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PTCS, VIS, LASTMA Collaborate To Strengthen Transport Safety Enforcement

GTe-News Desk, Lagos

Transport enforcement agencies are strengthening coordination on road safety enforcement, vehicle inspection and compliance, in a joint effort to enhance safety on Nigerian roads.

The collaboration involves the Ports Terminal & Cargo Services (PTCS), Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS) and Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), with a focus on aligning enforcement activities, improving vehicle complards with relevant regulations.

The initiative is aimed at reducing road crashes, promoting safer transport operations and protecting the travelling public through stricter checks, joint operations and information sharing among the agencies.



Transport enforcement officers during a coordinated roadside safety operation in Lagos.

FRSC Launches Second Phase Of 'Operation Gaduma' To Tackle Fake Number Plates

GTe-News Desk, Abuja

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has launched the second phase of Operation Gaduma to curb the use of fake and unauthorised number plates on Nigerian roads.

The operation is aimed at strengthening vehicle identification and compliance, enhancing road safety and supporting efforts to reduce crime and other violations linked to the use of forged number plates.



FRSC personnel inspect vehicle number plates during an enforcement operation.

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Wike, Ode Commission Dunamis-Built Pedestrian Bridge On Abuja Airport Road

By Chidi Ugwu, Abuja

The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Wike, and the Deputy Governor of Benue State, Sam Ode, have commissioned a pedestrian bridge on the Abuja Airport Road, built by the Dunamis International Gospel Centre.

The bridge, which was completed in four months, follows approval from the FCT Administration (FCTA) in February 2026, and is designed to make crossing the busy Airport Road safer for pedestrians.

Speaking at the commissioning, Wike commended the church for funding the project, describing it as a positive example of private support for public infrastructure in the FCT.

He said pedestrian safety remained a key concern along the Airport Road corridor, which records high traffic volumes daily.

Ode, who joined the commissioning, also commended Dunamis International Gospel Centre for the timely completion of the project, noting that the bridge would help reduce the risk of accidents in the area.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), represented at the event, said the Airport Road corridor has recorded many pedestrian crashes over the years, often resulting in serious injuries and loss of lives.

The corps said the new bridge would significantly improve safety by providing a dedicated and safer crossing point for residents, workers and travellers.

Wike urged residents and road users to make proper use of the bridge, stressing that its impact would be fully realised only if the public embraced it as the safer option for crossing the highway.



The newly commissioned pedestrian bridge on Abuja Airport Road, funded by Dunamis International Gospel Centre.

Delta Threatens Sanctions Over Delayed N38.45bn Bridge, Road Projects

By Kingsley Benneth, Asaba

– The Delta State Government has warned of possible sanctions against the contractor handling the Orere River Bridge and the Edjekota–Ewu–Orere Road projects over slow progress on the works.

The Commissioner for Works (Rural Roads) and Public Information, Reuben Izeze, issued the warning

He said the projects are important to the state government and must be completed within the agreed timeframe, adding that further delay would attract sanctions in line with the contract terms.

Izeze disclosed that the combined revised contract value of the two projects is N99,371,890,471.65.

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Delta State Commissioner for Works (Rural Roads) and Public Information, Reuben Izeze (front), during an inspection of the Orere River Bridge project.

Igbe-Ginti Laara Residents Urge Sanwo-Olu To Rebuild Dilapidated Road

By Uche Nwosu, Lagos

Residents of Igbe-Ginti Laara community in Ikorodu, Lagos State, have appealed to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to reconstruct their dilapidated three-kilometre road, which they said has become a major challenge for residents, commuters and businesses in the area.

– The residents, who staged a peaceful protest, said the road is in a bad condition, with deep potholes, eroded sections and flooded portions, which make movement difficult, especially during the rainy season.

They called for a permanent reconstruction of the road, including proper drainage, to prevent further deterioration and improve accessibility to the community.

According to the residents, the poor state of the road has persisted for a long time, leading to higher transport costs, damage to vehicles and a decline in business activities in the area.

– They expressed hope that the state government would respond to their appeal and include the road in its ongoing infrastructure plans in Ikorodu and its environs.

TRACE Commends Corporate Partners For Supporting Personnel Healthcare

By Sodiq Omotoso, Abeokuta

The Transport Regulatory Agency of the Cross River State (TRACE), Ogun State Command, has commended Farmex Meyer Pharmaceutical and Hardej Pharmacy for their support towards improving the health and wellbeing of its personnel.

The commendation was given during a health outreach at the Ota Divisional Command, where the partners donated various medicines and conducted free blood pressure and blood sugar screening for traffic officers.

Officials of TRACE said the initiative would help personnel monitor their health, detect potential risks early and remain active in the discharge of their duties.

United Nigeria Airlines Raises N22bn In Landmark Commercial Paper Debut

By Atabor Julius, Lagos

United Nigeria Airlines has raised N22bn in the first tranche of its N100bn commercial paper programme, marking a significant milestone in the airline's expansion drive.

The offer, which was oversubscribed by more than N5bn, attracted strong interest from institutional and retail investors, reflecting confidence in the airline's business model and growth prospects.

The airline said the proceeds would be used to support fleet expansion, strengthen operational efficiency and improve service delivery across its network.

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Deep Blue Deploys Drone, Armoured Vehicle To Strengthen Maritime Security

By Kingsley Benneth, Lagos

The Deep Blue Project has deployed new surveillance technology, including a drone and an armoured vehicle, to strengthen maritime security, combat illegal activities in Nigerian waters and protect government revenue.

The new equipment was unveiled by the Chief Executive Officer of HLS International, Tal Spektor, at the Africa International Defence Exhibition (AFRIDEX) in Lagos.

Spektor said the upgrades would enhance intelligence gathering, improve the monitoring of suspicious vessel movements and strengthen enforcement of maritime regulations.

He explained that the project's surveillance infrastructure could track vessels approaching Nigeria's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) using ownership records, IMO identification numbers and AIS translisations.

According to him, the project had also enhanced its Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) system to provide historical information about vessels and intelligence on cargo movements.

Spektor said the project was also focused on addressing illegal fishing and environmental offences that threaten coastal communities and marine resources.

He stressed that continuous investment in modern technology was necessary to keep pace with evolving security threats and improve the country's ability to enforce maritime laws.

The AFRIDEX event also featured a demonstration of the Deep Blue Project's special forces.

Spektor reaffirmed HLS International's commitment to supporting Nigeria's maritime security through technology deployment, training and operational assistance, expressing confidence that the upgraded capabilities would improve surveillance and law enforcement.



The surveillance drone deployed under the Deep Blue Project to enhance maritime security in Nigerian waters.

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By Sodiq Omotoso, Abuja

The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, has launched a television campaign series aimed at showcasing the achievements of President Bola Tinubu's administration in the aviation sector ahead of the 2027 presidential election.

The 30-second campaign production, titled Tinubu Aviation Revolution Scries, is scheduled to begin airing on major TV stations nationwide on Sunday, November 1, 2026.

Keyamo said the initiative is among his first campaign communication interventions following his appointment of Air Transport Mobilisation under the APC Presidential Campaign Council.

The directorate is responsible for coordinating and facilitating air transport for authorised campaign activities in support of Tinubu's re-election bid.

He said the series is designed to provide a concise account of developments in the aviation sector, highlighting its contributions to economic growth, tourism, trade and international connectivty.

According to the minister, the campaign seeks to bring the government's aviation achievements directly to the electorate and demonstrate the sector's role in advancing the administration's Renewed Hope Agenda.

The television production is fully paid for and forms part of the APC's broader preparations for the 2027 general election.

Osun Group Urges Adeleke To Prioritise Osogbo Road Rehab

By Uche Nwosu, Osogbo

A coalition of civil society organisations, Osun Masterminds, has urged Osun State Governor Ademola Adeleke to urgently rehabilitate deteriorating roads across Osogbo, the state capital.

The Executive Director, Prof. Wasiu Oyedokun-Alli, made the call during the group's monthly state-of-the-state address, citing the hardship faced by motorists, commuters and business owners.

He identified the Dele-Yes-Sir/Oke-Fia axis, Olaiya/Ogo-Oluwa corridor and MDS/Oja-Oba/Ilesa Garage network as critical areas requiring immediate intervention.

The group called for durable reconstruction of the roads with drainage systems, and urged the governorto focus on governance and service ecoding tneer. geoad electory.

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By Atabor Julius, Abuja

APM Terminals Nigeria has called for improved port infrastructure, efficient cargo evacuation systems and stronger public-private partnerships to enhance trade and drive economic growth.

The Chief Executive Officer, Koen De Backker, made the call during a plenary session at the 32nd Nigerian Economic Summit in Abuja.

He described ports as critical components of the economy, noting that capacity constraints and prolonged container dwell time remain major challenges.

De Backker urged greater use of rail and barges to ease pressure on road infrastructure and improve cargo movement.

He cited APM Terminals' logistics centre in Ibadan, where export cargo is consolidated and loaded into containers before being transported by rail to the port.

He also called for the modernisation of ageing port infrastructure and greater collaboration among port operators, government agencies and the Nigeria Customs Service.

According to him, these measures would help reduce delays, cut costs and improve overall port efficiency.

PDP Members Back Uba Sani's 2027 Re-election Bid Over Road Projects

By Chidi Ugwu, Kaduna

Some members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Soba Local Government Area of Kaduna State have declared support for Governon Uba Sani's re-election bid in 2027, citing road construction projects executed by his administration.

One of the supporters, Adamu Danburam, a PDP coordinator, said he would vote for Sani because the governor had provided infrastructure that the PDP failed to deliver while in power.

Another PDP member, Dogara Mohammed, said the road project had improved transportation and would benefit future generations.

Hassan Adamu Abdullahi said the construction of the road linking Gurundafi, Soba and Turawa had eased transportation challenges, particularly for farmers conveying agricultural produce to markets.

The residents noted that the project would enhance connectivity, stimulate economic activities and improve access to neighbouring areas.

They expressed hope that Sani's possible second term would provide an opportunity for the government to address other developmental needs in their communities.



Operations at the APM Terminals Nigeria facility, as the company calls for improved port infrastructure and rail cargo evacuation.

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Youth Coalition Declares Support For Youths Minister Over NYSC Reforms, Empowerment Initiatives

By Atabor Julius, Abuja

A youth coalition, Oodua Youth Coalition (OYC), has declared its total support for the Minister of Youth Development, Comrade Ayodele Olawande, citing his reforms on youth participation, NYSC welfare and empowerment initiatives.

In a statement by its Vice President Administration, Olatunji Adejuwon, and General Secretary, Abolaji Olaoye, the coalition said the minister's efforts are a major step in advancing youth development and national progress.

OYC commended the National Youth Confab 2026, NYSC reforms, and initiatives such as YouthCred and the Youth Information Centre, noting that they are creating more opportunities for young Nigerians.

The group urged sustained implementation of the Confab's recommendations and stronger institutional support to ensure tangible results for youths nationwide.

It also called on international partners and investors to deepen their engagement with Nigeria in vocational education, digital innovation, entrepreneurship and job creation.

OYC affirmed its total institutional support for Olawande, stressing that youth development requires focused leadership, continuity and collaboration to deliver lasting benefits for Nigerian youths.



Minister of Youth Development, Comrade Ayodele Olawande.

Enabulele Hails Bendel Insurance's First Away Win, Says Third Position Not Enough

By Olurundare Enimola, Benin City

The Edo State Sports Commission Chairman, Hon. Amadin Desmond Enabulele, has commended Bendel Insurance for their 2–1 away victory over Kwara United, insisting that third position on the NPFL table is not enough for the club's ambition.

Bendel Insurance recorded their first away win of the season after coming from behind through goals by captain Kayode Oke and Chinedu Nwosu.

Enabulele lauded the team's determination and discipline, and also recalled their 4-0 win

He assured continued support for the club and urged the players to aim higher as they seek greater success this season.

The win moves Bendel Insurance to third position on the NPFL table with 18 points from 10 matches.

They will host Rangers International on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, in Benin City.

Reps Put Mines Rangers Bill on Hold Over Clause 23 Controversy

By Kingsley Benneth, Abuja

The House of Representatives has stepped down the bill to establish the Nigeria Mines Ranger Service (NMRS) for further scrutiny over concerns that Clause 23 could confer investigative powers on the proposed agency and overlap with the Nigeria Police Force.

Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu, raised the concern during debate, questioning whether the rangers would conduct investigations or merely apprehend suspects and hand them over to the police.

The bill, sponsored by Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, seeks to combat illegal mining and related crimes.

Ihonvbere said preliminary checks were necessary to distinguish criminals from innocent persons, but Kalu insisted that investigations should remain the exclusive mandate of the police.

The house thereafter stepped down the bill for further legislative engagements.

Grand Coalition: A Battle For The Soul Of Nigeria — Soludo

By Chukwujekwu Ilozue, Awka

Anambra State Governor, Chukwuma Soludo, has said the grand political coalition in the state is a battle for the soul of Nigeria, Ndigbo and Anambra, as leaders unite unite to support President Bola Tinubu's re-election.

Speaking at the inauguration of the presidential campaign structure in Awka, Soludo said the alliance reflects a shared progressive ideology and the need for Anambra to remain part of national politics.

He noted that the state must work closely with the centre to attract major infrastructure such as rail lines and gas pipelines.

APC chairman, Senator Emma Anosike, praised the coalition, while APGA National Chairman, Barrister Sly Ezeokenwa, described it as unprecedented unity for Tinubu's re-election.

Polls: Don't Stop Opposition Parties From Using Government Facilities, Otti Warns State Officials

By Uche Nwosu, Umuahia

Abia State Governor, Dr Alex Otti, has directed state agencies not to stop opposition parties from using public facilities during their political campaigns.

Speaking at the Labour Party (LP) 2027 campaign flag-off in Umuahia, Otti said opposition parties are free to use the stadium or any public building once they obtain the necessary approvals.

He warned that security agencies have been mandated to arrest anyone who attempts to obstruct legitimate political activities, even if they are LP members.

The LP National Chairman, Senator Esther Nenadi Usman, described Otti as the best-performing governor in Nigeria and urged the people to re-elect him and all LP candidates in 2027.

Otti will seek re-election with his Deputy, Engr Ikechukwu Emetu, while Rt. Hon. Agwu U Agwu serves as Director General of the Abia State LP Campaign Council.

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Its Chief Executive Officer, Koen De Backker, made the call at the 32nd Nigerian Economic Summit (NES # 32) in Abuja, identifying capacity constraints and long container dwell time as major challenges.

He urged greater use of rail and barges, citing the company's Ibadan logistics centre, where export cargoes are consolidated and moved by rail to the port.

De Backker also called for modernisation of port facilities, more private-sector participation and continued collaboration with Customs and other agencies.



Cargo operations at an APM Terminals facility in Nigeria, as the company calls for improved port infrastructure and rail ci cargo evacuation.

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Kebbi TUC Rejects ₦70,000 Transport Allowance, Backs Mother Body's Stand

By Kingsley Benneth, Birnin Kebbi

The Trade Union Congress (TUC) in Kebbi State has rejected the ₦70,000 transport allowance for Nigerian workers as agreed by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) with the Federal Government.

TUC Chairman in the state, Comrade Abdulahi Shehu, said on Sunday that the state chapter supports the National body's rejection of the ₦70,000 transport allowance and insistence on a ₦300,000 minimum wage.

He stressed that TUC, like the NLC, is an independent union and cannot be compelled to take a unilateral decision.

"NLC and TUC are both independent bodies. They can't dictate to us or take decisions on our behalf. We at the Kebbi chapter back the mother union," he said.

On whether the state chapter would accept the allowance if approved by the Kebbi State Government, Shehu said the governor would normally sit with them to review the economic indices before reaching a decision.

"For now, we stand with the rejection of the ₦70,000 transport allowance for Nigerian workers [illegible] till further notice from the umbrella body," he added.



Kebbi State TUC Chairman, Comrade Abdulahi Shehu, addressing journalists in Birnin Kebbi.

Recognize Oct. 22 As Global Day Of Advocates, CSOs Tell AU, UN

By Atabor Julius, Minna

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have called on the African Union (AU) and the United Nations (UN) to recognize October 22 every year as the Global Day of the Advocate.

Speaking in Minna, the initiators, Messrs Kalejaiye Olasunkanmi and Daniel Atori, regretted that despite advocates' contributions to policy change, there is no adequate recognition.

Kalejaiye, Executive Director of Global Promoters for Community Initiative (GPCI), said advocates raise awareness, mobilise communities, influence policies, promote accountability and serve as a voice for the vulnerable.

He said the day would encourage commitment, inspire emerging advocates, strengthen partnerships and promote a culture of appreciation.

COCSIN Secretary, Daniel Atori, urged the UN and AU to set aside the date to celebrate drivers of positive changes globally, adding, "Our message is simple: Celebrate the advocates, recognise their initiatives, support the cause and sustain the changes."

The call followed the third commemoration of the Day of the Advocate on October 22, 2026, in Minna, Niger State.

Presidency Not Retirement Home, Drop Re-election Bid, MDPCO Tells Tinubu

By Chidi Ugwu, Abuja

The Makinde-Daura Presidential Campaign Organisation (MDPCO) has urged President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to withdraw from the 2027 race, saying he lacks the stamina to effectively govern.

MDPCO's Director of Strategic Communications, Richard Ihediwa, said Tinubu's recent foreign trips and "incoherent" remarks at the APC campaign flag-off in Kaduna raise concerns about his fitness.

He said Nigeria needs a younger leader like Engr. Seyi Makinde, who has the energy, experience and commitment to work round the clock.

The group also dismissed the ₦50,000 monthly payment to [illegible] households as a political ploy to influence voters, insisting it would not change Nigerians' determined to vote the APC out in 2027.

Ihediwa added that more than ₦2 trillion was allegedly spent on the Kaduna rally without achieving the desired impact, warning that no amount of inducement could alter the electorate's decision.

Democracy Under Threat, Electricity Still Elusive Under Tinubu, ADC-PCC Alleges

By Sodiq Omotoso, Abuja

The African Democratic Congress Presidential Campaign Council (ADC-PCC) has accused the Tinubu administration of orchestrating a sustained assault on democratic freedoms and failing to deliver reliable electricity.

In a statement by its Director of Media and Publicity, Kola Ologbondiyan, the council cited attacks on opposition figures, arrests, harassment and denial of convention venue as evidence of political intolerance.

The Council said rising tariffs, continued outages, grid collapses and ongoing estimated billing showed that the administration had not met its commitment.

It warned that no amount of inducement could suppress Nigerians' democratic rights and vowed to continue its rescue mission.

"An Act is not electricity," A Nigerian [illegible] declared, said.

2027: APC, APGA, PDP, Accord Collapse Structures For Tinubu

By Chukwujekwu Ilozue, Awka

Three political parties — APGA, APC, PDP and Accord Party — have collapsed their structures in Anambra State to support President Bola Tinubu's re-election in 2027.

Governor Chukwuma Soludo, who is the state coordinator of the campaign, said the alliance was a battle between emotion and reason, noting that strategic partnership with the Federal Government is key to major infrastructure development.

APC chieftain Senator Emma Anosike praised the alliance, saying it would bring greater federal presence to Anambra, while APGA National Chairman, Sly Ezeokenwa, described it as an unprecedented unity for Tinubu's second term.

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Bendel Insurance staged a comeback to win at the Rashidi Yekini Main Bowl in Ilorin, with captain Kayode Oke equalising before Chinedu Nwosu scored the winner.

Enabulele praised the players' discipline and unity, lauding Coach Kennedy Boboye for his tactical brilliance.

He recalled the team's recent home win over Rivers United, describing the successive results as a [illegible] boost to the club's confidence.

The chairman assured continued support for the team and urged them to aim higher. Bendel Insurance now sit third on the 10 matches,



Bendel Insurance players celebrate their 2–1 away victory over Kwara United in Ilorin.

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Nigeria Customs Move Ai Neutralise Online Scams, Fake News With AI Data Tracking

By Kingsley Benneth, Lagos

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) says it has begun efforts to neutralise rampant fake news and online scams that damage the Service's image by integrating new-age digital data-tracking intelligence tools.

The Comptroller-General of Customs (CGC), Adewale Adeniyi, represented by the National Public Relations Officer, DC Abdullahi Maiwada, disclosed this on Friday at the Neccipr Roundtable '26 Edition in Lagos.

Maiwada said AI is being deployed in operations, risk management and strategic communication, adding that it can also analyse public sentiment and determine how people

He explained that the Service is using every available platform to establish facts and is working with other agencies to arrest those behind misleading information.

Earlier, the convener, Nkechi Ali-Balogun, said the programme was designed to examine how algorithms influence public discourse and the flow of information in Nigeria.

She noted that PR professionals must lead national conversations and counter the spread of conspiracy theories and online misinformation that threaten national unity in Nigeria.

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The event alsofeatured keyn te addresses by NIPR President, Ike Neliaku, and former Minister of Education, Obiageli Ezekwesili, among other dignitaries.



NCS National Public Relations Officer, DC Abdullahi Maiwada, speaking at the Neccipr Roundtable '26 in Lagos.

2027: Umahi Tells CAN, Religious Leaders Not To Stay On The Fence, Urges Support For Tinubu

By Chidi Ugwu, Abakaliki

The Minister of Works, Engr. David Umahi, has urged the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and other religious leaders not to remain neutral ahead of the 2027 elections, saying the South-East has been fully integrated under President Bola Tinubu.

Speaking at a town hall meeting in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, Umahi said CAN should take a stand and support leaders who promote national unity and development.

He cited key appointments and infrastructure of the South-East's

Umahi argued that the Igbos must be strategic and avoid politics of sentiments, noting that no region willingly accepts the presidency for just four years.

He said backing Tinubu for a second term would position the South-East better consideration, in ruendly streamming that him and relatic ns with the cen or for development.

The minister also faulted what he described as intolerance among supporters of Mr. Peter Obi on unity and national interest.

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Vice President Kashim Shettima, who spoke at the summit, reiterated the government's commitment to reducing regulatory burdens and expanding access to finance.

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He said advocates are key to policy reform, community mobilisation and giving a voice to vulnerable groups.

Atori, Secretary of COCSIN, said the call aims to honour those driving long meaningful initiatives globally, urging development partners to support the recognition of advocates' contributions in areas such as education, health healthcare and community.

He added that the annual celebration would encourage greater support for people

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By Sodiq Omotoso, Abuja

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In a statement by its Director of Media, Kola Ologbondiyan, the Council also faulted the APC for what it called an "afterthought" explanation of Tinubu's 2023 electricity promise, insisting that Nigerians still lack reliable and affordable power.

Ologbondiyan said the President should not seek a second term without delivering on key promises, warning that rising tariffs and persistent outages have worsened hardship for households and businesses.

The ADC-PCC urged Nigerians to defend democratic values and called for accountability in the conduct of the 2027 elections, stressing that the January 16, 2027 poll would be a referendum on the administration's performance.

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Another member, Dogara Mohammed, said the road project has improved transportation and will benefit future generations.

Hassan Adamu Abdullahi said the road linking Gurundafi, Soba and Turawa has eased the movement of farm produce to markets, while the residents urged Sani to continue the development drive in more communities.



Ongoing road construction project in Kaduna State, one of the projects cited by PDP members in backing Governor Uba Sani's re-election bid.

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APC Defends Tinubu's Electricity Record, Cites 1.5m New Meters, N4trn Debt Settlement Plan

By Atabor Julius, Abuja

The All Progressives Congress Presidential Campaign Council (APC-PCC) has defended President Bola Tinubu's electricity reforms, listing the distribution of over 1.5 million meters, the ₦4 trillion debt settlement plan and ongoing infrastructure projects as evidence of progress in the power sector.

In a statement on Sunday, spokesperson Dele Alake said Tinubu's campaign promise must be assessed in full context, noting that the President has introduced far-reaching reforms since 2023 to improve generation, distribution, metering and market stability.

He cited the Electricity Act, 2023, the Presidential Metering Initiative, the ₦4 trillion bond programme and the upgrade of transmission substations as key interventions, adding that states such as Lagos, Enugu, Abia and Kaduna are now investing an

However, former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, through his spokesperson, Phrank Shaibu, rejected the APC-PCC's defence, arguing that Nigerians still face frequent power outages, high tariffs and unreliable supply despite the announced reforms.

Atiku maintained that Tinubu's 2023 pledge was clear: to provide billing, stressing that current policies, loans and project approvals cannot substitute for electricity in homes end businesses.

The opposition leader also questioned the impact of the tariff bands and the plan to end subsidies from 2027, urging the government to show how its interventions have translated into additional and dependable power supply.

The exchange has renewed debate over Tinubu's electricity promise as the political parties begin to frame their arguments ahead of the 2027 election.



A Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) substation, as the government steps up efforts to improve power supply nationwide.

Oshiomhole Tasks Edo-North Electorate To Re-elect Tinubu For Second Term

By Kingsley Benneth, Benin City

Former Edo State Governor, Sen. Adams Oshiomhole, has urged the people of Edo-North Senatorial District to re-elect President Bola Tinubu in 2027, saying the district will continue to benefit from federal projects and appointments under his leadership.

Oshiomhole, who spoke at a strategic APC meeting, said Tinubu has shown commitment to the development of the South East development of the South East through key appointments and through key appointments and infrastructure, adding that the region must support his re-election [illegible] for sustained inclusion.

He advised party members to reject election rigging and embrace a clean, credible process, saying [illegible] Tinubu wants to win on merit.

Democracy Under Threat, Power Still Elusive Under Tinubu, ADC-PCC Alleges

By Chidi Ugwu, Abuja

The African Democratic Congress Presidential Campaign Council (ADC-PCC) has accused President Tinubu's administration of orchestrating a sustained assault on democratic freedoms, alleging intimidation, attacks on opposition figures and restrictions on campaign activities ahead of 2027.

The Council also faulted the government's electricity record, saying Nigerians still face frequent outages and high tariffs despite the President's promise of stable and affordable power.

In a statement, ADC-PCC spokesperson Kola Ologbondiyan said the administration has failed to meet its campaign commitment and urged Nigerians to defend their democratic rights and hold the government accountable at the polls.

Recognize Oct. 22 As Global Day Of Advocates, CSOs Tell AU, UN

By Uche Nwosu, Minna

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have called on the African Union (AU) and the United Nations (UN) to recognize October 22 annually as the Global Day of the Advocate, in honour of individuals and groups championing social change, accountability and human rights.

Speaking in Minna, the initiators, Kalejaiye Olasunkanmi and Daniel Atori, said advocates play a critical role in influencing policies, raising awareness and giving voice to vulnerable populations.

They said the recognition would encourage more people to engage in community development and create a global platform to celebrate advocacy work and its impact on society.

Olivet Baptist High School Alumni To Hold 2026 AGM November 14

By Sodiq Omotoso, Oyo

The National Old Students' Association (NOSA) of Olivet Baptist High School, Oyo, will hold its 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, November 14, as part of a three-day programme from November 13 to 15, 2026.

In a statement, NOSA President, Ayobami Olubiyi, and National Publicity Secretary, Sheyi Adegbola, said the event is themed "Transforming Legacy into Impact."

Activities begin on Friday, November 13, with a novelty match, a pre-AGM meeting and

The AGM will hold on Saturday, with a keynote lecture by Malam Ibrahim Dikko, a senior executive, church leader and systems thinker with over two decades of experience.

The programme will conclude on Sunday, November 15, with a thanksgiving service at Olivet Baptist Church, Olivet Heights, Oyo.



The entrance of Olivet Baptist High School, Oyo.

Kebbi TUC Rejects ₦70,000 Transport Allowance, Backs Mother Body's Stand

By Chukwujekwu Ilozue, Birnin Kebbi

The Trade Union Congress (TUC) in Kebbi State has rejected the ₦70,000 transport allowance for Nigerian workers, backing the National body's demand for a ₦300,000 minimum wage.

State TUC Chairman, Comrade

and can not take decisions on behalf of the state chapter. National body's demand for a ₦[illegible],000 minimum wage.

State TUC Chairman, Comrade Abdulahi Shehu, said on Sunday that the state chapter supports the National Union's position,

"We Kebbi chapter back the mother union," he said, adding that any decision by the state government would be taken after a meeting to review the economic indices.

For now, he said, the Kebbi TUC stands with the rejection of the N70,000 transport allowance pending further directive from the national body.

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Oyo Speaker, Ogundoyin Distributes Food Items, Cash To Hundreds Of Widows, Widowers In Honour of Late Mother

By Chidi Ugwu, Oyo

The Speaker of the Oyo State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Adebo Ogundoyin, has sustained the humanitarian legacy of his late mother, Chief Mrs. Justina Iyabod Ogundoyin, by distributing food items, clothes and cash to hundreds of widows and widowers in Ibarapa East Local Government Area.

The programme, held on Saturday at the Ori-Oke residence of the Ogundoyin family, was aimed at supporting vulnerable members of the community, particularly widows and widowers.

Ogundoyin said the initiative was a continuation of the support programme established by his late mother, who was known for her compassion and

He said the gesture was to provide relief to the beneficiaries and reaffirm his commitment to the values of kindness and community service that his mother represented.

The programme attracted community leaders, political stakeholders and the South-West Coordinator of the National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANT), Chief Mrs. Oduntayo Danjuma, who commended the Speaker for sustaining the humanitarian tradition.

Beneficiaries, including Mrs. Tafa Aishat, Mrs. Akinsade Funmilayo, Pa. Atilola Ezekiel and Mrs. Obatola Ibiyosi, appreciated Ogundoyin for appointed kindness and support, describing it as timely and meaningful amid rising living costs.



Oyo State Speaker, Rt. Hon. Adebo Ogundoyin, presenting food items to one of the beneficiaries during the outreach in Ibarapa East LGA.

Incoming NESG Chairman Calls For Shift From Economic Growth To Measurable Outcomes

By Sodiq Omotoso, Abuja

The incoming Chairman of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), Mr. Omoboyede Olusanya, has called for a shift from measuring Nigeria's progress by growth figures to delivering tangible improvements in jobs productivity, incomes and living standards.

Olusanya made the call at the closing of the 32nd Nigerian Economic Summit (NES#32) in Abuja, where he introduced "Growth that Delivers" as the guiding principle for his tenure.

He said reforms have helped stabilise the economy, but urged faster productivity, execution and data-driven promised accountability, evidence-based policy, increased investment, wider economic reach, and institutional sustainability for NESG.

He also called on government, businesses, young people and development partners to work together to turn ideas into measurable results.

"Growth that works must become growth that delivers. Let us deliver," he said, said. Olusanya thanked outgoing Chairman, Mr. Niyi Yusuf, for his leadership and reaffirmed NESG's commitment to national prosperity, noting that the organisation remains independent, non-partisan and evidence-driven.

Nigeria Commits To International Law, Seeks Stronger Global Legal Order

By Atabor Julius, New York

Nigeria has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the international legal order and sustaining engagement with the International Law Commission (ILC).

The position was delivered at the Sixth Committee debate of the UN General Assembly by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Dunoma Umar Ahmed.

Nigeria called for legal stability on maritime zones oversea-level rise, support for vulnerable states, and inclusion of African legal perspectives to ensure the importance to the ILC's work.

It also welcomed new topics on obligations erga omnes and the right to regulate in investment law, and supported restoring live webcasts of ILC meetings.

The country urged that the ILC's work respects state sovereignty and non-interference, reaffirming its commitment to contribute constructively, including timely responses to ILC requests.

Nigeria stressed that sustained cooperation and inclusive legal frameworks are essential to addressing global challenges.

APC, Atiku Clash Over Tinubu's Electricity Scorecard

By Uche Nwosu, Abuja

The APC Presidential Campaign Council (APC-PCC) and former Vice President Atiku Abubakar have traded words over President Bola Tinubu's performance in the power sector.

The APC-PCC, through its spokesperson Bolele Alake, defended Tinubu's reforms, citing the Electricity Act, 2023, 1.5 million new meters, a N4 trillion debt settlement plan and ongoing grid projects.

Atiku, through the APC-PCC, rejected the defence, saying Nigerians still experience unreliable and costly power, arguing that laws and bonds have not delivered promised electricity.

He recalled Tinubu's 2023 pledge to end estimated billing, insisting that Nigerians should evaluate the government by tangible improvements in supply and affordability.

The APC-PCC maintained that reforms are ongoing and that Tinubu will present a full scorecard ahead of the 2027 poll.

Atiku, however, said the administration has not built new generation capacity and that Nigeria has missed more better results, not explanations.

The debate has renewed attention on Tinubu's electricity promise as parties intensify preparations for the 2027 election.

Omatseye Defends CVFF Conversion, Says ₦52bn Was In Fixed Deposit

By Kingsley Benneth, Lagos

Former NIMASA DG, Temisan Omatseye, has defended the conversion of the Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund (CVFF) from dollars to naira during his tenure, saying the agency had N52 billion in fixed deposit when he left office in December 2010.

He said the conversion was done on the directive of the Accountant-General of the Federation AGF) because naira deposits then earned over 15% interest, compared to 1-2% for dollar deposits.

Omatseye explained that all foreign IGR, including the 3% surcharge and CVFF, were converted to naira and fixed in commercial banks.



Former NIMASA DG, Temisan Omatseye.

Delta: Police Engage Suspected Kidnappers, Armed Robbers In Gun Duel, Kill Two, Recover AK-47 Rifle, 26 Rounds Of Ammunition

By Chukwujekwu Ilozue, Asaba

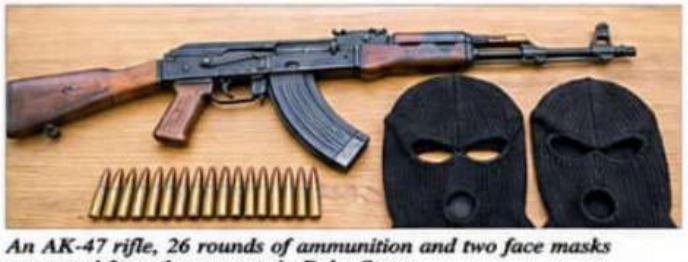
The Delta State Police Command has confirmed the killing of two suspected kidnappers and armed robbers during a gun duel in Ughelli North LGA, with the recovery of an AK-47 rifle and 26 rounds of ammunition.

The Command's PPRO, SP Bright Edafe, said the operation, carried out on October 31, 2026, by the CP Special Assignment Team (CP-SAT) in collaboration with vigilantes, targeted a criminal hideout in Okerhawee.

He said the suspects opened fire on sighting the operatives, leading to a gun duel in which two of them sustained injuries and later died in hospital, while others fled.

Edafe added that the recovered items include an AK-47 rifle, 26 live rounds of ammunition and two face masks.

The Commissioner of Police, CP Samuel Erale, reiterated the command's commitment to combating kidnapping and other violent crimes, urging residents to provide credible information.



An AK-47 rifle, 26 rounds of ammunition and two face masks recovered from the suspects in Delta State.

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