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to address growing complaints over delays in plate issuance, assuring motorists that the backlog is being cleared.

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Chinese railway giant CRRC has unveiled a new fleet of metro trains for Buenos Aires, Argentina, with commercial

operations scheduled to commence in 2027, in a project aimed at modernising the city's transit system.

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FG Approves N70,000 Monthly Transport Allowance For Workers For Six Months

GTE-News Desk, Abuja

The Federal Government has approved a N70,000 monthly transport allowance for workers for a period of six months, in a move aimed at providing temporary relief from the rising cost of transportation.

The approval, according to government sources, forms part of ongoing measures to cushion the impact of the current economic situation on workers, particularly the increased cost of movement in major cities.

It was gathered that the allowance will be paid monthly to eligible workers for six months, with implementation details expected to be communicated to relevant ministries, departments and agencies.

The government said the intervention is designed to ease the burden of transport costs on workers and improve their productivity, while it continues to pursue broader policies to stabilise the economy.



Commuters boarding a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) bus at a terminal in Lagos, on Tuesday.

Tipper Truck Dangles From Kara Bridge As Two Other Trucks Disrupt Lagos Traffic

A tipper truck on Tuesday dangled from the Kara Bridge in Lagos, while two other trucks were involved in separate incidents that caused severe congestion along the ever-busy Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The incident led to a backlog of vehicles, with motorists and commuters spending several hours in traffic.

Eyewitnesses said the tipper truck lost control while trying to negotiate the bridge, leaving its front section hanging over the edge, while the two other trucks broke down on different sections of the expressway.

The development further worsened traffic flow, particularly for vehicles heading towards Lagos.



A tipper truck dangling from the Kara Bridge in Lagos on Tuesday, causing a major traffic gridlock.

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Reps Seek Strict Rules For Electric Vehicle, CNG Imports

By Kingsley Bennett, Abuja

The House of Representatives has called for the establishment of a transparent licensing and approval framework for the importation of electric vehicles (EVs) and compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles into Nigeria.

The call is part of efforts to ensure safety, build local capacity and promote the sustainable growth of the country's clean transport ecosystem.

The House said all importers of EVs and CNG vehicles should be required to establish local service and maintenance centres,

maintain adequate spare parts inventory, provide warranty support and train Nigerian technical staff in line with international best practices.

It also called for the development of charging and refuelling infrastructure, strict compliance with safety and environmental standards, and the creation of a public register of approved importers to enhance transparency and regulatory oversight.

The lawmakers added that government incentives for the importation of EVs and CNG vehicles should be structured to support local investment, encourage technology transfer and deepen

Nigerian participation in the clean transport value chain.

They said a well-regulated import regime would help reduce emissions, lower the cost of transportation, create jobs and accelerate the country's transition to cleaner and more energy-efficient mobility options.

The House urged relevant ministries, departments and agencies to work together to develop and implement a comprehensive policy framework that would guide EV and CNG imports and support the growth of related infrastructure across the country.



An electric vehicle at a charging station with CNG facility in Lagos.

Kogi Airport Project 20% Complete, Ododo Hails Tinubu's Support

By Atabur Julius, Lokoja

Kogi State Governor, Ahmed Usman Ododo, has said the ongoing airport project at Zaria, near Lokoja, is about 20 per cent complete, noting that the project is progressing as planned with the support of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

The governor stated this on Monday during an inspection visit to the project site, where he assessed the level of work and received updates from the project team.

Ododo expressed appreciation to the President for what he described as consistent support for the project, adding that the airport would enhance connectivity, boost economic activity and

The Project Manager, Sani Yishai, told the governor, that construction was about 20 per cent complete, with major work currently focused on the runway.

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The airport is expected to improve air transportation services in the state, create jobs, boost economic activity and support economic growth by creating employment, tourism and investment.

CRRC Unveils New Metro Trains For Buenos Aires, Service Begins In 2027

By Our Correspondent

Chinese railway manufacturer CRRC Changchun has unveiled the first of ten new five-car trainsets for Buenos Aires, Argentina, intended for use on Lines A and C of the city's metro network.

The company said the first two trainsets will arrive in Buenos Aires in January 2027 for testing and system integration, with commercial service anticipated to commence in April 2027.

The new trains are designed to improve service reliability, passenger comfort and overall capacity on the two lines, which are among the busiest in the city.

According to CRRC, the trainsets are equipped with modern features, including air conditioning, closed-circuit television (CCTV) for security, passenger information systems and accessible spaces for persons with reduced mobility.

The trains also feature Braille signage to enhance accessibility for visually impaired passengers.

The introduction of the new fleet is part of Buenos Aires' ongoing efforts to modernise its metro system, improve service quality and provide a more inclusive and efficient transport experience for commuters.



One of the new CRRC metro trains for Buenos Aires.

Flooding Triggers Gridlock As Motorists Spend Hours On Lagos Roads

By Uche Nwosu, Lagos

Heavy rainfall on Tuesday caused flooding in parts of Lagos, particularly around the Ogba, Agege and Wempeo roads junction, leading to major gridlock and long delays for motorists.

The downpour, which lasted several hours, flooded sections of the roads, making movement difficult for vehicles. Several vehicles were reported to have broken down in the flooded areas, further worsening the traffic situation.

Commuters said they spent hours in traffic, with some motorists abandoning their vehicles and seeking alternative routes to reach their destinations.

Residents of the affected areas expressed concern over the recurring flooding, which they said has continued to disrupt traffic and daily activities despite previous interventions.

They called on the Lagos State Government to implement lasting drainage and flood-management solutions to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) deployed officers to the affected routes to manage the traffic and assist stranded motorists, while urging road users to exercise caution during rainfall and avoid flood-prone areas where possible.

FG Approves N70,000 Monthly Transport Allowance For Workers For Six Months

By Chidi Ugwu, Abuja

The Federal Government has approved a temporary transport allowance of N70,000 for eligible workers for a period of six months, in a move aimed at easing the rising cost of transportation amid prevailing economic hardship.

The approval, according to government sources, forms part of a broader set of measures to cushion the impact of increased transport costs on workers, particularly in urban centres where commuting expenses have risen significantly.

The allowance will be paid monthly to eligible workers for six months, with details on implementation expected to be communicated to relevant ministries, departments and agencies.

The government said the intervention is intended to reduce the financial burden on workers, improve their productivity and support efforts to stabilise the economy.

It added that the measure reflects its commitment to workers' welfare and to mitigating the effects of current economic pressures on households.

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General News

FG Approves N70,000 Monthly Transport Allowance For Workers For Six Months

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

The Federal Government has approved a monthly transport allowance of N70,000 for public service workers across all levels for six months, beginning in November 2026, as part of efforts to cushion the effects of rising living costs.

The approval was one of the resolutions reached at a conciliation meeting between the Federal Government and the leadership of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) in Abuja on Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

The meeting, convened by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, followed renewed demands by organised labour for improved workers' welfare, the resolution of outstanding agreements and measures to address the rising cost of living.

According to a memorandum of understanding signed at the end of the meeting, the transport intervention will run from November 2026 for six months. However, the document did not specify the exact date of payment each month or the administrative arrangements for disbursement.

The government also approved the payment of outstanding peculiar allowance arrears, effective from May 1, 2026. The arrears are to be paid in three equal monthly instalments, beginning in November.

The memorandum was signed by the Director-General of Budget, Timi Yakubu; NLC President, Joe Ajaero; the Permanent Secretary of the Service Welfare Office, Dr Garba Abdul S.U.; and the Minister of Labour and Employment, Dr Muhammad Maigari Dingyadi.

Other issues addressed included minimum wage negotiations, remuneration for health workers, tax relief and hazard allowances for agricultural officers.

On the national minimum wage, both parties agreed that a Minimum Wage Negotiation Committee would be constituted and commence meetings immediately. However, they failed to reach an agreement on the effective date for implementation.

The memorandum noted that while the committee would begin work without delay, disagreement over the implementation date remained unresolved.

The latest discussions are expected to address outstanding issues, while the approved transport allowance and payment of arrears represent immediate measures to support workers, as negotiations on the minimum wage and other welfare demands continue.

Yuletide: Ekiti Police Intensify Traffic Enforcement Over Rising Road Accidents

By Our Correspondent
ADO EKITI

The Ekiti State Police Command has announced plans to intensify traffic patrols and enforcement of road safety regulations ahead of the Yuletide season, following concerns over the increasing number of road accidents involving a large number of road accidents in the state.

The Commissioner of Police, Michael Falade, disclosed this in a statement by the Public Relations Officer, Sunday Abutu.

Falade said the command would strengthen visibility policing and traffic enforcement to curb reckless driving and reduce road crashes, particularly in ADO Ekiti.

He urged motorists to prioritise safety, warning against speeding, dangerous manoeuvres and driving under the influence of alcohol.

He also advised drivers and riders to possess valid licences, maintain roadworthy vehicles, avoid overloading and use seatbelts and approved helmets.

According to him, the increasing number of accidents has been linked to reckless and unqualified driving, excessive speeding and disregard for traffic regulations.

"The Command will intensify traffic patrols and enforcement of relevant traffic laws. Any person found violating applicable regulations will face the full weight of the law," he stated.

Falade also urged the public to report traffic violations and emergencies to the nearest police station or through the command's emergency contact number, 08062335577.

FEMD Reopens Galadimawa Slip Road To Ease Abuja Traffic

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

The Federal Capital Territory Emergency Management Department (FEMD) has reopened the slip road linking the Goodluck Jonathan Expressway to Ring Road II at the Galadimawa Interchange to ease traffic congestion in Abuja.

FEMD Director, Engr. Muhammad Dikko, said on Tuesday that the decision followed the end of the rainy season.

Dikko explained that the road was barricaded on July 7, 2026, to prevent flooding during the rainy season, when the route is usually inundated.

He disclosed that the FCDA and the Department of Development Control were working to address the environmental challenges responsible for the persistent flooding.

An official of the Department of Development Control, Engr. Abdulkadir Musa, said the removal of the barricade was aimed at reducing traffic congestion along Ring Road II.

Musa noted that the reopening would allow motorists heading towards Airport Road to access the route, improving traffic flow around the interchange.

He added that the development was expected to ease congestion around ISEX/S20, also known as Oladipo Diya Way, where ongoing construction work has disrupted traffic movement.

The reopening is expected to provide relief for motorists, while relevant agencies work towards a lasting solution to the recurring flooding.

NCAA Probes Airline Over Poor Ventilation After Passenger Bleeds On Abuja-Calabar Flight

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has commenced an investigation into a reported ventilation failure aboard an airline operating a flight from Abuja to Calabar after a passenger allegedly began bleeding due to excessive heat inside the aircraft.

NCAA spokesperson, Michael Achimugu, disclosed this on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, while responding to a complaint by a passenger, Bashir Usman, who said passengers boarded the aircraft at about 12:07 p.m. but remained inside for about 50 minutes without the engines running or the air-conditioning functioning.

Usman said the heat became unbearable during the wait, eventually causing him to bleed.



A commercial aircraft at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja.

Achimugu said he had spoken with Usman and confirmed that the matter would be forwarded to the NCAA's Directorate of Operations, Licensing, and Training Standards for investigation.

establish why the aircraft's doors were shut while the air-conditioning was not functioning. Achimugu added that the crew's actions might have been motivated by safety concerns and referenced heightened crew vigilance following recent Ekiti concerns.

Benue Residents Lament High Transport Fares Despite FG's Fuel Discount

By Our Correspondent
MAKURDI

Residents of Makurdi, the Benue State capital, have expressed dissatisfaction with persistently high transport fares despite the Federal Government's fuel price discount initiative at NNPC's filling stations.

A commercial bus driver, Terna Samuel, described the initiative as ineffective, saying it had not translated into any noticeable relief for Nigerians.

A trader, Robert Oryima, criticised the government's approach, alleging that the initiative was politically motivated ahead of the 2027 general elections.



Commuters boarding vehicles at the Makurdi Motor Park, Benue State.

A frequent traveller, Gabriel Tyosane, said transport fares had remained high despite the government's announcement.

The residents urged the Federal Government to review its approach and ensure that the fuel discount translates into tangible benefits for commuters.

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Transportation News

Tipper Truck Dangles From Kara Bridge As Two Other Trucks Disrupt Lagos Traffic

By Our Correspondent
LAGOS

An empty tipper truck was left dangling from the railings of Kara Bridge along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Tuesday morning, while another truck spilled its contents onto the road in separate incidents inward Mowe, Ogun State.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) disclosed this in a statement on its official X handle, noting that the incidents were reported at about 7am.

According to the agency, the empty tipper was seen hanging precariously on the bridge railings, while a flatbed truck spilled its load onto the road, creating potential hazards for motorists plying the route.

LASTMA said a tow truck had arrived at the scene to evacuate the affected vehicles, while police officers from Adigbolaja were also present to support the operation.

The agency added that its personnel were on the ground managing traffic movement towards Mowe, noting that traffic flow remained smooth at the time of the report.

In a related development, LASTMA reported another truck-related incident at Shasha Roundabout, inward Akowonjo Roundabout, where a loaded DAF lorry broke down due to mechanical faults.

The agency said the lorry was occupying approximately 70 per cent of the road, posing a potential obstruction to motorists using the route.



A tipper truck hangs from Kara Bridge along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

It added that a tow truck had been contacted to remove the broken-down vehicle, while LASTMA officers were managing traffic to minimise

disruption and ensure the smooth movement of vehicles. The incidents highlight the potential traffic and safety challenges posed by heavy-duty

vehicles that develop mechanical faults or become involved in accidents on busy roads.

LASTMA's response was aimed at maintaining

FRSC Dispatches 19,560 Pairs Of Number Plates To FCT Amid Delay Complaints

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has disclosed that it dispatched 19,560 pairs of motor vehicle number plates to the Directorate of Road Traffic Services in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in October 2026, following complaints by motorists over delays in obtaining the plates.

The Corps said the deliveries were made in two batches, with 15,205 pairs dispatched on October 8 and another 4,355 pairs delivered on October 20.

The FRSC disclosed this in a statement issued on Tuesday by its Corps Public Education Officer, Oluwaseun Oluwalan, in response to concerns over the availability and timely issuance of vehicle number plates.

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The Corps explained that the figures were released to promote transparency and provide accurate information on production and distribution.

However, the FRSC acknowledged that motorists could still experience delays in collecting their plates even after completing the required registration procedures.

The Corps Marshal, Sulemu Mohammed, reaffirmed the Agency's commitment to collaborating with relevant government institutions, including state motor licensing authorities, to address operational challenges and improve service delivery.

VIO Directors Urge FG To Strengthen Road Transport Regulation, Enforcement

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

Directors and Chief Road Traffic Officers across Nigeria have called on the Federal Government to strengthen road transport regulation, professional administration, vehicle inspection and enforcement through increased investment in technology and institutional capacity.

The officers, popularly known as Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIOs), made the call at the 2026 Annual National Conference of Directors and Chief Road Traffic Officers of the Federation held in Abuja on Tuesday.

The Managing Secretary of the FCT Transportation Secretariat, Charles Elechi, said effective road transport management requires strict

are roadworthy, drivers are properly licensed and regulatory institutions are adequately equipped to discharge their responsibilities.

Each identified inadequate investment in vehicle inspection facilities, inconsistent regulatory standards, fragmented data systems and limited public awareness as major challenges.

He called for stronger institutional capacity, improved data sharing and technology-driven systems to enhance vehicle inspection and driver licensing.

The Director of the FCT Directorate of Road Traffic Services, Abubakar Yida, also called for coordinated action by governments at all levels to strengthen enforcement and restore public confidence in regulatory institutions.

institution of traffic enforcement personnel could undermine compliance with road safety regulations.

In his remarks, the National Chairman of the conference, Danjuma Olatokun, expressed concern over persistent weaknesses in driver licensing and vehicle inspection.

Olatokun noted that vehicle administration was often treated primarily as a revenue-generating activity rather than a professional system designed to protect lives and improve road safety.

He stressed the need for a shift towards a more professional and safety-focused approach to vehicle inspection, driver licensing and regulatory enforcement.

Ifo LG Faults Lagos Over Boundary Signpost On Disputed Yakoyo-Ojodu Road

By Our Correspondent
OGUN

The Chairman of Ifo Local Government Area of Ogun State, Mrs. Kusimo, has called on the Lagos State Government to address concerns surrounding the installation of a signpost bearing the inscription "Welcome to Lagos State" along the disputed Yakoyo-Ojodu Road.

Kusimo made the appeal in a statement on Tuesday, warning that the signpost could create confusion over the boundary between the two states, particularly around Yakoyo in Ibeju-Ojodu Ward, which he maintained falls within Ogun State.

The council chairman insisted that the disputed location was within the jurisdiction of Ifo Local Government and urged Lagos to refrain from actions that could heighten tensions or worsen the longstanding boundary dispute.

He said the boundary dispute had generated concerns for years, alleging that Lagos had repeatedly attempted to assert control over areas it considered part of Ogun State.

The council stressed the need for an objective determination of the boundary through official records, approved survey coordinates and relevant government documents.

It warned that the placement of the signpost could further complicate the dispute if the boundary was not properly verified, adding that both governments must respect each other's territorial jurisdiction.

However, the Special Adviser on Media to the Chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area, Alakusami Bello, denied allegations that the council chairman installed the signposts.

Bello said the signposts were installed by the Lagos State Government, adding that the state government was better positioned to respond to the concerns.



Number plates prepared for distribution to registration authorities.

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Obi Says Nigeria Needs Competent, Compassionate Leadership, Pledges Reforms Ahead Of 2027 Election

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

The presidential candidate of the Nigeria Democratic Congress (NDC), Peter Obi, has said Nigeria needs leadership defined by competence, capacity, compassion and commitment, accusing President Bola Tinubu's administration of failing to adequately address the country's economic and security challenges.

Obi made the remarks on Monday night in Abuja during the inauguration of the party's 118-member National Presidential Campaign Council, following an emergency meeting of its National Executive Committee and the inauguration of its newly acquired national secretariat in Jabi.

The former Anambra State governor said Nigerians were demanding a fundamental change in leadership, governance and the management of public resources.

"Everything is collapsing. Nigerians are looking for new leadership, and I can assure you that we will provide it," he said.

Obi promised decisive action on insecurity, an emergency in agriculture, reforms in education, healthcare and power, from and increased credit for small businesses.

He also accused the Tinubu administration of poor financial management, alleging that capital expenditure had remained below 20 per cent between 2023 and 2025, and pledged an unprecedented campaign against corruption.

Obi called for issue-based campaigns and credible elections, warning against electoral malpractice and emphasising that "the revolution that is coming is a revolution of the ballot."



Peter Obi

Turkish Defence Firm Seeks Local Partnerships To Boost Nigeria's Security

By Our Correspondent
LAGOS

Turkish defence technology company, HAVELSAN, has expressed its readiness to partner with Nigerian defence manufacturers to facilitate technology transfer, develop local expertise and strengthen the country's capacity to tackle terrorism, secure its borders and improve military operations.

Vice President of International Business Development at HAVELSAN, Serket Unal, disclosed this at the Africa International Defence Exhibition (AFRIDEX 2026) in Lagos, saying the firm plans to establish an office in Abuja in 2027.

Unal said the company was already engaging with Nigerian firms and was interested in delivering solutions tailored to the country's operational requirements.

He explained that HAVELSAN specialises in command-and-control systems, military simulation, autonomous systems, cybersecurity and digital transformation.

The executive said Nigeria could benefit from integrated surveillance systems for border and coastal security, and advocated regional cooperation among Gulf of Guinea countries.

Unal also identified opportunities to support urban security in Lagos and Abuja through integrated video management and analytics, and said decisions may's solutions could improve military logistics and resource management.

He attributed the company's interest in Nigeria to the country's interest in defence, its strategic position, economic prospects and cordial relationship with Türkiye.

Poor Public Services May Undermine Nigeria's New Tax Regime – NESG

By Gaddy Umukoro
ABUJA

The Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) has warned that dissatisfaction with public services could weaken compliance with Nigeria's new tax regime, as only 22 per cent of households expressed satisfaction with government-provided services.

The warning is in the group's 2026 Tax Perception Survey Report, which highlighted concerns over inadequate service delivery, limited public trust in tax authorities and low awareness of the Nigeria Tax Act 2025.

The report showed that only 24.3 per cent of households had seen or heard of a project funded through tax revenue, while 29.2 per cent said such services were unavailable in their areas.

Although 74.4 per cent of households acknowledged the government's right to collect taxes, only between 27 and 30 per cent expressed moderate or high levels of trust in tax authorities.

The survey also revealed that 67.2 per cent of households had paid informal levies outside the state tax system, while 13.9 per cent of businesses said they had been asked to pay fees they considered illegal.

NESG recommended that every tax payment be accompanied by a verifiable receipt, called for sanctions against unauthorised collectors and urged the Joint Revenue Board to coordinate tax authorities to improve consistency and public confidence.

Nigeria Targets Arms Self-Sufficiency, Produces Over 50 Million Ammunition Rounds

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

Nigeria is intensifying efforts to strengthen its domestic defence industry and reduce reliance on foreign suppliers, with the country producing over 50 million rounds of ammunition for the Armed Forces and other security agencies.

The Minister of Defence, Muhammad Badaru, disclosed this on Tuesday at the inaugural Africa International Defence Exhibition (AFRIDEX 2026) in Lagos.

Badaru said the production capacity was part of the government's strategy to achieve greater self-sufficiency in defence equipment, enhance operational readiness and support ongoing security operations.

He noted that the Nigerian armed forces were also producing armoured vehicles and drones while upgrading existing platforms to improve effectiveness on the battlefield.

The minister said the initiatives align with President Bola Tinubu's agenda to strengthen national security and develop local manufacturing capacity.

Badaru added that the government was expanding the involvement of private sector players in defence production, while fostering partnerships and technology transfer with friendly countries.

He said sustained investment in research, development and skilled manpower would position Nigeria as a key player in Africa's defence industrial base and create jobs for Nigerians.



Ammunition rounds produced at a Nigerian defence facility.

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The Special Adviser on Media to the Chairman of Ojodu LCDA, Akinkunmi Bello, said the signposts were installed by the Lagos State Government.

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General News

Nigeria Must Prioritise Hydropower Rehabilitation, Technical Competence For Reliable Electricity

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

Nigeria has been urged to prioritise the rehabilitation of existing power infrastructure, strengthen technical expertise and promote accountable leadership to address persistent electricity supply challenges.

The call follows the retirement of Lamu Adu, pioneer Managing Director of Mainstream Energy Solutions Limited (MESL), whose 13-year tenure improved the performance of the Kainji and Jebba hydropower plants.

A report by The Guardian said Nigeria's power crisis requires more than expanding capacity, but sustained investment, maintenance, competent personnel and continuity.

NERC data for August 2026 showed 13,625MW installed capacity, with average available capacity of 4,758MW and generation of 4,025MW.

The report noted that Mainstream raised Kainji and Jebba's combined capacity from 460MW to 922MW through rehabilitation, modern technology and workforce development.

It recommended prioritising rehabilitation, strengthening the grid, ensuring sustainable funding and upskilling qualified professionals, adding that success should be measured by the availability of dependable electricity to homes, hospitals, schools and businesses.



A hydropower facility in Nigeria.

Nigeria, Japan Deepen Bilateral Ties, Explore Industrial Investment Hub

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

Nigeria and Japan have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations, exploring new areas of cooperation in investment, infrastructure, healthcare, agriculture and human capital development.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bianca Odumegwu-Ojaku, said this during a meeting with Japan's Ambassador to Nigeria, Hideo Suzuki, in Abuja.

She said 2026 marked the 66th anniversary of diplomatic relations, adding that 57 Japanese companies are currently operating in Nigeria.

Odumegwu-Ojaku said discussions focused on JICA programmes and the establishment of a Nigeria-Japan Industrial and Investment Hub to promote business partnerships, technology transfer and industrial development.

Suzuki reaffirmed Japan's commitment to deepening cooperation and assured that visa-related issues would be handled expeditiously.

Nigeria Loses Over 300 Hectares Of Forest Daily, National Park Service Warns

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

Nigeria is losing more than 300 hectares of forest reserve daily, with illegal logging, hunting, mining and other criminal activities threatening conservation efforts, the Conservator-General of the National Park Service (NPS) Ibrahim Goni, has warned.

Goni said the destruction of forests has accelerated desertification and worsened environmental degradation.

He spoke in Abuja while receiving members of the Environmental Media Correspondents Association of Nigeria.

He disclosed that with the Army, the service shut down two illegal mining sites in Gashaka-Gumti National Park and displaced more than 4,000 miners. He urged stronger collaboration and alternative livelihoods for affected communities.

EMCAN Chairman, Joycelyn Adah, said the association would intensify coverage of conservation issues to improve public awareness.

Guinness Nigeria MD Urges Marketers To Embrace Innovation, Local Insights

By Our Correspondent
LAGOS

The Managing Director of Guinness Nigeria Plc, Girish Sharma, has called on marketers to challenge conventional practices, embrace fresh ideas and deepen their understanding of consumers to drive brand relevance and growth.

Sharma made the call at the Omnicon Advertising Africa Conference in Lagos, themed "Welcome to the Noise."

He said effective marketing begins with a thorough understanding of consumers and local market dynamics, noting that global concepts can provide a foundation but must be adapted to Nigerian realities.

Sharma added that marketing should deliver tangible value added by building stronger brands and leveraging data to business performance, urging marketers to continually reassess assumptions.

Also speaking, TBWA Africa Operations Director, Graham Cruickshanks, stressed the importance of distinctive storytelling and Africa's cultural identity in brand development.

MTN Explains Why Nigerians' Data Bundles Deplete Quickly

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

MTN Nigeria has attributed the rapid depletion of subscribers' data bundles to high-resolution video streaming, automatic downloads, background applications and cloud backups, dismissing claims that operators deliberately deplete customers' data.

The company made this known at a forum titled "Data on Trial" in Abuja.

MTN's General Manager of Network Performance, Mike Adukwu, said platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, Instagram and WhatsApp consume substantial data through video streaming and media downloads.

He advised users to disable automatic downloads, reduce video quality and monitor

automatic downloads, reduce video quality, monitor consumption via the MyMTN app.

General Manager of IT Operations, David Ogumina, explained that many apps continue to run in the background, using data for updates, syncing and cloud backups without users' knowledge.

He assured customers that MTN does not tamper with data allowances, adding that the company's systems are regulated and regularly audited by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).



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General News

DESTMA D.G. Debunks Suicide Rumours, Plans Recruitment, Warns Errant Officers

By Our Correspondent
ASABA

The Director General of the Delta State Traffic Management Authority (DESTMA), Hon. Benjamin Okiemute, has debunked rumours that one of his officers committed suicide, saying the officer is alive, hale and healthy.

Okiemute said the officer (name withheld) had complained of going through tough times in his romantic life and had thought of taking his life, but was quickly counselled on the futility of suicide.

He added that the officer has since resumed duty and is doing well, having overcome his romantic anxieties.

The DESTMA DG also revealed that the board was working round the clock to recruit new intakes to man new and existing operational areas as approved by Governor Sheriff Oborevwori.

He further said that the marshals earlier suspended for gross misconduct would not be recalled soon, as they must serve their punishment.

According to him, the officers involved knew the rules of engagement and acted against them, so they must bear the consequences.

Okiemute warned DESTMA officers to strictly follow due process in the discharge of their duties.

He also urged members of the public to accord DESTMA officers their due respect, noting that they are not on the road to witch-hunt anyone but to ensure a safer driving experience for all road users.



Hon. Benjamin Okiemute, DESTMA D.G.

Police In Benue Arrest 34 Foreign Nationals, Rescue 29 Kidnap Victims In October

By Our Correspondent
MAKURDI

The Benue State Police Command has arrested 34 foreign nationals in two separate operations in October 2026, while rescuing 29 kidnap victims, the Commissioner of Police, Cletus Nwadiogbo, said on Tuesday.

He said 16 Cameroonians were arrested in Otukpa LGA on October 9, and 18 Nigerians on October 21 at Orokam, adding that investigations were ongoing.

The CP also said the command arrested 14 other suspects, recovered seven locally fabricated firearms and 16 ammunition, and neutralised one bandit. He stressed that the achievements reflect the command's commitment

to combating crime, protecting lives and maintaining security in the state.

Nwadiogbo appreciated the Inspector-General of Police, Olutunji Dina, and Governor Hyacinth Alia for their support, while also commending sister security agencies their cooperation.

He urged residents to provide timely and credible information to aid ongoing operations across Benue.

The commissioner added that the command would continue to sustain intelligence-led operations and ensure that anyone found culpable of criminal activities is prosecuted according to the law.

2027: APGA, NDC Take Battle To Nnobi Women Event As NGO Empowers Indigent Women

By Our Correspondent
AWKA

The Iyom Ngo Women Association, Nnobi (INWA), has distributed over N 5 million to indigent women in Nnobi, Anambra State, as part of its annual support programme.

Chairperson of the group, Mrs Juliana Amaefula, said the non-profit organisation's superstars meant to assist beneficiaries, including those affected by the alleged demolition of shops in parts of the state, to restart their lives and businesses.

The event took a political turn when Idemiri South LGA Mayor, Oluchukwu Igbenu, and Assembly member, Hon. Ebuka Igwe,

both of APGA, urged the women to support the party in 2027 elections.

However, shortly after, a group led by Igaga James mobilised support for the NDC, describing APGA as "soldout" and urging the women to vote for NDC candidates.

Amaefula later clarified that INWA is not a political group, noting that the summit was a platform for women to share challenges and support one another, and that political stakeholders are free to address them during the election period.

Turkish Firm Seeks Local Partnerships To Boost Nigeria's Security Capacity

By Our Correspondent
LAGOS

Turkish defence technology company, HAVELSAN, has expressed readiness to partner with Nigerian defence firms to facilitate technology transfer, develop local expertise and strengthen the country's security capacity.

Vice President, Şevket Onal, said the company will establish an office in Abuja in 2027 to deepen its presence and collaboration in Nigeria.

He said HAVELSAN offers command-and-control systems, military simulation, cybersecurity and autonomous systems, and is already working on a military

and outgrowth, cyber security, drone, and maritime, and is already on a military training project in Abuja.

Onal added that the company also supports border and maritime surveillance, urban warfare, and intelligence gathering, and is integrating technology to Nigeria's needs.

NESG Warns Poor Services May Undermine Nigeria's New Tax Regime

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

The Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) has warned that dissatisfaction with public services could weaken compliance with Nigeria's new tax regime.

Its 2026 Tax Perception Survey showed that only 22% of households are satisfied with government services, while just 24.1% have seen a project funded by tax revenue.

The report said 74.4% of households acknowledged the government's right to tax, but only 27-30% trust tax authorities.

NESG urged transparent use of tax funds, stronger coordination among tax agencies and regular disclosure of projects to rebuild public trust and improve compliance.

MTN Explains Why Nigerians' Data Bundles Deplete Quickly

By Our Correspondent
ABUJA

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General News

₦110.4bn Fraud: EFCC Witness Links Kogi LG Accounts To Monthly Inflows

By Bridget Udo, Abuja

An operative of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), John Justice, on Tuesday told an Abuja High Court that most of the funds credited to the account of a company under investigation in the alleged ₦110.4 billion fraud case involving former Kogi State Governor Yahaya Bello came from local government accounts in the state on a monthly basis.

Justice, who testified as Prosecution Witness 20 (PW20), made the disclosure before Justice Maryanne Anioh of the FCT High Court, Maitama, Abuja.

Bello is standing trial alongside Umar Shuaibu Oricha and Abdulsalam Huda on a 16-count charge bordering on criminal breach of trust and money laundering involving ₦110.4 billion.

Led in evidence by prosecution counsel, Kemi Pinheiro, SAN, the EFCC operative said investigators analysed bank records to trace the movement of funds through several companies linked to the investigation.

He said the analysis of the statement of account of Feeza Business Enterprise showed that most of its inflows came from Kogi State local government accounts on a monthly basis.

"Most of the funds coming into the account were funds from Kogi State Local Government accounts coming on monthly basis," he told the court.

Justice further said the investigators discovered that the companies received funds from Kogi State, while the transactions were recorded as cash withdrawals.

Our analysis reveals that these companies were receiving inflow from Kogi State while transactions were treated as cash withdrawals," he said.

The witness said the commission subsequently invited officials of Access Bank and Zenith Bank and requested CCTV footage to establish the circumstances surrounding the large cash withdrawals.

He told the court that the footage showed that the huge sums recorded as withdrawals were not physically taken out of the banks.



Yahaya Bello

Aiyedatiwa Nominated Governor Of The Year

By Dami Adebayo, Akure

Governor, Ondo State, Lucky Aiyedatiwa, has been nominated for the prestigious Governor of the Year Award at the 2026 Silverbird Man of the Year Awards.

In a letter dated October 26, 2026, the organisers said the recognition reflects appreciation of his leadership and

contributions to the state's socio-economic development.

The award will be presented at the 20th Silverbird Man of the Year Awards on Monday, November 30, 2026, at Eko Hotels, Lagos.

EFCC: Former Banker Jailed 39 Years Over ₦2.7bn Fraud

By Tunde Azeez, Lagos

A former banker, Christopher Jackson Edeh, has been sentenced to 39 years' imprisonment for his involvement in a ₦2.7 billion fraud involving the alteration of bank account details belonging to customers and government-related entities.

Justice O.O. Abike-Fadipe of the Special Offences Court, Ikeja, handed down the sentence on Tuesday after finding Edeh guilty of nine counts of fraudulent false accounting and unauthorised access to a computer system.

The EFCC said the offences involved accounts of the Kano State Government, Power Intervention Fund, NNPC Trading Limited and others.

Amosun's Foundation Offers Free Breast Lump Removal To 30 Women In Ogun

By Ola Adeyemi, Abeokuta

The Uplift Development Foundation, a pet project of the wife of former Ogun State Governor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, Yeye Olufunso Amosun, has provided free breast lump removal surgeries to 30 women identified during a cancer screening programme in Ogun State.

Amosun said the programme, carried out at the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta, followed a screening that identified 81 cervical-related cases and 53 breast-related cases, with 30 requiring surgery.

She said the procedures are completely free, with her husband sponsoring the cost through the foundation.

Amosun, who said the initiative had been ongoing since 2012, stressed that early detection remains critical in managing cancer.

A paediatric oncologist at FMC, Dr Morufat Ogundeyi, commended the intervention and urged the public to take cancer screening seriously, noting that cancer affects both children and adults.

Wike Challenges Atiku, Amaechi Over ADC Ticket, Mobilises Rivers For Tinubu, Chinda

By Eze Chukwuma, Port Harcourt

Minister of the FCT, Chief Nyeson Wike, has challenged former Vice-President Atiku Abubakar and former Rivers State governor Rotimi Amaechi over their alliance under the African Democratic Congress (ADC), while rallying support for President Bola Tinubu and APC governorship candidate, Kingsley Ogunode Chinda, ahead of the 2027 election. Speaking at a mega camp session

Speaking at a mega rally by the Rainbow Coalition in Port Harcourt, Wike questioned the credibility of the ADC ticket and raised concerns over projects and financial transactions from

and commitment to a coalition APC governs cooperative raised concerns over projects and financial transactions from Amaechi's administration.

Rivers State Governor Siminalayi Fubara, reaffirmed his commitment to the coalition and unveiled Chinda as the APC governorship candidate.

Chinda, in his acceptance speech, promised an inclusive government and further development for Rivers State.

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The D.G urged the public to accord DESTMA officers due respect, saying their task for motorists and passengers.



Hon. Benjamin Okiemute

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