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The Federal Road Safety Corps has dismissed a viral notice directing applicants who were not shortlisted or did not receive invitation messages for its 2026 recruitment exercise to report to the nearest FRSC camp for verification. The Corps, in a statement shared on its official X handle on Sunday, described the notice as fake and unauthorised, urging applicants to disregard the information and avoid falling victim to recruitment scams.

The fraudulent notice reportedly instructed affected applicants to report to the nearest FRSC camp for verification on or before September 25, 2026. However, the road safety agency clarified that it had not issued any such directive.

“The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has categorically disowned a viral notice circulating on social media directing applicants who were not shortlisted or did not receive invitation messages to report to the nearest

FRSC camp for verification on or before 25 September 2026. The notice is fake, unauthorised and should be disregarded,” the Corps stated.

The FRSC further warned applicants against reporting to any of its offices, camps or training institutions based on the circulating message, stressing that official information concerning the recruitment exercise would only be communicated through its authorised channels.

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu gave the directive on Saturday while providing an update on the National Affordable CNG Transit Programme, stressing the need for states to expand alternative-energy transportation and ensure that the benefits of cheaper fuel reach commuters.

The President, however, ruled out a return to the petrol subsidy regime, arguing that the policy had consumed trillions of naira and exposed the Nigerian economy to fluctuations in global crude oil prices.

Tinubu said more than 120,000 vehicles had already been converted to CNG, while over 400 certified conversion centres and more than 90 CNG refuelling stations were operational across the states and the Federal Capital Territory.

He recalled that during a meeting with the 36 state governors on August 27, an agreement was reached for Nigerians to begin experiencing measurable reductions in transportation costs from October 1.

Following the meeting, an implementation committee for the National Affordable CNG Transit Programme was established under the Nigeria Governors' Forum, with Kwara State Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq as its chairman.

The committee, working with the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas and Electric Vehicles, state governments and other stakeholders, has been identifying priority transport corridors and determining the interventions required to meet the October deadline.

According to Tinubu, the initiative has become more urgent due to disruptions in global energy supplies, which have increased pressure on petrol and diesel prices and contributed to rising transportation costs.

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Tinubu Commends Kaduna’s Free CNG Bus Scheme, Says Prog’me Offers Relief To Commuters

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has commended the Kaduna State Government's free Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) mass transit programme, describing the initiative as a practical example of how state governments can use domestic energy resources to ease transportation costs for residents.

The President made the commendation in a post on his official X account on Sunday, where he specifically highlighted the deployment of 100 CNG-powered buses by the administration of Governor Uba Sani.

Tinubu noted that Kaduna's initiative demonstrated how the transition to cheaper domestic energy could translate into tangible economic relief for ordinary citizens, particularly amid ongoing efforts to reduce transportation costs across the country.

According to the President, the programme recorded approximately



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3.2 million passenger trips within its first year of operation, enabling commuters to save more than N3.5 billion in transportation expenses.

The achievement underscores the potential impact of CNG-powered public transportation in improving access to affordable mobility while reducing the financial burden on commuters.

The Kaduna State Government has maintained that it remains the only state operating a free CNG mass transit programme of this nature, positioning the initiative as a notable intervention in the state's public transportation system.

The presidential commendation comes as the Federal Government and state governments intensify efforts to

expand the adoption of CNG-powered transportation as part of broader measures to provide more affordable mobility options for Nigerians.

The expansion of CNG mass transit programmes is expected to remain a key component of ongoing efforts to leverage domestic energy resources and address the challenges associated with rising transportation costs.

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FG Secures 746m Euros Facility To Modernise Apapa, Tin-Can Ports

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The Federal Government has secured a £746 million facility to rehabilitate and modernise the Apapa and Tin-Can Island ports as part of efforts to improve port efficiency, enhance cargo handling and strengthen Nigeria's maritime competitiveness.

Chairman of the Ports Operations and Security Committee of the Nigerian Ports Consultative Council (NPCC), Capt. Iheanacho Ebubeogu, disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos on Sunday while reviewing port operations and security during the second quarter of 2026.

Ebubeogu said the facility would support the transformation of the two major ports into green and smart port facilities through automation, digital technologies and improved infrastructure.

According to him, the modernisation programme is expected to provide

better cargo-handling equipment, reduce vessel turnaround and cargo dwell times, improve environmental sustainability and increase revenue generated from port operations.

He also disclosed that the Federal Government had awarded contracts for the rehabilitation of the Escravos breakwaters and Terminals A and C, while the Federal Executive Council had approved a channel management consortium to maintain and deepen channels serving Delta ports.

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Tanker Cause Gridlock On Minna-Suleja-Diko Road, Commuters Stranded

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Road traffic congestion has continued to disrupt movement along the Minna-Suleja-Diko corridor in Niger State, leaving motorists and commuters stranded for hours and causing significant delays in transportation.

The gridlock, which reportedly began on Thursday and persisted into Friday morning, was attributed to the activities of tankers blocking sections of the road around Maje Junction, worsening the difficulties faced by road users travelling between Suleja and surrounding communities.

A tanker driver, Ya'u Ahmed, who spoke to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Saturday, said tanker operators were being prevented from entering Suleja Township, prompting demands for access to the route to reduce the hardship experienced by drivers.

Ahmed disclosed that he had spent four days on the road between Lambata and Maje while travelling to Kaduna.

"I have spent four days on the road from

Lambata to Maje. I am going to Kaduna," he said.

The prolonged congestion has also affected commuters who visited Lambata Market, with some reportedly forced to spend the night there after being unable to continue their journeys.

Musa Dantala, a member of the Maje Drivers' Union, said the situation had created serious difficulties for motorists and passengers, while also recounting a fatal incident involving a tanker driver and his son.

According to Dantala, the tanker driver moved his vehicle after noticing that traffic had started moving, without realising that his son was underneath the tanker.

He said the boy was subsequently crushed to death by the vehicle and buried on Friday morning.

Another motorist, Isma'il Suleiman, said private and commercial vehicles travelling from Lambata to Maje were experiencing severe congestion, particularly along the dual carriageway.

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Ilaje, Itsekiri Leaders Reject Rerouting Of Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway

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Leaders of the Ilaje and Itsekiri ethnic nationalities have opposed the proposed rerouting of the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway from coastal communities to inland areas, calling on the Federal Government to retain the original alignment through Ondo and Delta states.

The stakeholders made their position known in a resolution adopted at a joint meeting of leaders of thought from Ilaje communities in Ondo State and Itsekiri communities in Delta State, held in Lagos on Saturday.

The meeting focused on the ongoing construction of the coastal highway and the reported implications of the proposed route changes for communities in the two states.

In the resolution signed by Barrister Austin Nonen Oboroegbeyi and Comrade Amaechi Omagbitse on behalf of the Itsekiri ethnic nationality, and Dr Benson Enikuomihin FCPA and Dr Adeolu Austin Efotan for the Ilaje ethnic nationality, the leaders



Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway

called on the Itsekiri Nation to issue a statement condemning the alleged rerouting of the project by the Minister of Works, Senator Dave Umahi.

The stakeholders argued that diverting the highway away from coastal communities would undermine the vision behind the project, insisting that the original route should be preserved.

"The Ilaje and Itsekiri have agreed to work together in making sure the Coastal Road maintains its Original Route, passing through the Coastal Communities," the leaders stated.

They also rejected the explanation attributed to the Minister of Works regarding the feasibility of constructing the highway through the coastal communities, describing the claim as

false.

According to the stakeholders, the estimated cost of constructing a kilometre of road along the coastal route, including the Ilaje communities in Ondo State and Itsekiri communities in Delta State, ranges from N4 billion to N7.5 billion. They claimed that the proposed inland alignment would cost between N7.5 billion and N12 billion per kilometre.

The leaders further maintained that the proposed rerouting would significantly increase the length of the highway and raise the overall construction cost.

They said the distance from Olosunmeta to the Itsekiri axis in Delta State was estimated at between 100 and 110 kilometres along the coastal alignment, while the proposed alternative route would cover approximately 170 to 190 kilometres.

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Sokoto Govt To Rehabilitate Dilapidated Road In Sokoto North

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The Sokoto State Government has announced plans to rehabilitate the dilapidated Layin Gidan Bello Dan Baba Road in Waziri C Ward, Sokoto North Local Government Area of the state. Governor Ahmed Aliyu made the announcement on Saturday evening during a condolence visit to the family of the late Islamic poet, Musa Mai Akwai Gidadawa, as part of his visits to bereaved families across the Sokoto metropolis. The governor expressed concern over the poor condition of the road, assuring residents of the government's commitment to addressing the situation and improving infrastructure in the area. Aliyu said the road played an important role in the socio-economic activities of the community, making its rehabilitation necessary to improve the well-being of residents. "I have seen the deplorable condition of this road and, frankly speaking, I am touched by what I saw," the governor said. He explained that the government would

soon deploy a team of engineers to assess the road's condition and provide recommendations on the appropriate measures required. "I assure you that we will soon send a team of engineers to assess the condition of the road and advise the government on the appropriate action to take," he added. According to the governor, his condolence visits across the state have enabled him to gain firsthand knowledge of the challenges confronting various communities.

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Governor Ahmed Aliyu

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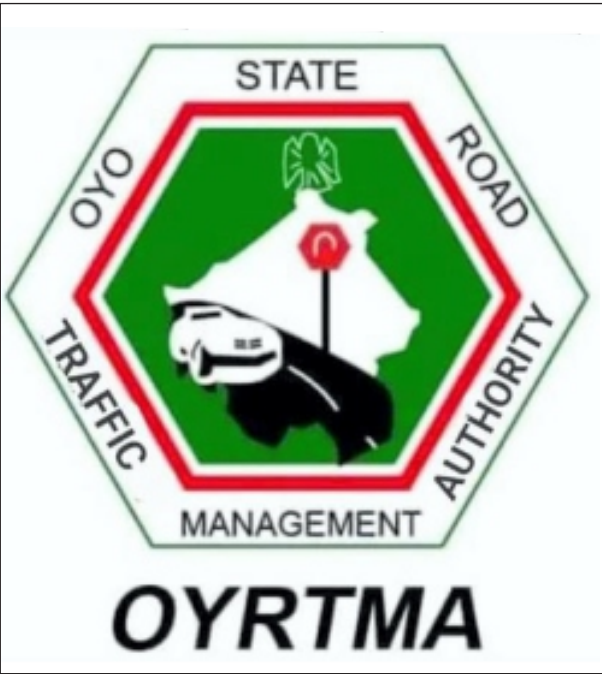
The Lagos State Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS) has impounded 38 buses for allegedly operating under the Bus Reform Initiative (BRI) without the required licences and official approval. The vehicles were seized during an enforcement operation carried out along the Island route, covering the Ajah-to-Sura corridor, according to information released by the Information Department of the Lagos State Ministry of Transportation over the weekend. The affected buses were reportedly operating under the BRI programme without the necessary authorisation from the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA), which oversees the regulation and coordination of the state's transport system. The enforcement exercise forms part of the Lagos State Government's efforts to strengthen compliance with approved regulations governing commercial transportation and ensure

VIS Impounds 38 Buses Over Illegal BRI Operations

that operators conduct their activities within the established legal framework. The ministry urged commercial transport operators across the state to comply strictly with existing transport regulations and obtain the required licences and approvals before operating. It further warned that operators found violating the rules would face appropriate sanctions in line with relevant regulations. The government's latest enforcement action underscores its continued focus on regulating commercial transport operations and promoting orderliness within Lagos' public transportation system.

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Oyo Announces Traffic Diversion Ahead Of Youth Concert



OYRTMA

The Oyo State Road Traffic Management Authority (OYRTMA) has announced temporary traffic diversions and road closures in parts of Ibadan ahead of the BOYE NATION/JAF Movement Concert scheduled for Monday. The traffic management measures were disclosed on Saturday by the chairman of OYRTMA, Major Adekoya Adesagba (retd.), during a press briefing at the authority's headquarters in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital. Adesagba said the restrictions were introduced to facilitate the smooth movement of traffic and ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians and other road users, given the

expected influx of attendees to the concert. According to him, VIP guests with valid event stickers or entry passes would park at Gate 2, while other attendees would use the Recreation Field opposite Gate 3 in Sabo, which has been designated as the main parking area for the event. He added that PTS buses would be stationed at the recreation field to transport guests to the concert venue, while Gates 1 and 3 would be reserved strictly for pedestrian access. The OYRTMA chairman advised concert attendees to make use of the designated parking facilities and avoid driving directly to the venue. He further announced that roads leading to the stadium would be temporarily closed to motorists and members of the public without business at the venue, urging them to use alternative routes during the period of the event. Adesagba stated that the Danax en route Sabo Recreation Junction and

Queen Cinema en route Eko Tedo would be closed to vehicular traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday. He appealed to motorists, commercial transport operators and residents in the affected areas to plan their journeys in advance and comply with traffic signs and directives issued by OYRTMA personnel deployed to strategic locations. The chairman explained that the temporary restrictions were necessary to minimise congestion and ensure the orderly movement of people and vehicles during the concert. He also assured residents that the authority would deploy adequate personnel to monitor traffic flow and respond promptly to any challenges before, during and after the event. Adesagba urged members of the public to cooperate with OYRTMA and other security agencies, stressing that compliance with the traffic arrangements would contribute to the safety of road users and the smooth

conduct of the programme. The BOYE NATION/JAF Movement Concert is expected to bring together Oyo youths through music and entertainment, while also serving as the official platform for Boye Nation's political declaration for the Allied Peoples Movement. The traffic management measures were disclosed on Saturday by the chairman of OYRTMA, Major Adekoya Adesagba (retd.), during a press briefing at the authority's headquarters in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital. Adesagba said the restrictions were introduced to facilitate the smooth movement of traffic and ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians and other road users, given the expected influx of attendees to the concert. According to him, VIP guests with valid event stickers or entry passes would park at Gate 2, while other attendees would use the Recreation Field opposite Gate 3 in Sabo, which has been designated as the main parking area for the event.

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LASTMA Warns Against Use Of Rolling Skate Shoes On Lagos Highways

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In a statement issued on Sunday by the Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, Mr. Adebayo Taofiq, the Authority said the growing trend of using footwear fitted with concealed or retractable wheels on roads meant for vehicular traffic poses a serious danger to both users and other road users.

According to LASTMA, users of the footwear often attempt to glide alongside moving vehicles, cross busy roads indiscriminately or manoeuvre through traffic without adequate protective gear or adult supervision, thereby increasing the likelihood of road crashes and severe



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injuries. users interact LASTMA therefore urged simultaneously. It parents, guardians, stressed that using schools and caregivers that, unlike designated recreational facilities, wheeled recreational to discourage children public roads are highly devices in such settings and other vulnerable unpredictable environ- significantly reduces a road users from s u d d e n t r a ffi c activities on highways, expressways, bridges, movements.

service lanes and other locations where vehicles operate.

It advised users of rolling skate shoes to confine such activities to designated recreational centres, private compounds and other safe environments suitable for skating, while also wearing appropriate protective equipment, including helmets, knee pads and elbow pads.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, described road safety as a collective responsibility that requires discipline, vigilance and respect for the dangers associated with public roads.

Bakare-Oki stressed that the protection of human life must always take precedence over recreational activities, noting that no form of leisure is worth exposing oneself or others to avoidable danger.

He also appealed to motorists to remain alert, particularly in residential neighbourhoods, estates and school zones, where children and young people using wheeled footwear could unexpectedly enter traffic.

The Authority further urged residents to

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FERMA Clears Ondo Roads To Boost Safety, Curb Insecurity



FERMA

The Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) has commenced vegetation clearing and drainage desilting along the Owo-Ikare-Arigidi-Ekiti State border road in Ondo State, as part of efforts to improve road safety, enhance motorists' visibility and address security concerns along the route.

The intervention is being implemented under the agency's Routine and Preventive Maintenance Works Programme (RPMWP) and covers the section of the highway between Chainage 4+000 and 32+000.

The ongoing maintenance activities include clearing overgrown vegetation, removing refuse dumped along road shoulders and

desilting drainage channels to prevent water accumulation and protect the road pavement from damage.

Speaking during an inspection of the project, the Federal Road Maintenance Engineer at FERMA's Ondo State Field Office, Kenneth Yanum, said the exercise was aimed at preserving federal road infrastructure, improving safety and providing temporary employment for residents of host communities.

Yanum disclosed that approximately 50 people had been engaged from communities along the route for the one-month maintenance programme.

He explained that the overgrown vegetation had the potential to obstruct motorists' visibility, particularly during overtaking, thereby increasing the risk of road accidents.

According to him, the clearing of drainage channels would also help prevent water from remaining on the

road and causing further deterioration of the pavement.

The engineer urged motorists and residents to protect public infrastructure and report damaged sections of the highway to enable FERMA to respond promptly.

“Please road users, let's take good care of our road assets, our roads. Let's not cut the road, let's not do things that will cause our road to get damaged,” he said.

Some motorists who spoke during the inspection welcomed the intervention but called for additional repairs to potholes and other deteriorated portions of the highway.

Oluyede Femi Emmanuel said the road had experienced accidents in the past and required more comprehensive intervention, including widening and rehabilitation.

“We are suffering on this road. Accidents used to occur on this road. But we want our government to help us on this road,” he said.

Another road user, Kutelu Olumide, acknowledged the ongoing work, including the filling of some potholes, but noted that further improvements were necessary.

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EU, Nigeria Fashion Week Partner On Sustainable Fashion, Green Economy

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The European Union Delegation to Nigeria and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has partnered with Nigeria Fashion Week 2026 to promote sustainable fashion, circular production and green enterprise within Nigeria's creative industry.

The partnership is aimed at supporting the Going Green 5 Initiative, a major feature of this year's Nigeria Fashion Week, which will be held under the theme, “Beyond the Runway: Fashion and Culture at the Heart of the Green & Blue Economy.”

The initiative will promote recycling, upcycling, creative reuse and responsible sourcing as practical measures to reduce waste and extend the lifespan of materials used in fashion production.

A key attraction of the event will be the Going Green Collection, a runway showcase featuring Nigerian and international designers who will create fashion pieces using recycled, reclaimed, upcycled and other environmentally responsible materials.

The collection is expected to demonstrate how discarded



Nigeria Fashion Week

materials can be transformed through creativity and innovation into commercially valuable products, while encouraging sustainable practices across the fashion industry.

Speaking on the partnership, the European Union Ambassador to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Gautier Mignot, said the initiative formed part of the EU's broader cooperation with Nigeria to advance a greener and more circular economy.

Mignot noted that Nigeria's fashion industry, with its creative capacity and entrepreneurial strength, had an important role to play in promoting sustainable production and consumption.

He said, “The European Union has been working with Nigeria to advance the circular economy, reduce waste and promote more sustainable patterns of production and consumption. Fashion is an

important part of this conversation.”

The ambassador explained that the country's fashion industry had considerable potential to convert materials that would otherwise become waste into new products, businesses and economic opportunities.

According to him, the collaboration would bring circular economy discussions closer to designers, entrepreneurs and consumers.

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Vietnam Seeks Stronger Economic, Cultural Ties With Nigeria



Vietnam deepens stronger economic ties with Nigeria

Culled:
The Vietnamese Government has expressed its commitment to deepening bilateral cooperation with Nigeria in agriculture, digital transformation, trade, investment and cultural exchanges as both countries commemorate 50 years of diplomatic relations. Vietnam's Ambassador to Nigeria, Le Hoang, made this known on Saturday in Abuja during a reception to mark the 81st National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Hoang described the 50th

anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries as a significant milestone, noting that the occasion provided an opportunity to reflect on their longstanding partnership and explore new areas of cooperation. Nigeria and Vietnam established diplomatic relations on May 25, 1976.

The ambassador said that despite the geographical distance between the two countries, they had maintained economic and diplomatic engagements over the years.

He identified Nigeria as an important economic partner in Africa, while describing Vietnam as a growing Southeast Asian economy and a gateway to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) market.

According to him, agriculture and food security represent one of the key areas where both countries could strengthen cooperation. He said Vietnam was prepared to share its experience in high-tech agriculture, rice production, aquaculture, agro-processing and agricultural value chains.

Hoang also highlighted digital transformation and telecommunications, including telecommunications infrastructure, innovation, e-commerce and financial technology, as areas with significant potential for collaboration.

On trade and investment, the ambassador invited Nigerian businesses to explore opportunities in Vietnam.

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FG Unveils Nigeria Early Years Agenda To Childhood Develop’nt Crisis

Culled:
The Federal Government has unveiled the Nigeria Early Years Agenda, a comprehensive initiative designed to improve the survival, development, learning and school readiness of children under the age of five.

The agenda, developed under the Human Capital Development 2.0 framework, seeks to integrate healthcare, nutrition, education, water and sanitation, social protection and other essential services around the needs of individual children.

The Federal Coordinator of Human Capital Development 2.0, Dr Ado Muhammad, disclosed this during a technical briefing on the Nigeria Early Years Agenda for government officials and development partners in Abuja.

Muhammad said the initiative was informed by evidence highlighting the importance of the first five years of life in shaping long-term human capital development. He noted that approximately 90 per cent of adult brain architecture is formed by the age of five, making early childhood a critical period for intervention.

Presenting the findings of the government's analysis, he revealed that only 47.7 per cent of Nigerian children were developmentally on track according to the Early Childhood Development Index.

The presentation further indicated that Nigeria's under-five mortality rate stood at 110 deaths per 1,000 live births, while 40 per cent of children under five were affected by stunting.

Concerns were also raised over children's learning and school readiness, with the data showing that only 24 per cent of children aged four to six could write a simple word, while 64 per cent could count from one to 10. Only 20 per cent demonstrated the ability to plan ahead.

Muhammad stressed that early childhood development required a coordinated, multi-sectoral approach, noting that children's wellbeing was influenced by factors beyond the responsibility of a single ministry.

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President Tinubu, Vice President Kashim Shettima

Tinubu Delegates Shettima To Lead Nigeria's Delegation To 81st UNGA

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has mandated Vice President Kashim Shettima to represent him and lead Nigeria's delegation to the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, United States.

The decision confirms that Tinubu will not personally attend the annual gathering of world leaders, following weeks of speculation over his participation in the event.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Media and Communications, Office of the Vice

President, Stanley Nkwocha, disclosed that Shettima would lead a high-level delegation comprising Rivers State Governor, Siminalayi Fubara; Zamfara State Governor, Dauda Lawal; ministers and other senior government officials.

The development comes after Nigeria's envoy to the United Nations, Jimoh Ibrahim, stated in July that Tinubu would attend the 81st UNGA in person. Ibrahim had said arrangements were being made for the President to sit close to his United States counterpart, Donald Trump.

However, Tinubu's departure from Abuja on August 30 for a three-week

vacation in Europe, beginning in London before proceeding to France, raised questions about whether he would attend the international gathering. The Presidency had indicated that the President would return to Nigeria after his vacation.

The 81st UNGA General Debate is scheduled to take place from September 22 to 28, 2026, under the theme, “Restoring trust, managing transformation: A United Nations that delivers for all.”

According to the statement, Shettima will deliver Nigeria's national statement during the General Debate, outlining the country's

position and priorities on key global issues, including national development, peace and security, economic growth and international cooperation.

The Vice President is also expected to participate in high-level meetings focusing on the Right to Development, climate action and other matters of strategic importance to Nigeria and the African continent.

Shettima will further join other world leaders at the traditional reception for heads of delegation and engage in bilateral meetings with representatives of foreign governments.

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NELFUND Expanding Access To Higher Education, Gov Yusuf

Kano State Governor, Abba Yusuf, has described the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) as a significant intervention that is expanding access to higher education for Nigerian students by reducing financial barriers to tertiary education.

Yusuf stated this during the second and third combined convocation ceremony of Al-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State, according to a statement issued by his Chief Press Secretary,

Mustapha Muhammad, and made available to the News Agency of Nigeria on Sunday.

The governor commended the Federal Government, under President Bola Tinubu, for its support for the education sector, particularly through the introduction of NELFUND, which he said had created additional opportunities for students and parents to finance tertiary education.

He noted that the initiative would help

reduce the financial difficulties that could prevent qualified young Nigerians from pursuing higher education.

“May I also use this opportunity to extend our profound appreciation to the Federal Government, under the leadership of President Bola Tinubu, for its immense support to the education sector, particularly through the introduction of NELFUND,” Yusuf said.

According to him, the education loan scheme represents an important step

towards improving access to tertiary education across the country by providing students and their parents with more opportunities to meet the financial requirements of higher education.

Yusuf also urged the graduating students to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during their academic programmes to productive ventures and meaningful contributions to their communities, Kano State and Nigeria.

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