlook for water transportation in the state, particularly with the planned deployment of OMIBUS electric-powered boats by the Lagos State Government.

According to him, the electric-powered boats are expected to lower operators' running costs and create room for more affordable fares for commuters.

He said the initiative would also support the government's efforts to promote cleaner and more sustainable transportation.

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Emmanuel Damilola

Isolo-Ikotun Road Project Stalls As Motorists Groan Over Worsening Traffic

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Motorists and commuters plying the Isolo-Ikotun corridor in Lagos State have expressed frustration over the worsening condition of the road, as the long-delayed reconstruction project remains stalled.

The affected road, which serves several densely populated communities, has become increasingly difficult to navigate, with motorists spending hours on journeys that would ordinarily take only a few minutes.

Residents have appealed to the Federal Ministry of Works to resume and complete the reconstruction, saying the poor state of the road has intensified traffic congestion and increased the cost of vehicle maintenance.

The Federal Government commenced the reconstruction of the Mushin-NNPC-Palm Avenue-Isolo-Ejigbo Road in 2022, with the project originally scheduled for completion by May 2024.

The project, approved by the administration of former President Muhammadu Buhari in August 2022 at a cost of N11.2 billion, was designed to ease congestion and improve infrastructure along the busy corridor.

However, more than two years after the original completion date, significant sections of the project remain unfinished.

The contractor completed both sides of the road between Iyana-Isolo and Isolo General Hospital in June 2025, while less than 200 metres of the section between the Isolo-Oke-Afa Canal and Mobil Filling Station, Oke-Afa, was completed in October 2025.

About 100 metres of the road around Oke-Afa Bus Stop was also tiled early this year before work subsequently stopped.

The unfinished portions have left motorists contending with potholes, damaged road surfaces and severe traffic congestion, particularly along the Oke-Afa-NNPC Bus Stop axis.

Commuters said traffic becomes particularly difficult between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., with journeys that should take less than five minutes sometimes lasting an hour or more.

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Road Safety Fight Is A Moral Imperative, Osiyemi Tells Lagos Driving Schools At LASDRI Yearly Con

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The Lagos State Government has charged driving school proprietors and instructors to embrace continuous professional training and make road safety a central component of driver education, declaring that the fight against road traffic crashes is a moral responsibility.

Lagos State Commissioner for Transportation, Honourable Oluwaseun Osiyemi, gave the charge on Thursday at the 2026 Annual Train-the-Trainers Programme for Driving School Proprietors and Instructors, organised by the Lagos State Drivers Institute (LASDRI) under the theme, “Enhancing Road Safety Through Continuous Training and Education of Driving School Operators in Lagos State.”

Osiyemi said driving schools had a critical role to play in reducing crashes by equipping motorists with the skills, knowledge and attitudes required for safe and responsible driving.

He stressed that road safety education must go beyond obtaining a driver's licence, urging the state to maintain strict instructor certification, standardised curricula, rigorous testing, background checks and periodic professional development.



LASDRI yearly conference

“The war for road safety is not a luxury; it is a moral imperative,” Osiyemi said, noting that every life lost or person injured in a road crash represented a tragedy and a collective scar on society.

He called for continuous updates in driver training to cover defensive driving, hazard perception, modern vehicle technology, changing traffic regulations and practical safety skills.

The Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Transportation, Mr. Maroof Musa, reinforced the importance of driving schools, saying poor driving attitudes were a significant contributor to traffic congestion and road safety challenges in Lagos.

According to him, motorists often develop bad habits from the beginning of their driving careers, making driving schools the first line of intervention.

“You are not merely running businesses. You are part of the system that ensures that the wheels of the Lagos economy remain well-oiled,”

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FG, Airlines, Unions Reach Fresh Deal To Resolve Aviation Dispute

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The Federal Government, airline operators and aviation sector unions have reached fresh agreements aimed at resolving lingering disputes and restoring stability in Nigeria's aviation industry.

The resolutions were reached at an emergency meeting convened by the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, following tensions that disrupted operations at the Abuja and Lagos airports.

The meeting followed earlier engagements between the Federal Government, aviation unions and the Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON), after the unions suspended their industrial action on August 11, 2026.

According to a statement signed by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Mahmud Adam Kambari, the stakeholders agreed on measures to address outstanding financial obligations owed by airlines to aviation agencies.

Under the new arrangement, the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) and the heads of other aviation agencies are to obtain payment schedules from individual airlines, taking into consideration their operational costs and prevailing economic conditions.

Directors of Finance and Accounts of the various aviation agencies are also expected to meet with individual airlines within one week to negotiate realistic repayment plans.

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Delta Residents Hail Julius Berger's Warri Ring Road, Flyover Projects

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Residents and business owners in Agbor, Ughelli and other communities across Delta State have expressed support for ongoing road and flyover projects being executed by Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, saying the infrastructure will improve transportation, boost commerce and stimulate economic growth.

The projects include the ongoing flyovers in Agbor and Ughelli, as well as the newly commenced Warri Ring Road, a major transport corridor expected to improve connectivity and facilitate industrial and commercial activities across the state.

Residents said the projects would go beyond addressing traffic challenges, noting that improved road infrastructure could reduce travel time, ease the movement of goods and services and make Delta State more attractive to investors.

In Agbor, residents said the ongoing flyover would complement the town's expanding commercial activities by improving mobility for commuters, traders and other road users.

An Agbor-based entrepreneur, Chukwudi Nwosu, described infrastructure development as essential to sustainable economic growth.

"Infrastructure is the foundation of economic growth. These projects will make it easier for businesses to operate, attract investors and open new opportunities for young people and entrepreneurs across the state," he said.

Residents of Ughelli also welcomed the Otovwodo Flyover, describing it as a significant investment that could transform transportation and stimulate economic activities in the area.

The Warri Ring Road, together with the various flyover projects, is expected to improve transportation efficiency, strengthen trade links and support industrial expansion across Delta State.

Stakeholders also noted that the projects could generate employment opportunities during construction and create additional economic activities after completion.

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Tinubu Assents NPERA Bill, Clears Way For Port Economic Regulator

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President Bola Tinubu has assented to the Nigerian Ports Economic Regulatory Agency (NPERA) Bill 2026, paving the way for the establishment of a dedicated economic regulator for Nigeria's port sector.

The development was disclosed by the Executive Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC), Dr Pius Akutah, who expressed appreciation to the President for giving his assent to the legislation.

"Nigerian Port Economic Regulatory Agency Act, 2026. Thank you Mr. President for making it a reality," Akutah stated in a post on his Facebook page.

The new law marks a significant milestone in efforts to establish a statutory framework for economic regulation in Nigeria's maritime industry, following years of legislative attempts to create a dedicated port regulator.

The Federal Government had in 2014 designated the Nigerian Shippers' Council as the interim economic regulator of the nation's ports pending the enactment of a substantive law.



President Bola Tinubu

However, the absence of a dedicated legislation meant that the Council carried out its economic regulatory responsibilities largely under government policies and regulations rather than a comprehensive statutory framework.

The NPERA Act is expected to provide stronger legal backing for the regulation of economic activities within the port sector. Its responsibilities are expected to cover tariffs, rates and charges, competition, licensing of port service providers and the resolution of commercial disputes.

Akutah had previously described the proposed regulatory framework as a major step towards creating a more structured, efficient and competitive port system, with enforceable legal powers for the economic regulator.

The legislation has faced several challenges during its passage, including concerns among maritime stakeholders and agencies over possible duplication of functions.

In particular, questions were raised about the delineation of responsibilities between the proposed NPERA, the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA).

The Bill was initially passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the Presidency, but President Tinubu withheld assent after concerns were raised over some provisions.

The National Assembly subsequently reviewed the legislation, addressed identified issues and passed an amended version in April 2026.

The Senate's fresh passage followed the rescission of its earlier decision on the Bill after a review identified legal and procedural issues requiring correction.

With the President's assent, attention will now shift to the implementation of the new Act and the transition from the existing interim regulatory arrangement to the statutory NPERA regime.

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MWUN, ANLCA Threaten Onne Port Shutdown Over Bad Roads

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The Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN), the Association of Nigeria Licensed Customs Agents (ANLCA), Onne youths and other stakeholders have issued a four-day ultimatum to the Federal Government to urgently rehabilitate the dilapidated internal roads at Onne Port, Rivers State, and suspend the controversial E-Call Up levies imposed on trucks accessing the port.

The stakeholders warned that failure to address the issues by Monday, August 17, 2026, would lead to a shutdown of business activities at the port.

The ultimatum was issued amid growing concerns over the worsening condition of roads within the Onne port complex and surrounding areas, which stakeholders said had become a major threat to the safety of port users, movement of goods and smooth business operations.

Chairman of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria, Eastern Port, Uche Ogbu, who spoke alongside representatives of ANLCA, Onne youths and other stakeholders in Onne on Wednesday, accused the relevant authorities of failing to address the infrastructure challenges despite repeated appeals.

Ogbu also criticised the implementation of the E-Call Up system without adequate holding or loading bays for trucks entering the port, saying the situation had contributed to indiscriminate truck parking and increased safety risks.

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NCAA To Sanction Airlines Blocking Workers Unionisation

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The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) is set to sanction any airline that prevents its employees from directly engaging with aviation sector unions over unionisation.

The directive followed an emergency meeting convened on Thursday by the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, to promote cooperation and resolve outstanding issues between aviation sector unions and airline operators.

The meeting came after the unions temporarily suspended their planned industrial action on Tuesday following engagements with the Federal Government and the Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON).

According to a statement by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mahmud Adam Kambari, the minister reaffirmed the right of aviation workers to independently decide whether to join a union without interference from their employers.

Kambari said the NCAA had consequently been directed to ensure that aviation unions have direct access to workers of all airlines for the sole purpose of distributing unionisation forms to employees willing to indicate their interest in joining a union.

He warned that any airline that obstructs such access would face sanctions from the NCAA.

The meeting also resolved that the NCAA and other aviation agencies should obtain payment schedules from airlines over their outstanding obligations and develop repayment plans that take into account the operators' cost of operations and prevailing economic conditions.

Similarly, Directors of Finance and Accounts across the aviation agencies are expected to meet with individual airlines within one week to agree on realistic repayment arrangements.

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Onitele Hails Abiodun Over Rehabilitation Of Itele Road



Onitele of Itele and Prince Dapo Abiodun

The Onitele of Itele-Otta Awori Kingdom, Oba Dr. Ademola Eletu-Ashorotalaya, Ashorotalaya I, has commended Ogun State Governor, Prince Dapo Abiodun, for awarding the contract for the immediate rehabilitation of the Itele Road, stretching from Ayobo Bridge.

The traditional ruler described the intervention as timely and significant, saying it demonstrated the state government's responsiveness to the needs and aspirations of residents of Itele-Otta and neighbouring communities.

In a statement, Oba Eletu-Ashorotalaya said the rehabilitation would bring relief to thousands of residents, motorists, commercial transport operators, traders, artisans, students and other road users who depend on the route for their daily activities.

He noted that Itele Road had grown beyond a local access route, describing it as an important transportation link serving the rapidly expanding population in the Itele-Otta axis and connecting several communities to other parts of Ogun State and neighbouring areas.

According to the monarch, the deteriorating condition of the road had created serious difficulties for commuters, particularly during the rainy season, while also hampering the movement of goods and services and worsening transportation challenges.

He therefore described the governor's intervention as "timely, commendable and people-oriented," expressing confidence that the project would positively impact the social and economic life of the community.

The monarch stressed that quality road infrastructure was essential to grassroots economic development, noting that improved roads would facilitate the movement of agricultural produce, goods and services while creating better opportunities for farmers, traders, artisans and business owners.

"Good roads are critical to the development of any community. When roads are motorable, businesses thrive, transportation becomes easier, property values improve and people can move freely and safely," he said.

Oba Eletu-Ashorotalaya also commended the Abiodun administration for its attention to infrastructure development across Ogun State, particularly projects capable of directly improving the quality of life of residents at the grassroots.

While appreciating the award of the contract, the monarch urged the contractor to execute the project in accordance with required engineering standards.

He specifically called for adequate drainage infrastructure, proper attention to erosion-prone sections and the use of durable materials capable of withstanding the heavy traffic and weather conditions in the area.

The traditional ruler further appealed to the contractor and relevant government agencies to ensure that the project was completed within the stipulated timeframe, noting that residents were eagerly awaiting the completion of the rehabilitation.

He also urged residents, community leaders, transport operators and other stakeholders to cooperate with the contractor throughout the construction period, stressing that community support would be crucial to the successful delivery of the project.

The Onitele reaffirmed the commitment of the traditional institution to supporting government initiatives aimed at promoting development, peace and prosperity across Itele-Otta and the wider Awori axis.

He expressed optimism that the rehabilitation of the road would stimulate economic activities, improve access to schools, healthcare facilities, markets and workplaces, and make Itele-Otta more attractive to investors and businesses.

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LASTMA Intensifies Traffic Advocacy, Engages Transport Unions Across Ikeja

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) has intensified its traffic advocacy and public enlightenment campaign with a strategic engagement of transportation unions and other stakeholders operating across the Ikeja axis of Lagos.

The initiative, according to the agency, is aimed at promoting voluntary compliance, responsible road use and efficient traffic management, while complementing enforcement activities with sustained stakeholder engagement and grassroots enlightenment.

During the engagement, LASTMA officials interacted with leaders and members of various transportation unions, sensitising them on the need for strict compliance with traffic regulations, disciplined driving, proper loading and off-loading procedures and responsible parking.

The officials also urged commercial drivers to avoid practices capable of causing congestion or endangering other road users, including indiscriminate parking, illegal U-turns, obstruction of traffic lanes, reckless overtaking, picking up or dropping passengers at unauthorised locations and driving against traffic.



LASTMA

The agency stressed that the responsibilities of transport operators extend beyond the conveyance of passengers, noting that commercial drivers and members of transportation unions are important partners in maintaining road safety, traffic order and efficient mobility across Lagos.

The engagement also provided an opportunity for union leaders to highlight operational challenges confronting their members, while LASTMA officers provided clarifications on traffic regulations, enforcement procedures and appropriate channels for resolving traffic-related concerns.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, said sustainable traffic management could not be achieved through enforcement alone, stressing the need for continuous enlightenment, consultation and collaboration with transport stakeholders.

Bakare-Oki noted that transportation unions were strategically positioned to influence the conduct of their members and make significant contributions to restoring and sustaining traffic discipline across the metropolis.

"Our objective is not merely to enforce compliance but to cultivate understanding, responsibility and voluntary adherence to the law. Transportation operators are critical partners in this endeavour because their daily activities have a direct bearing on traffic flow, road safety and the overall mobility experience of Lagosians," he said.

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Petroleum Products Dominate Imports At Lekki Deep Sea Port


Lekki Deep Sea Port

Petroleum products dominated import activities at the Lekki Deep-Sea Port in the first week of August 2026, with crude oil-based products accounting for a significant portion of the commodities brought into the country through the facility.

Shipping documents obtained by Vanguard showed that a total of 1,867,712 metric tonnes of crude oil-based products were recorded as imports through the Lekki Deep-Sea Port as of August 10, 2026.

The development comes amid sustained import activity at the country's major ports, with petroleum products remaining a major component of cargo traffic due to their importance to transportation, industrial activities and other sectors of the economy.

A breakdown of the figures showed that 1,525,612 metric tonnes of crude oil-related products were brought into the country through the Lekki port during the period under review for onward distribution.

Aviation fuel accounted for the largest share of the petroleum products recorded, with 245,600 metric tonnes imported through the facility.

Automated Gas Oil (AGO), commonly known as diesel, followed with 104,000 metric tonnes, while Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), popularly known as petrol, was also listed among the major petroleum products imported through the port.

Despite the large volume of petroleum-related products recorded, the shipping documents indicated that there was no crude oil import during the period under review.

The figures therefore reflect the significant role of refined petroleum products in the import profile of the Lekki Deep-Sea Port, particularly as demand for aviation fuel, diesel and petrol continues to drive cargo movement.

Beyond petroleum products, other commodities also featured on the import chart at the facility. Bulk urea, a major agricultural input used in fertiliser production, recorded 99,000 metric tonnes during the period.

The volume of urea imports comes against the backdrop of the importance of fertiliser availability to agricultural production, particularly as farmers continue to depend on fertiliser inputs to improve crop yields.

Meanwhile, import activities at the Lagos Port Complex (LPC) showed a different pattern during the first and second weeks of August, with bulk wheat emerging as the leading commodity.

According to the shipping data, a total of 176,243 metric tonnes of bulk wheat was imported through the Lagos Port Complex during the period.

Wheat remains an important food commodity in Nigeria, serving as a major raw material for flour mills and producers of bread, pasta, biscuits and other food products.

The contrasting import profiles of the Lekki Deep-Sea Port and the Lagos Port Complex underscore the varied nature of cargo handled across Nigeria's major maritime gateways.

The Lekki port, which has increasingly attracted large-scale cargo operations since commencing commercial activities, has become an important facility for handling high-volume imports and exports.

The latest figures further indicate the growing role of the facility in the movement of petroleum-related products and other bulk commodities into the country.

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