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FRSC Disowns Fake Recruitment Notice, Warns Applicants Against Fraud

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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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The company, which announced its entry into the Lagos transportation market, said its services would include passenger pickups and drop-offs to and from the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, as well as coverage of major business districts on Lagos Island and connections to the mainland and other parts of the metropolis.

According to the company, the launch is aimed at addressing transportation challenges associated with the movement of people across Lagos, particularly amid the city's growing commercial activities, professional opportunities and business expansion.

Primelane stated that while conventional ride-hailing platforms had gained

widespread acceptance through volume-based services and competitive pricing, customers continued to experience inconsistencies in service delivery. It added that traditional executive hire services had addressed some of these concerns but often lacked the on-demand availability and operational consistency associated with app-based transportation.

The company said its service model was designed to prioritise consistency, reliability and the overall passenger experience rather than competing primarily on price.

As part of its operational standards, Primelane disclosed that all drivers on its platform would undergo vetting, background checks and chauffeur-standard training before being permitted to accept bookings.

The company identified Lagos' professional class, including corporate executives, expatriates, frequent flyers and international business visitors, as its primary target market.

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Effiong, who had checked in for the flight the previous night, said he arrived at Terminal One of the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos, at about 5:50am on Monday for the scheduled 6:45am departure.

According to him, passengers were kept waiting for about an hour before airline officials announced that the flight had been rescheduled to 4:50pm. He alleged that Air Peace had sent a reminder to passengers at 2:01am,



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asking them to arrive early despite the flight not being scheduled to depart as planned.

The lawyer said the delay could cause him to miss a definite hearing in Enugu State, adding that he had already incurred expenses on flights and taxis. He also disclosed that he had booked a return flight with United Nigeria Airlines for 3:20pm on the same day.

Effiong criticised the airline's handling of the disruption and questioned the effectiveness of aviation regulators in holding airlines accountable. He also cited NCAA data indicating that Air Peace recorded 1,330 delays out of 1,864 flights in August 2026, representing 71.4 per cent.

Responding to the complaint on X, the NCAA Director of Public Affairs and

Consumer Protection, Michael Achimugu, said the regulator would investigate the matter, while rejecting the suggestion that the authority was incapable of addressing airline disruptions.

Achimugu explained that the disruption appeared to be linked to the ripple effect of flight disruptions experienced on Sunday night.

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Lekki Port Handles 48.4% Of Nigeria's Vessel Calls In First Half Of 2026

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Nigerian ports recorded 2,152 vessel calls in the first half of 2026, representing a 6.9 per cent increase compared to the corresponding period in 2025, with Lekki Port accounting for 48.4 per cent of the total vessel traffic. The port also handled nearly 40 per cent of the country's total cargo throughput during the period, emerging as the leading performer among Nigeria's port locations. The figures were disclosed in the Nigerian Ports Authority's (NPA) half-year performance scorecard presented at the quarterly meeting of the Port Consultative Council (PCC) in Lagos. According to the NPA Managing Director, Dr Abubakar Dantsoho, the strong performance recorded at Lekki Port was largely driven by activities linked to the Dangote Refinery, which accounted for 76 per cent of the port's total cargo traffic during the review period. Dantsoho also reported an increase in

the volume of inward cargo handled across the nation's ports. Inward cargo rose to 38,411,323 metric tonnes during the first half of 2026, compared with 36,338,068 metric tonnes recorded in the same period of 2025, representing a 5.6 per cent increase. Onne Port also recorded significant growth during the period, with vessel calls rising by 26.6 per cent, largely supported by LNG exports. The port accounted for 22.7 per cent of the country's total cargo throughput.

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Lekki Port

NUPRC, Indonesia's Pertamina Explore Nigeria's 2026 Oil Licensing Round

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The Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) has commenced discussions with Indonesia's national oil company, Pertamina, over potential investments in Nigeria's 2026 oil and gas licensing round. The discussions formed part of efforts to attract international investment into Nigeria's upstream petroleum sector and support the country's target of increasing crude oil production to three million barrels per day by 2030. The engagement followed a meeting involving the NUPRC Chief Executive, Mrs Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan; Indonesia's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arif Havas Oegroseno; and Toriq Abdat, Vice President of Upstream Business Development at Pertamina. The development was disclosed in a statement issued on Sunday by Mr Eniola Akinkuotu, Head of Corporate Communications and Media at the NUPRC.

Nigeria currently produces between 1.6 million and 1.7 million barrels of crude oil per day, while Indonesia's production stands at approximately 600,000 barrels per day. Both countries are pursuing strategies to increase output and strengthen energy security. Speaking during the engagement, Abdat said Pertamina had been mandated to expand its international operations and was exploring investment opportunities in countries including Malaysia, Iraq and Nigeria. He explained that the company was seeking producing assets, projects approaching production and opportunities at the stage preceding Final Investment Decision (FID). According to him, Pertamina was open to participating in competitive bidding processes as well as bilateral arrangements with governments. "We would like to be in projects with governments, producing assets, near production or before FID," Abdat said.

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Ekiti Distributes 100 Vehicles To Security Agencies To Strengthen Operations

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The Ekiti State Government has distributed 100 operational vehicles to security agencies across the state as part of measures to enhance security operations, improve mobility and ensure faster responses to emergencies. Governor Biodun Oyebanji handed over the vehicles to representatives of the benefiting agencies on Monday in Ado-Ekiti, with the police, Nigerian Army, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Department of State Services and local security networks among the beneficiaries. Speaking at the ceremony, Oyebanji said the intervention demonstrated his administration's commitment to protecting lives and property, while strengthening the operational capacity of security agencies in the state. The governor explained that the vehicles would also support the eventual take-off of the proposed Ekiti State Police Outfit, describing the provision as a significant step towards



Governor Oyebanji

addressing the persistent demand for operational vehicles by security agencies. "Lined up here are 100 units of security vehicles, primarily for operations and mobility of your personnel and the eventual take-off of the Ekiti State Police Outfit. This is in addition to our numerous interventions in the security sector in the state," he said. Oyebanji recalled that his

administration had, two years earlier, distributed patrol vehicles, armoured personnel carriers, bulletproof vests, helmets and other security equipment to security agencies in the state. He assured the agencies of continued government support, including regular monthly financial assistance and initiatives aimed at strengthening the capacity of state-owned security institutions.

The governor charged security chiefs to reciprocate the government's investment by intensifying patrols, increasing strategic visibility and ensuring faster responses to distress calls. "With the provision of these vehicles, I will want to see increased patrols, strategic visibility, faster response and spontaneous agility on the part of your men. There should be no reasons for excuses, lapses or unprofessional conduct," Oyebanji stated. He also urged security and intelligence agencies to maximise the use of available surveillance technology and strengthen inter-agency collaboration to improve security coordination across the state. Governor Biodun Oyebanji handed over the vehicles to representatives of the benefiting agencies on Monday in Ado-Ekiti, with the police, Nigerian Army, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Department of State Services and local security networks among the beneficiaries.

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The road, which connects the hometown of Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun to other parts of the state, has raised concerns among motorists over its worsening condition and the recurring failure of previous repairs to provide a lasting solution.

Some road users who spoke on the situation expressed frustration over the repeated deterioration of the route, despite several rehabilitation efforts.

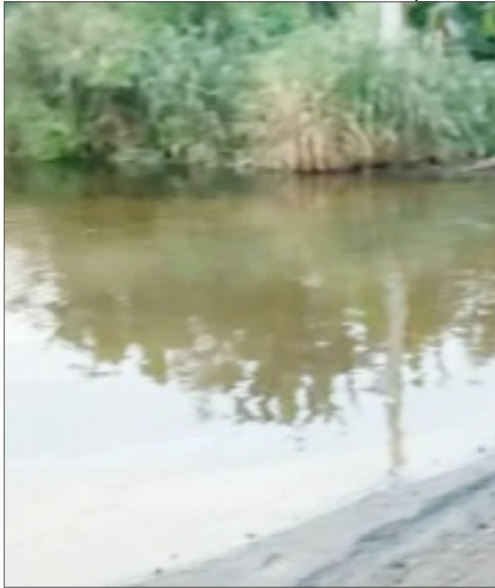
A motorist identified as Quadri said the road was recently repaired ahead of the National Sports Festival but began

to show signs of deterioration only a few weeks after the intervention.

Another motorist, Shola, attributed the recurring flooding to inadequate drainage infrastructure, pointing out that several streams and water channels run across the road.

Reacting to the development, the Ogun State Government said it was aware of the condition of the road and had approved its full reconstruction and realignment to address the persistent challenges.

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Bad Road

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The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) has cleared a container-laden truck that tilted and obstructed approximately 80 per cent of the roadway at National-Ashade, Lagos, restoring normal vehicular movement in the area.

The incident occurred at about 11:21 p.m. on Sunday when a MACK truck carrying two 20-foot containers reportedly broke down while attempting to make a U-turn.

In a statement issued on Monday, LASEMA Permanent Secretary, Dr Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, said the agency's Eagle Response Team stationed at Cappa was activated following reports of the incident and promptly mobilised to the scene.

According to the agency, preliminary investigations revealed that a tyre burst caused the truck to tilt, creating a significant hazard for motorists and obstructing most of the roadway.

Upon arrival, emergency responders implemented traffic diversion measures and secured the area to prevent further

LASEMA Clears Fallen Container Truck, Reopens Lagos Road

incidents while awaiting the arrival of heavy-duty recovery equipment.

LASEMA said the recovery operation was carried out through a coordinated effort involving a private crane, two forklifts, the agency's lowbed and a private tow truck.

The two containers were successfully recovered and loaded onto the agency's lowbed, while the MACK truck was towed to the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) yard in Oshodi.

The agency confirmed that the road had been fully cleared and reopened to traffic following the successful operation.

It added that no fatalities or injuries were recorded in connection with the incident.

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NPERA, NPA Begin Talks On Inland Dry Port Functions Transfer



Pius Akutah, Dantsoho

The Nigerian Port Economic Regulatory Agency (NPERA) and the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) have commenced discussions on the transfer of inland dry port-related functions as part of efforts to strengthen regulatory coordination and promote the development of Nigeria's marine and blue economy.

The discussions, which began on Monday during a meeting between the management of both agencies, focused on the technical aspects of the transition, including the delineation of responsibilities and the prevention of overlapping functions among government agencies.

The Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of NPERA, Dr. Pius Akutah, said the directive by the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Dr. Adegboyega Oyetola, should be viewed as a strategic step towards advancing the growth and development of the nation's marine and blue economy.

Akutah emphasised that the transition could not be successfully implemented by NPERA alone, stressing the need for cooperation among all relevant stakeholders. He explained that the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy would remain central to the process, while the mandates of the agencies involved would be appropriately transferred to ensure a smooth integration.

According to him, the minister's intervention while the NPERA Bill was still before the National Assembly helped resolve disagreements among government agencies and established a foundation for stronger

inter-agency collaboration.

The NPERA chief further stated that the meeting marked the commencement of the process of transferring relevant inland dry port responsibilities to NPERA, in accordance with its mandate as an economic regulator.

He highlighted the importance of effectively operationalising the provisions of the NPERA Act, including Section 51, to facilitate a seamless transition and ensure that the responsibilities of the various stakeholders were properly aligned.

As part of the proposed framework, Akutah called for the establishment of a joint committee comprising NPERA, NPA, the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), and the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy.

The committee, he explained, would be responsible for coordinating the transition process and addressing issues that could affect the effective transfer of functions.

Akutah also underscored the strategic importance of inland dry ports in

extending the benefits of Nigeria's maritime sector to the hinterland, noting their role in strengthening the country's trade and logistics network.

Responding, the Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Dr. Abubakar Dantsoho, described the initiative as a welcome development and assured NPERA of the authority's operational and technical support throughout the transition.

Dantsoho said the process had commenced with the right intention and purpose, adding that the NPA would provide updated information on the current status of inland dry ports to support the deliberations and facilitate informed decisions.

He expressed optimism that subsequent engagements between the agencies would help achieve the objectives of the transition and contribute to the further development of inland dry ports across the country.

Also speaking, the NPA Executive Director, Engr. Lekan Badmus, commended NPERA for initiating the collaboration.

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The Federal Controller of Works in Lagos State, Mr. Olufemi Dare, issued the warning on Monday during a media briefing in Lagos, saying the directive followed repeated fatalities, reckless driving, vandalism and other criminal activities along the highway.

According to Dare, the Minister of Works, Engr. David Umahi, directed the Federal Ministry of Works to review the situation after two weeks, warning that the highway would be closed if there was no significant improvement in compliance and safety.

He explained that construction work was still in progress on the coastal highway,



Mr Olufemi Dare - Federal Controller of Works in Lagos State

which includes 20 extends from Eleko Junction to Odo-Ome at 30 kilometres per hour, 103-kilometre Lagos the Lagos - Ogun with some reportedly alignment. Section One boundary, spanning driving at speeds stretches from approximately 56 exceeding 120 kilometres per hour Ahodubule to Eleko kilometres. Dare lamented that despite conspicuous about 47 kilometres, many motorists had warning signs. while Section Two continued to ignore the "Lives are being lost on

the coastal road almost every other day. It must stop," he said, stressing that speeding would no longer be tolerated and that violators would face enforcement measures.

The Federal Controller also announced stricter enforcement against traffic and environmental offences on the highway.

He said articulated vehicles would no longer be allowed to park along the road, warning that offending trucks and trailers would be impounded.

He further declared a total ban on illegal U-turns, commercial motorcycles (Okada), tricycles and other similar vehicles on the highway, noting that police had arrested about 100 commercial motorcyclists operating illegally on the corridor within the past week.

To strengthen enforcement, Dare disclosed that the Federal Government had intensified collaboration with the Lagos State Police Command. According to him, the Commissioner of Police recently held strategic meetings with relevant stakeholders and ordered increased deployment of officers to the highway.

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Rainfall Delays First Niger Bridge Reopening By One Week



The First Niger Bridge

Persistent rainfall has forced the Federal Ministry of Works to extend the planned reopening of the First Niger Bridge linking Onitsha, Anambra State, and Asaba, Delta State, by one week.

The development has prolonged traffic congestion, increased travel time and raised transportation costs for commuters relying on the bridge, which was shut down on September 7, 2026, for rehabilitation and maintenance works.

The bridge was initially scheduled to reopen on Monday, September 21, after a two-week closure to enable the replacement of vandalised railings, bolts and nuts, as well as

repairs to portions of the expansion-joint steelwork and stanchion and steel truss nuts. The project also includes the installation of CCTV cameras and other improvements to restore the bridge to a safe and motorable condition.

However, a visit to the bridge on Monday amid heavy rainfall showed that the structure remained barricaded, with heavy construction equipment, including caterpillars, stationed at the site. Workers were also observed carrying out various activities, while some completed sections had reportedly been affected by the persistent rainfall.

Speaking by telephone, the Acting Federal Controller of Works, Federal Ministry of Works, Anambra State Field Headquarters, Timothy Emenike, explained that the contractor required at least three consecutive dry days to resume work effectively.

Emenike said the completion timeline had been extended by one week due

to the impact of the rainfall, adding that the reopening would depend on favourable weather conditions.

"We have actually done a lot of work on most portions of the bridge, but with the constant heavy rains for almost one week, some areas have been affected and need at least three dry days for us to return to site," he said.

He added that the lighting challenges affecting night operations had been addressed, while security concerns around the bridge had also been resolved.

According to him, once the maintenance work is completed, the Minister of Works, Dave Umahi, will conduct another inspection to assess the project and approve its reopening. A site engineer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak, said the vandalised bolts and nuts had been replaced, but work had reached the asphalt stage and was being disrupted by frequent rainfall.

"The rains also prevented the arrival of some materials like asphalt, and at the moment, we are waiting for asphalt, although the ministry has ordered it," the engineer said.

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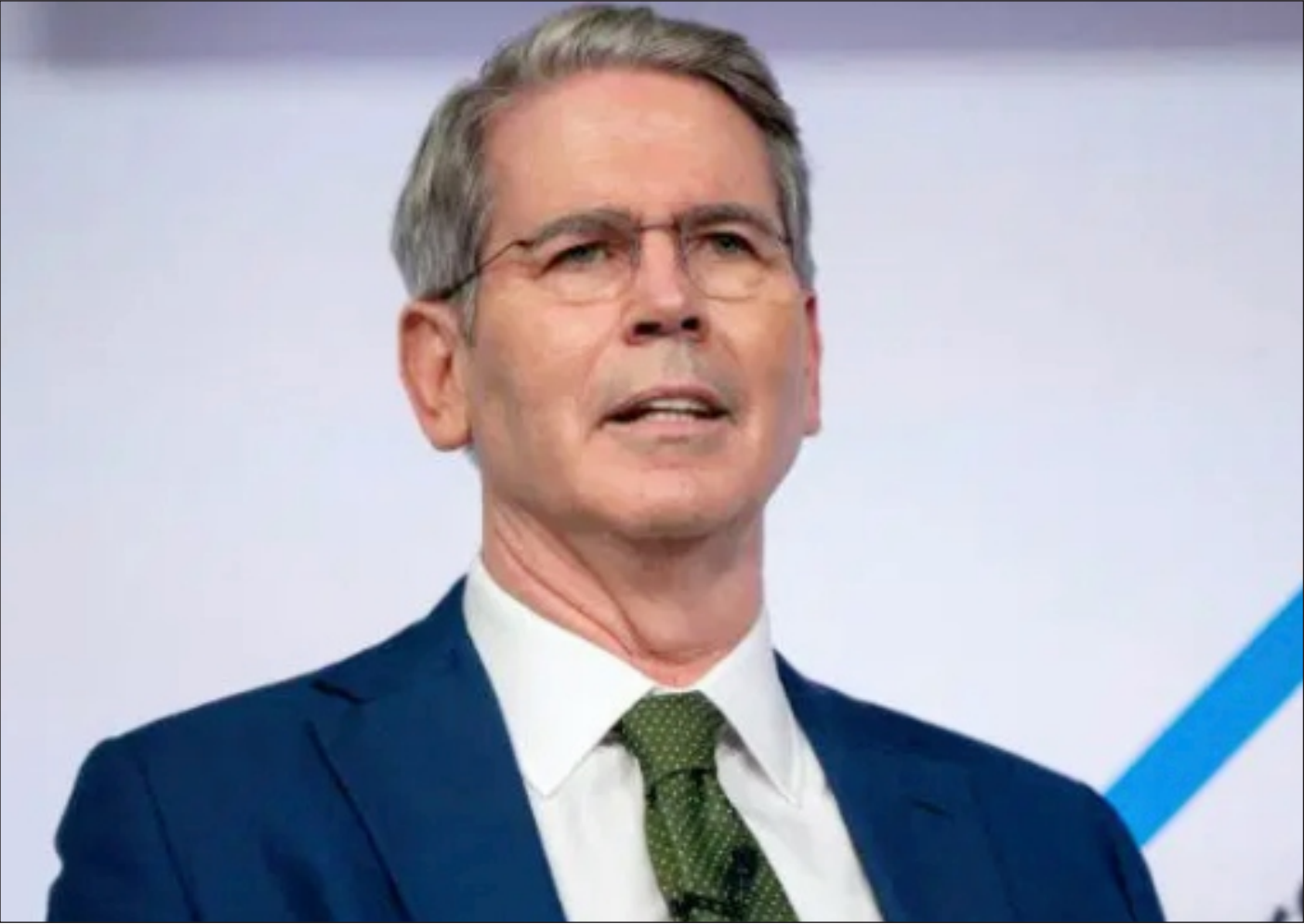
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US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has warned that Iranian airlines could face severe operational difficulties worldwide from September 23 as the Donald Trump administration intensifies economic pressure on Tehran through sanctions. Bessent disclosed this in an interview with CNBC on Monday, stating that airlines operating from Iran would struggle to access essential aviation services, including fuel, landing facilities and ticket sales, under the latest American sanctions. “On September 23, all the Iranian airlines will be shut down around the world,” Bessent said, explaining that countries and companies providing services to the carriers could face exclusion from the US dollar financial system. “If they land, you cannot

US Sanctions To Cripple Iranian Airlines To Globally By September 23 - Bessent



provide them with fuel, you cannot provide them with landing services, you cannot sell them tickets or you will be knocked out of the dollar system,” he added. The warning comes amid growing tensions between Washington and Tehran, with the US government stepping up efforts to restrict Iran's access to international financial and aviation networks. Earlier this month, the United States announced sanctions targeting all remaining Iranian airlines that had not previously been subjected to such measures. The Treasury Department also

tions, including entities outside Iran, accused of supporting Iran's aviation industry. The latest development has already affected Iranian air services in neighbouring countries. Two Iraqi sources told AFP on Monday that Baghdad would suspend flights operated by Iranian airlines following the US Treasury announcement. In Georgia, authorities reportedly barred Iranian carriers from operating in the country, while Iranian airline Mahan Air announced the suspension of its services to Turkey at the request of the Turkish government. Iran's aviation industry has faced prolonged challenges as a result of international sanctions, which have limited the country's ability to acquire aircraft, spare parts and maintenance services. *Find Full Story In The Link*

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China recorded 3.32 billion railway passenger trips in the first eight months of 2026, representing a 3.9 per cent increase compared with the same period in 2025, according to the China State Railway Group Co. Ltd. (China Railway). The surge in passenger traffic was accompanied by an increase in train operations, with the country's railway network running an average of 11,508 passenger trains daily during the period. This marked a five per cent rise from the previous year.

China Records 3.32bn Railway Passenger Trips In Eight Months

China Railway attributed part of the growth to increased international travel, supported by the country's transit visa-free policy. Foreign passenger trips exceeded 16.68 million between January and August, reflecting a 33.3 per cent year-on-year increase. Cross-border railway travel also recorded significant growth during the period. The China-Laos Railway transported approximately 245,000 cross-border passengers, up 39.1 per cent, while the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong high-speed railway handled more than 23.4 million cross-border passenger trips, representing a 10.7 per cent increase. Analysts linked the growth in railway passenger traffic to the expansion of China's high-speed rail network, improved operational capacity, the recovery of tourism spending and the easing of cross-border travel restrictions. China has expanded its 240-hour visa-free transit policy to 57 countries, with Kyrgyzstan and Vietnam among the latest additions. The policy has contributed to increased international mobility, while Chinese border

authorities recorded 499 million inbound and outbound trips in the first eight months of the year, an 8.7 per cent rise year on year. In addition to expanding passenger services, China Railway has collaborated with local cultural and tourism authorities to promote domestic tourism. The railway operator ran 2,501 tourist trains nationwide during the review period, providing travellers with opportunities to explore different regions of the country. Among the tourist services is the Y839 seasonal train, which operates between Xining in northwest China's Qinghai Province and Lhasa in southwest China's Xizang Autonomous Region from March to October each year. The train has attracted international tourists seeking to experience China's plateau scenery. Chris, a 56-year-old British visitor travelling with his wife and daughter on their first trip to China, selected the train with Lhasa as their initial destination. According to Gai Mingjing, conductor of the Y839 train, more than 30 foreign passengers from seven countries, including Thailand, Britain and Japan, were travelling on the service. *Find Full Story In The Link*

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FG Sets Foreign Policy Priorities, Moves To Strengthen Diplomatic Ties

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The Federal Government has outlined its foreign policy priorities, emphasising stronger diplomatic cooperation, improved communication and deeper bilateral relations with countries around the world.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, disclosed this during her first formal briefing with members of the diplomatic corps and heads of international organisations in Abuja since assuming office.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the minister to appreciate diplomatic and consular missions, as well as representatives of international organisations in Nigeria, for their support and cooperation.

In a statement shared on her X account, Odumegwu-Ojukwu said the engagement was aimed at strengthening collaboration and bilateral relations between Nigeria and other countries.

She explained that Nigeria's foreign policy under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu was anchored on four key areas: demography, development, democracy and diaspora.

According to her, the principles of



Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu

strategic autonomy and the national interest would guide the country's international engagements. The minister also announced plans to revitalise inactive joint and bi-national commissions between Nigeria and other countries, noting that the initiative would focus on achieving specific outcomes across various sectors.

She listed trade, financial technology, investment,

agriculture, security, capacity building and education as areas where the commissions would seek to promote cooperation and deliver measurable results.

Odumegwu-Ojukwu further stressed the importance of strengthening communication between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomatic missions in Nigeria.

She urged diplomatic missions to route official

communications concerning diplomatic matters through the ministry, while assuring them of prompt responses to diplomatic and consular requests.

Discussions during the briefing also covered the security of foreign missions in Nigeria, the country's forthcoming elections, cultural diplomacy and the need for more efficient communication between the government and the diplomatic community.

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Nigeria Records 5,330MW Power Generation Peak

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The Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) recorded a new peak generation of 5,330 megawatts (MW) between August and September 2026, the Minister of Power, Joseph Tegbe, has disclosed.

Tegbe made the disclosure on Monday in Abuja while presenting his 100-day scorecard, noting that electricity transmission had also exceeded 5,000MW in recent weeks. According to the minister, the recent improvement represents a significant increase from the generation levels recorded before June, when peak output ranged between 3,700MW and 4,700MW.

“Operational record reports show generation and transmission above 5,000MW over the past couple of weeks, compared to the 3,700 to 4,700MW range before June, and a generation peak of 5,330MW during August and September,” Tegbe said. He, however, emphasised that the ministry's priority was to sustain the gains and translate the improved generation and transmission figures into more reliable electricity supply for consumers across the country.

The minister acknowledged that national generation records alone do not fully reflect the electricity supply experience of individual communities, stressing the need to ensure that improvements in the power sector reach customers.

“Our next task is to sustain these gains and translate them into more dependable supply at customer level. We are aware that a national peak alone cannot describe the experience of every community,” he stated.

No Immediate Plan to Increase Electricity Tariffs

Tegbe also reassured Nigerians that the Federal Government had no immediate plans to increase electricity tariffs, dismissing reports suggesting that a tariff hike was being considered.

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Shettima To Deliver Nigeria’s Statement At UN GA Thursday



Shettima

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representation of President Vice-President Kashim Shettima will deliver Nigeria's national statement at the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday, September 24, marking his third consecutive afternoon session of the

representation of President Bola Tinubu at the high-level General Debate.

According to an updated provisional speakers' schedule obtained by the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), Nigeria is scheduled as the fourth speaker in the afternoon session of the

General Debate.

The session is expected to begin at 3 p.m. New York time, with Shettima projected to address the gathering between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., corresponding to 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Nigerian time.

President Tinubu had initially been scheduled as the eighth speaker on Wednesday morning, following a revision that moved his position from 10th on the provisional list. Under United Nations protocol, presidents are given priority to address the high-level General Debate ahead of vice-presidents, prime ministers and ministers.

However, Tinubu directed Shettima on Sunday to lead Nigeria's delegation to the 81st UN General Assembly in New York.

Stanley Nkwocha, Senior Special

Assistant to the President on Media and Communications in the Office of the Vice-President, said Shettima would present Nigeria's national statement and outline the country's positions on major international issues.

The Vice-President is expected to join other world leaders and senior government representatives during the high-level week, which features 73 heads of state, 45 heads of government, 49 ministers, 11 vice-presidents and one crown prince.

Shettima's appearance at the General Debate will be his third consecutive representation of Tinubu, having delivered Nigeria's statement at the 79th Session in 2024 and the 80th Session in 2025.

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