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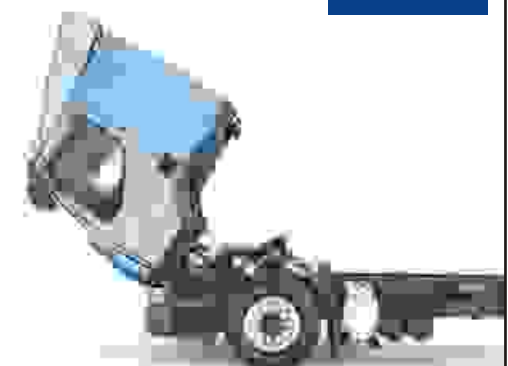
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SAFETY

8 Secret Airplane Safety Features You Didn't Know Existed



1. Yellow Hooks

In case of an emergency that requires the pilot to land on the water, you'll be grateful for these little yellow hooks. The number and placement of hooks on each wing vary from plane to plane, but they all do the same thing: help passengers to safety. They're an anchor for ropes, which passengers use to steady and pull themselves across the wing especially during a water landing. The ropes and hooks can also be used to tether rafts to the plane so they don't float away as passengers board.

2. No oxygen tanks

Let's say your plane does depressurize. You know the drill - pull down on the mask to extend the tube, cover your nose and mouth with the yellow cup, and always put your own mask on first. But wait, why do you have to pull down on the mask? It's not to reach your face. It's actually to start a chemical reaction. There are no oxygen tanks on airplanes. They're just too heavy and bulky to be practical. Instead, the panel above your head contains a chemical oxygen generator. It's a small canister that holds sodium chlorate, barium peroxide, and a pinch of potassium perchlorate. And when all three mix together, the extremely hot chemical reaction lets off oxygen.

3. Fire-resistant cushion

Your seat cushion functions as a

flotation device, but did you know it's also fireproof? Let's take this back a few decades. During a 1967 test for the first Apollo moon mission, three astronauts were killed when the interior of the capsule caught on fire. An investigation showed that the craft was filled with highly flammable materials including the foam in the seat cushions.

This led NASA to conduct a whole slew of research for a way to cover flammable things with a fire-resistant material. So in 1984, the Federal Aviation Administration issued new regulations regarding the flammability of airplane seats. And in fact, it's estimated that 20 to 25 lives are saved each year because their seats don't catch on fire.

4. Black triangle

Above some of those flame-resistant seats, you might see a little black or red triangle. Those triangles actually signify what's nicknamed "William Shatner's seat." It's a reference to a 1963 episode of "The Twilight Zone," in which Shatner's character sees a gremlin on the wing of the plane. The triangles signal to the crew which windows have the best view of the wings in case a flap malfunctions or to check to see if they've been deiced.

5. Little window hole

While you're staring at the gremlin on the wing, you might notice a small

hole in the window. Usually not a good feature for a window, but necessary in this case. It's called a bleed hole. And it prevents your airplane window from blowing out. That's because the air pressure inside the plane is so much greater than outside, which would cause any normal window to explode.

But the windows on an airplane are made up of three panes: inner, middle, and outer. The outer pane takes the pressure, the middle acts as a fail-safe, and the inner is just there so passengers don't mess with the other two. The hole also lets moisture escape from the gaps so the windows don't fog up or freeze.

6. Dimming lights

If the idea of your window popping out mid-flight causes you stress, just try to keep the shade up anyways. That simple action could give you peace of mind and potentially save your life. Before taking off and landing at night, crews will often dim the cabin lights and ask passengers to open their shades. This is to give their eyes time to adjust to the darkness. In case of evacuation, passengers' eyes will already be acclimated to the blackness outside. If the lights stayed on, their eyes would need time to adjust and they'd end up wasting precious seconds stumbling blindly instead of quickly evacuating.

7. Hidden bathroom lock

While joining the mile-high club might seem like a fun idea, you won't get the kind of privacy you might expect. In fact, a crew member could open the bathroom door at any moment no matter if you locked it or not. On the outside of most airplane bathroom doors is a little plate that says "LAVATORY." And under that little plate is a latch that unlocks the door from the outside. This allows the crew to access the bathroom in case of an emergency.

8. Ashtray

While you're in the bathroom, you might notice an ashtray. "But wait," you think to yourself, "I thought it was illegal to smoke on planes!" You're right! Smoking on an airplane has been banned on US airlines since the late 1980s and could saddle you with a fine of up to \$25,000. Even with the threat of a fine, the Federal Aviation Administration isn't taking chances. It lists ashtrays in bathrooms as legally required to meet the minimum equipment needed for a plane. Trash cans on a plane are mostly filled with flammable materials, like cocktail napkins. So tossing a cigarette butt into one of those would not be good. After all, there are still plenty of things in a plane that aren't covered in flame-resistant material.

NEWS

Most Young People Die by Road Traffic Crashes-WHO

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has revealed that Road Traffic Injuries is now the major cause of deaths of children and young people, aged 5-29 years, globally.

WHO Head of Mission and Country Representative, Dr. Walter Mulombo, said this at the commemoration of the 2022 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Crash Victims, recently in Abuja.

Mulombo who was represented by Dr. Mary Dewan, said over 1.3 million people die from road traffic crashes every year, with over 50 million killed since the first road death 125 years ago.

“It was worth noting that Road Traffic Injuries (RTIs) were the 8th leading cause of death worldwide and now the number one cause of death among children and young adults aged 5-29 years old.

The WHO official said RTIs have multiple determinants and affect many people, as such require collaborative action to tackle.

“Together with the UN regional commissions and in cooperation with other partners in the UN Road Safety



Collaboration, WHO developed the 2021-2030 Global Plan.

“This is for the Decade of Action with an ambitious target of preventing at least 50% of road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030.

Also, the Country Director, UNDARSIP Nigeria, Prof. Sydney Ibeanusi said that the menace of road crashes was worst among low and middle income countries like Nigeria. Ibeanusi said that UN Resolution in

2010 facilitated the first UN Decade of Action to address expected rise in the number of persons killed and injured from road crashes predicted at about 1.9 million persons by 2020.

N15trn Lost Annually To Substandard Products In Nigeria - SON

The Standard Organisation of Nigeria, SON, has said that an average of N15 trillion is lost annually to substandard products.

Also, the agency called on Nigerians to appreciate and buy made-in-Nigeria products to sustain the local manufacturers which are threatened

by the menace of substandard products.

Speaking at a One-Day Stakeholders' Sensitization Workshop/Mandatory Assessment Conformity Assessment Programme, MANCAP, Certification presentation with the theme: “Zero Tolerance for Sub-Standard Products”, Chief

Executive/Lead Consultant Pearlcee Consult Limited, Mrs. Chinyere Egwuonu, said that the country has groaned under the yoke of fake and substandard products, describing it as a threat to the economy which is also affecting the industrial revolution plan.

Earlier, Director General of SON,

Mallam Farouk, had said there is a relationship between the SON and the industries, adding, “Industry is the heart of the nation and more important than any branch or agency of government because it provides employment and jobs, pay taxes and saves us from insecurity”.

Rep Ask Buhari to Sign Road Fund Bill Into Law

The Deputy Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Toby Okechukwu, has stated that it will be difficult for Nigeria to have good roads across the country until the President, Major General Muhammadu Buhari (retd.), assent to the road fund and road authority bills passed by the National Assembly.

Okechukwu, however, decried that the two bills had not been signed into law.

The lawmaker made this known at his office in Abuja recently when the President of the Council for Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria, Rabiu Ali, led a delegation of the professional body to notify him of the conferment of an honorary fellowship of the Nigerian Society of Engineers on him.

Okechukwu appealed to Buhari and all concerned Nigerians to give attention to the bills.

He said, “I am happy that the NSE

placed me at the top of their professional calling and reward system. On a serious note, engineering criss-crosses our lives. It controls 90 per cent of our lives. If we

neglect or ignore engineering, we do so at our peril. When we came in as Committee of Works, we were able to diagnose the challenges in the

industry, capacity, personal issues and how the profession is practiced. That was how we came up with the idea of amending the COREN Act”.

Immigration Gets New Spokesman

The Comptroller General of Nigeria Immigration Service, now has a new image maker.

He is Deputy Comptroller of Immigration Tony Akuneme. Akuneme replaces DCI Amos Okpu who has since proceeded on retirement after 35 years of service.

DCI Akuneme hails from Imo State. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy from the University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State. He also holds a Master's Degree in International Law from the University of Lagos and a Post Graduate



Diploma in Journalism from the same Institution.

It added that he has attended various courses within and outside the country, including the Superintendent Basic Course at the Immigration Training School, Kano.

“Until his recent appointment, he was the Head of the Immigration Desk, Nigeria Diaspora Commission. DCI Akuneme has since assumed duty as the Public Relations officer of the Nigeria Immigration Service.”

EDITORIAL

Avoiding the End of Year Travel Hiccups, Crashes

Eventually, we have come to the last month of the year 2022, and as we wrap off such an eventful year, we need to remind ourselves about the transport traffic challenges associated with the last month of the year. December is usually the month in which a lot of people travel for re-union with families and friends, and many people seize the opportunity to go on vacations which means travelling long distances. In Nigeria, while a majority of the travelers move by road, others who have the wherewithal, go by air, while fewer use the waterways and railways. Irrespective of the mode of transportation, over the years, this season usually witness chaos, congested airports and motor parks and avoidable Road Traffic Crashes. Some

have religiously attributed this to Blood Sucking Demons on the roads!

Nonetheless, we should try not to be caught up in this chaos and bedlam usually associated with this season by ensuring we plan our journeys ahead and avoid taking unnecessary risks.

Let us be security conscious while planning our trips, especially when travelling by road. Let us seek local advice on security situations on the routes we intend to ply before setting out.

Highway robbers, kidnappers and terrorists are on the prowl on Nigerian roads, with many innocent travelers kidnapped for ransom.

If we are traveling with our own vehicle, we should also ensure that the vehicle in which we are traveling in is well serviced and road-worthy.

Vehicles that are hardly used for long distance trips should not just be deployed for those long trips, without first subjecting them to thorough mechanical and electrical checks by qualified technicians.

Also note that a city driver may not necessarily be a long distance driver. Some drivers may not be able to withstand the fatigue associated with long distance driving.

Defensive driving techniques must also come to play actively when making long trips. You do not drive for yourself alone, watch out for the shortcomings of other road users.

We should always remember that Road Safety is not the responsibility of Federal Road Safety (FRSC) officials alone, in fact, it is

more the responsibility of the driver and other road users than law enforcement officers.

It is important that we all contribute positively, by the way we drive, to force down the ugly figures associated with Road Traffic Crashes on Nigerian roads.

Though the FRSC, the Police, the National Bureau of Statistics and the World Health Organisation periodically release conflicting data of number of deaths on Nigerian roads, there is an urgent need for the numbers to come down.

On air travels, it is important to book ahead of scheduled days of travel and try to seek the assistance of travel agencies, especially this season.

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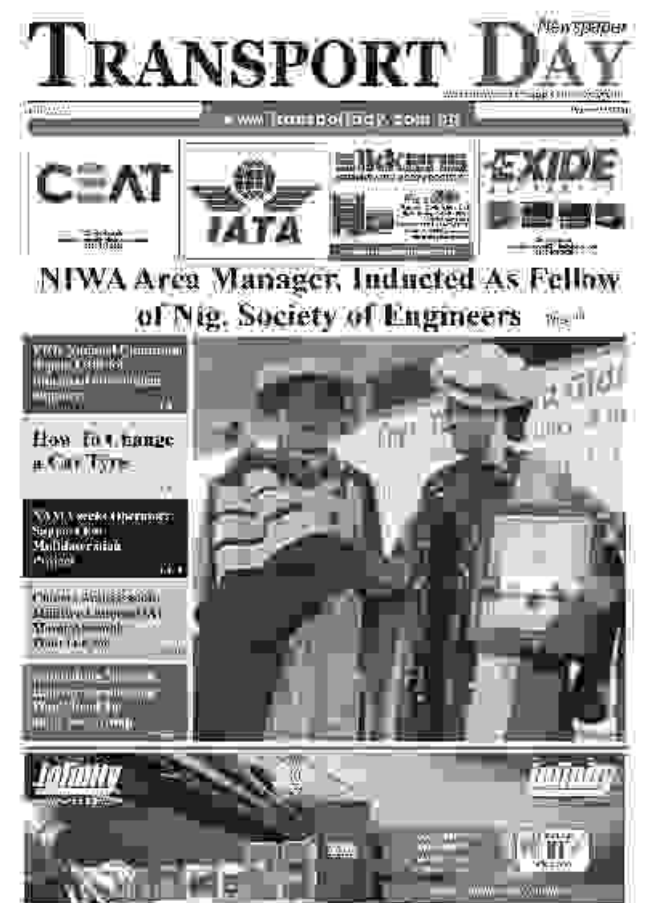
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TYRE WATCH








Ember Months: FRSC Warns Motorists against Expired Tyres, Over-Speeding, Overloading

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Nasarawa State Sector Command, has warned motorists against use of expired tyres, Over-speeding and overloading, especially during the ember months. The State FRSC Sector Commander, CC Ibrahim Bazama, gave the warning at the inauguration of the 2022 Ember Months campaigns by the command in Lafia recently. The campaign had as its theme: "Avoid Over-Speeding, Over loading and Unsafe Tyres to Arrive Alive." Bazama said that from statistics of crashes recorded in the state, about 92

per cent was a result of speeding which resulted to loss of lives.

He said the crashes left some victims with varying degrees of injuries with a number of them permanently incapacitated.

"The campaign is a usual tradition in the corps, observed nationwide at this time of the year because of the very high rate of travels in the build up to celebrate the yuletide with our family members, some of whom we may not have seen since the beginning of the year.

"The campaign becomes necessary as the vehicular flow is expected to be

higher than normal, with the heightened temptation by drivers to speed under the erroneous believe of maximising returns.

"As a result, they endanger the lives of their passengers and other road users through road crashes that were largely avoidable," he said.

The sector commander commended Gov. Abdullahi Sule for the construction of Yahaya Sabo Ultra Modern bus Terminal, Lafia, and Sani Abacha Ultra Modern Park in Karu Local Government Area.

Also speaking, Acting Corps Marshal, DCM Dauda Ali- Biu, said that he had

directed for the immediate commencement of mega public enlightenment and sensitisation campaign in the 36 states including FCT.

"This is part of the corps' concerted efforts geared towards ensuring free flow of traffic, eradicating road traffic crashes and creating a safe motoring environment in our beloved country," he said.

Ali-Biu, represented by the Zonal Commanding Officer, RS4HQ, ACM Gilbert Igbokwe, gave a matching order that all hands must be on deck to ensure free flow of traffic.

Benefits of Wheel Alignment

Many motorists spend their hard earned money to purchase quality tyres, and forget that they must take tyre care seriously. And one of the important aspects of tyre care is regular wheel alignment. Brian Bowersock of <https://westautomotivegroup.com/5-benefits-getting-wheel-alignment/>, list five salient benefits of wheel alignment.

1. Increase Fuel Efficiency. When your automobile isn't aligned correctly, your wheels aren't working together the way that they should. Because of this, your vehicle's engine has to work a lot harder to propel you forward, and this reduces your car's fuel efficiency.

2. Reduce Expensive Auto Repairs. Driving with a bad alignment causes the parts in your car to wear unevenly and prematurely. Each time you hit a pothole or bump in the road, your steering and suspension systems take a hit. When your tyres aren't evenly helping with the impact, certain areas of these systems take the hit harder

than others, causing them to break down sooner than they should. If they break down completely, you're face with an expensive auto repair service that could have been avoided.

3. Experience Smoother Driving. When your car's wheel alignment is off, you will usually notice that your automobile drifts slightly to the right or left even though your steering wheel is aimed straight ahead.

Constantly adjusting your steering to overcompensate for bad alignment is tiring, inefficient, distracting and dangerous!

4. Improve Vehicle Safety. Properly maintaining your car, truck, SUV, minivan or hybrid vehicle helps it to run better. It also keeps you from running into unexpected car issues that could leave you stranded on the side of the road. Don't put off getting your wheels aligned until it's too late.

5. Increase the Life of Your Tyres. Last but not least, your tyres. Your tyres are an expensive and important auto part that wear out much more quickly when you don't get regular wheel alignments. When you align your tyres, and they are working together in harmony, they will take you a lot further and you won't have to buy new tyres sooner than you need to.



ENERGY

NNPC, CNL secure \$1.4bn Infill Drilling Financing Programme

Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL), operator of the joint venture between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and CNL has secured a \$1.4bn financing to fund the NNPC/CNL JV infill drilling programme to run from 2022 to 2026. A statement by CNL's General Manager Policy, Government and Public Affairs, Esimaje Brikinn said the financing arrangement was executed on Wednesday November 30, 2022.

The project included the drilling of 37 wells in the offshore and onshore Escravos area.

According to the statement, the project would help to monetise reserves and increase production by arresting decline and supporting domestic gas supply, adding that the



project aligns with the NNPC/CNL JV's lower carbon ambitions, and helps support a lower carbon future through increased gas resources for commercialisation.

"The NNPC/CNL JV recognises the strategic imperative to supplement funding of the NNPC/CNL JV operations to enable high impact

projects that can deliver near term production" it said.

The NNPC/CNL JV is one of the largest producers and investors in Nigeria. CNL has operated in Nigeria for more than 60 years and the firm said it was still committed to supporting the country in developing its energy resources for the benefit of

its people.

"CNL puts people at the center of the energy conversation because it understands that the well-being of people everywhere depends on energy energy that is affordable, reliable, and ever cleaner to enable human progress", the statement added.

Oil Theft: We Didn't Indict NNPC- Navy

The Nigerian Navy has absolved the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) of any culpability in the lingering crude oil theft, which has led to humongous loss of revenue to the government and disturbingly polluting the operating environment. The Navy in a statement signed by Commodore AO Ayo-Vaughan, its Director of Information, asked the public to disregard a report in an undisclosed national newspaper which stated otherwise. Ayo-Vaughan explained that on the contrary, the Navy was working closely with the national oil company to arrest and prosecute oil thieves and pipeline vandals, who have factured the crude production process.

He added that what transpired at a recent interactive hearing before the Senate Committee on Economic and Financial Crimes was completely misconstrued by the said newspaper. He said: "The Navy representative at the Senate hearing repeatedly mentioned that the Navy is not indicting the NNPCL in any way and has been working with the national oil giant to curb the menace of crude oil theft since April 1, 2022 when Operation DAKATAR DA

BARAWO (OPDDB) was launched in Onne, Rivers State, as a mutual effort and synergy between the Navy and NNPCL to address issues of crude oil theft, rampant illegal artisan refineries and illegal oil bunkering, amongst other

criminalities in the creeks. "At the strategic level, almost daily and regular consultations, engagements and meetings hold between the Navy and NNPCL to review the situation, appraise the approach to curb the menace and

proffer ways forward. "Pertinently, to attempt to imply otherwise will be a gross misrepresentation of the cordial and mutual working relationship between the two organizations".

N400m lost Monthly to Abuja Energy Thieves-ANED Spokesman

A whopping average of some N400m is lost monthly to Energy thieves within the coverage area of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC).

This was revealed by the Executive Director, Research and Advocacy, Association of Nigerian Electricity Distributors (ANED), Mr. Sunday Oduntan, at the second edition of the Power Correspondents Association of Nigeria (PCAN) 2022 Annual Workshop held at the Reiz hotel, Abuja last week.

The AEDC covers the federal capital territory, the Niger, Kogi and Nassarawa states.

According to him, electricity distributing companies in Nigeria are facing herculean task of operations, and theft of electricity is one of the key challenges.

Also speaking during the event, with

the theme-"Stable Electricity: Exploring a Contract Based Market in Nigeria", the Managing Director, Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), Sule Abdulaziz, argued that industry-specific knowledge by the practitioners was key for effective dissemination of right information to the industry stakeholders and the general public.

Represented by the General Manager, System Planning, TCN, Mr Kabiru Adamu, the TCN boss said that company was working hard to ensure steady supply of electricity across the nation.

"The need to deepen industry knowledge cannot be over-emphasised. More of this kind of interactions between the media professionals and the operators should be encouraged," he noted.

Also, the Managing Director of Azura

Independent Power (IPP), Edu Okeke, said the 461MW power station was ready to expand its footprints in the coming years, urging the media to begin to raise questions when people throw unverifiable information around.

A representative of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC), Mr Kassim Burkullu, who is the Chief Technical Officer of the distribution company, said that the company had embarked on 40 quick-win projects to boost power supply in its franchise areas.

According to him, "we have contracted the replacement of 10,000 obsolete and faulty meters within FCT. AEDC has continued to provide seamless channels for timely resolution of customers' complaints".

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AVIATION



Nigeria has Best Air Safety Record-AIBN Boss

Commissioner of Accident Investigation Bureau, Nigeria (AIB N), Engr. Akin Olateru, has said that after six years, Nigeria has the best safety records in the world in terms of crashes so far experienced across the world.

Speaking recently at an event in Abuja, Olateru, who was represented by the Director, Engineering, AIB, Mohammed Wali, said this at a workshop on the role of accident/incident investigation in the state safety programme, ESP, and flight recorder workshop recorders and beyond of the Banjul Accord Group Accident on Investigation Agency, BAGAIA.

He, however, emphasized the role of AIB and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, NCAA, in ensuring safety in the Nigerian Airspace.

According to him, “the last fatal crash we had was about three years and in the last six years, the Nigerian air space has been one of the safest in the world. So, when you look at the role AIB and NCAA plays in accidents, the synergy is the result of the safer skies we have now” he said.

He, therefore, identified poor funding as one of the major challenges bedeviling the AIB.

“The biggest challenge we have is funding generally, because apparently you know, we can't charge for what we do. That's the irony of the situation. Even when the camerons came we couldn't charge. We don't charge for what we do.

“If you now have a recorder, it is a

norm under the convention. If you send it to AIB for download, you don't charge for it and now that is one of the reasons why we are going into the MSIB where you do the Marine, the rail investigation.

“So, with that, maybe the other aspects we have just like now with the mobile office, things we have which we can now use to generate funds, but the actual aspect of investigation all over the world, you don't charge for it”, he said.

Addressing participants at the

commencement of the training, BAGAIA's Commissioner, Charles Irikefe Erhueh said: “These dual workshop investigative process will further expatiate on stakeholders role during the investigation in terms of the State Salty Programme. Also, this will let us understand the benefits of the use of drones in accident investigations while looking beyond the flight recorders. “Note that once an accident happened and the scene becomes contaminated by people who should

not be there their actions more often than not, derail the investigative process Sometimes you see a massive crowd looting and carting away things from the scene all in the guise to help”, he added

The workshop had participants drawn from: Accident Investigation Bureau Nigeria, AIB; the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, NCAA; Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, FAAN; Nigeria Civil Authority, CAA, among others.

SAHCO Deploys Modern Container Dollies, Tractors, Loaders

Skyyway Aviation Handling Company (SAHCO) Plc has expanded its fleet of ultra-modern Aviation Ground Handling Equipment with the addition of universal loaders, tractors, container dollies, canopied passenger steps, conveyor belt loaders and air starter units.

According to the company, the new universal loaders, which were manufactured by French Ground Support Equipment (GSE) maker, Air Marrel in France, are 7,000 tonnes lower and main deck loaders.

The GSEs are well-matched with the latest compatible standards and can be used to load both pallets and containers. Also, the loaders are equipped with aircraft approach

sensors that minimises accident or damage to the aircraft body by restricting contact.

The three ruggedly built GSEs also known as E-LAM 7,000, are fitted with tier 4 Deutz engines and the capacity to travel long distances that makes them compatible for Nigerian terrains and long distanced tarmac. The E-LAM 7,000s can similarly be used for loading at both the front Cargo hold and at the rear Cargo hold. In addition, SAHCO acquired three Air Starter Units (ASU) equipment from Guinault, a GSE manufacturer resident in France. ACUs are used to start an aircraft's engine while it is on ground.

The ASUs acquired by SAHCO can power both wide body and narrow

body aircrafts. They are also fitted with tier 4 Deutz engines with low emission of carbon monoxide and are built to produce 180 pounds per minute of power.

Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SAHCO, Basil Agboarumi, said SAHCO is committed to always providing safe, speedy and efficient services for clients and prospective clients.

“Furthermore, as SAHCO clients are expanding their routes, we are also ensuring that we are exceeding their expectations by expanding our fleets too.

“We are constantly training our staff both abroad and locally to learn how to operate and maintain these new equipment so as to maximize their productivity,” Agboarumi said.

AVIATION

Relief As Lagos Airport Restores Runway Lights



Fourteen years after, the Federal Government has finally restored airfield lighting on the Runway 18L of the Murtala Muhammed Airport (MMA), Lagos. The critical infrastructure had been in blackout in the last 14 years, and an operational nightmare for night operations in and out of the domestic terminal. The Guardian recalled that the Runway 18L/36R that services the local airport was in 2008 rehabilitated but without provision for airfield

lighting. Without runway lighting for night operations, the runway is shut at sunset, forcing the domestic terminal and airlines to wind down operations at dusk the peak of global air travel. At nightfall (from 6p.m.), the alternative is for all Lagos-bound domestic carriers to divert to the international section (Runway 18R), and be made to taxi about four kilometres back to the domestic terminal, which costs extra fuel, flight congestion and disruptions..

Minister of Aviation, Hadi Sirika, at the reopening of the runway, said the new investment finally puts closure to concerns on safety, airport efficiency and airlines' high operating cost. Sirika said "We have been focused on critical safety items and security that passengers don't see. Nothing concerns the passengers about Very High Omni directional Radio (VOR), Instrument Landing System (ILS) and other critical safety infrastructure, but those are the

particulates for safe air travel. "I landed on Runway 18L/36R at about 10pm on Monday, the runway and its safety components worked perfectly. The 2.7 kilometres (2,700m) long runway's approach lights, Runway Lights (Threshold and Centre, edge light and others) are working perfectly and would bring succour to airline operators in terms of cost saving and comfort to passengers because of its time saving benefit," he said.

Nigeria to Conform with New Civil Aviation Act-Buhari

President Muhammadu Buhari has directed the Ministry of Aviation to reorganize the agencies under its watch to conform with the new Civil Aviation Act recently signed into law.

The president hinted that the Act, which as a critical element of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), will further strengthen the sector for improved safety.

Buhari, in his keynote address at the 14th ICAO Air Services Negotiation event in Abuja Monday, noted that the Government of Nigeria has adopted a Civil Aviation Policy centred on liberalization and Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiatives. This, he said, has resulted in significant growth of the industry, including huge investments in the nation's airports which has increased "our airports capacities and growth of the domestic airline industry".

The president, represented by his

Chief of Staff, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, said that having the unique and important event for the third time in Africa, demonstrates ICAO's determination and interest in supporting the sustainable development of air transport in the region.

"I therefore wish to take this opportunity to appreciate ICAO under the leadership of Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano, the President of the ICAO Council, because one of the fundamental building blocks of the solid partnership between Nigeria

and ICAO is our commitment to supporting the implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, as well as the range of the organization's programmes and policies, particularly in the African region," he said.

Ibom Air To Open MRO Next Year

Akwa Ibom State-owned airline, Ibom Air, is set to unveil a new Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility early 2023, and welcome brand new aircraft into its fleets.

The airline, while unveiling two Airbus 320-200 aircraft on lease this week, said the new additions were prelude to giant strides happening in 2023.

Ibom Air, at the Dubai Airshow in November 2021, tabled an ambitious bid for 10 brand new Airbus 200-300

aircraft. At a market price of \$90.5 million per aircraft, the bid is worth about \$905 million in total. The bid was to fetch Ibom Air some of the latest efficient airplanes made by the French commercial jet manufacturer, between 2023 and 2024.

Chief Operating Officer of the airline, George Uriesi, said that the wet-lease aircraft was a stopgap measure undertaken to meet current demands and accommodate growth, while awaiting delivery of 10 brand new Airbus A220-300 aircraft.

"With this new capacity coming on board, we are delighted to inform our passengers that we have increased our offerings, providing more frequencies for their convenience. The Uyo-Lagos and Uyo-Abuja route now have three frequencies every weekday, while our passengers between Lagos and Abuja will have seven frequencies to choose from both ways, every weekday," Uriesi said.

AUTO

Carloha Offer Almost New Autos with Warranty, Unveils Christmas Promo



Carloha, a global automobile company that specializes in the sales and services of premium used vehicles with in-commerce and on-demand maintenance service technology, has began operation in Nigeria.

Carloha International has its Global Head Office in USA, and own and manages several stores and maintenance centres, with over 200 dedicated employees that provide comprehensive car purchase, finance and insurance services.

Carloha Nigeria parades a host of premium used vehicles in its arsenal of stocks, and it's well positioned to be the leading automobile company in used vehicle trading business in Nigeria.

According to the Marketing Manager, Mr. Mathew Enuoma Aje, "We are in business to set the pace in sales and services of used vehicle segment in Nigeria, by making vehicle ownership a seamless process

for all customers".

He further stressed that Carloha Nigeria prides itself with best of the best used vehicles of choice brands that are durable, rugged and well refined to suit the taste of all our customers. And more so, "the class and state of vehicles we stock are rare and cannot be sourced elsewhere".

The Company works with well known used car providers in the USA, using big data technology to select the best quality used cars in Nigeria. The replication of the automated system is to position Carloha Nigeria as a viable company that will drive the world with latest technological advancement in automobile engineering that offers bespoke premium services that cannot be seen anywhere in sub-Saharan Africa.

Products

Carloha Nigeria, parades a host of premium used vehicles from notable brands such as Mercedes-Benz,

Toyota (Lexus), Ford, and Range Rover which are neatly selected and well finished to specifications with the states-of-the-Arts technology.

The Automated Pricing system is used to fix the right price of all used vehicles. The pricing of used vehicle is a huge algorithmic challenge to the overall business. Carloha Nigeria has been able to address this issue through machine learning technology to accurately fix each price of vehicle in relation to economic fluctuation and imbalance in the local market.

After-Sales

The installations of state-of-arts technological automated equipment is a proof that Carloha is ready to set the pace as a major player in the sales and maintenance of used vehicle. To ensure quality standard of Vehicles, Carloha Nigeria, utilizes scientific method with fully automated management system known as 149 vehicle inspection point on chasis,

engine, transmission, exterior, interior, electronic system, road test, and maintenance equipment to meet the demand of the market.

Promo

In the spirit of the Yuletide, Carloha Nigeria is offering huge price slash on every vehicle purchased from October 31, 2022 to January 31, 2022. Customers can also take advantage of Free Registration, Free Insurance, Free first three Services, Finance option, Trade-in-option, and 3 months warranty or 5,000 km whichever comes first.

The End of Year Promo tagged "Drive Your Dream" is exclusive and all embracing because they all come with freebies that are germane to vehicle ownership and driving comfort. The essence of "Drive Your Dream" promo is to bring happiness, joy and peace of mind to all customers in this Yuletide, and also our token of appreciation for all year-round patronage in 2022".

How To Kill Vehicle Manufacturing Companies In Nigeria

By Cornel Osigwe

1. Order for vehicles worth N100M (\$212,765 @ N470 rate to 1\$) with an agreement to pay at point of Supply.

2. Vehicles are produced within 30 days and supplied, supply invoices are processed and presented for payments.

3. Three months later, payments are not yet paid after much pleadings, lobbying and weekly visits for payment. The dollar rate is now N570 to \$1. (N100M is now worth \$175,438). The implication is that the

\$212,765 you would have used to buy more raw materials three months ago to produce more vehicles, you will have to add additional N21,276,390 (\$37,327) to buy same raw materials that was needed at the factory but which has been put on hold waiting to collect the money from your debtor, and that if the money was paid eventually.

4. After 5 Months of pleading, you receive 50% payment (Dollar now N670-\$1) of what you're being owed and with a promise that the balance

will be paid next month. Your 50% of N50M paid is now worth \$74,626 instead of \$106,382.5.

5. Finally the balance of your money is paid after 6 months when dollar is now N740 to \$1. The balance of N50M is now \$67,567.

Now total value of vehicles supplied before payments is \$212,765. Total value received after payment is \$142,193. Total value of money lost is \$212,765-\$142,193= 70,572.

We sincerely appreciate the Government and it's agencies, Corporate organizations and individual patronizing Innoson Vehicles. If foreign Vehicles are fully paid for before vehicles are supplied, same fate should be given to Innoson Vehicles to help the company stand, grow and expand with all its attendant benefits.

The Company pays its tax to the Government, largely employs Nigerians, and can be a major source of forex if supported rightly.

AUTO

Mikano Motors Unveils Maxus

After successfully launching the ZNA (Rich6) and Geely brands, Mikano Motors has added another brand-Maxus Auto to its portfolio.

Born in 1896, Maxus Autos epitomises the positive benefits of a British heritage, having begun in the UK in 1896 under the 'Leyland' marque with the production of commercial vehicles.

Subsequently, the company expanded its line-up to include passenger vehicles and a wider array of commercial vehicles such as buses, delivery vans, etc. By then, the name had evolved to Leyland Daf Vans (LDV)', through mergers.

LDV-Maxus has become one of Europe's most recognizable and reliable brands for commercial vehicles and in 2010, the brand was acquired by China's largest automaker, SAIC Motors- a Fortune 500 company which owns several of the largest auto brands in the world's largest automotive market- China,. SAIC also has long term joint venture partnerships with Volkswagen (Volkswagen, Skoda, Audi) and General Motors (Buick, Chevrolet, Cadillac).



With the powerful global support from SAIC, the Maxus brand is a success story across Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and many others. The brand retains the LDV-Maxus name for the UK, Australian and New

Zealand markets where it remains the top selling Chinese automotive brand.

In Africa, the Maxus brand is already making waves, most especially in Ivory Coast where it has gained vast

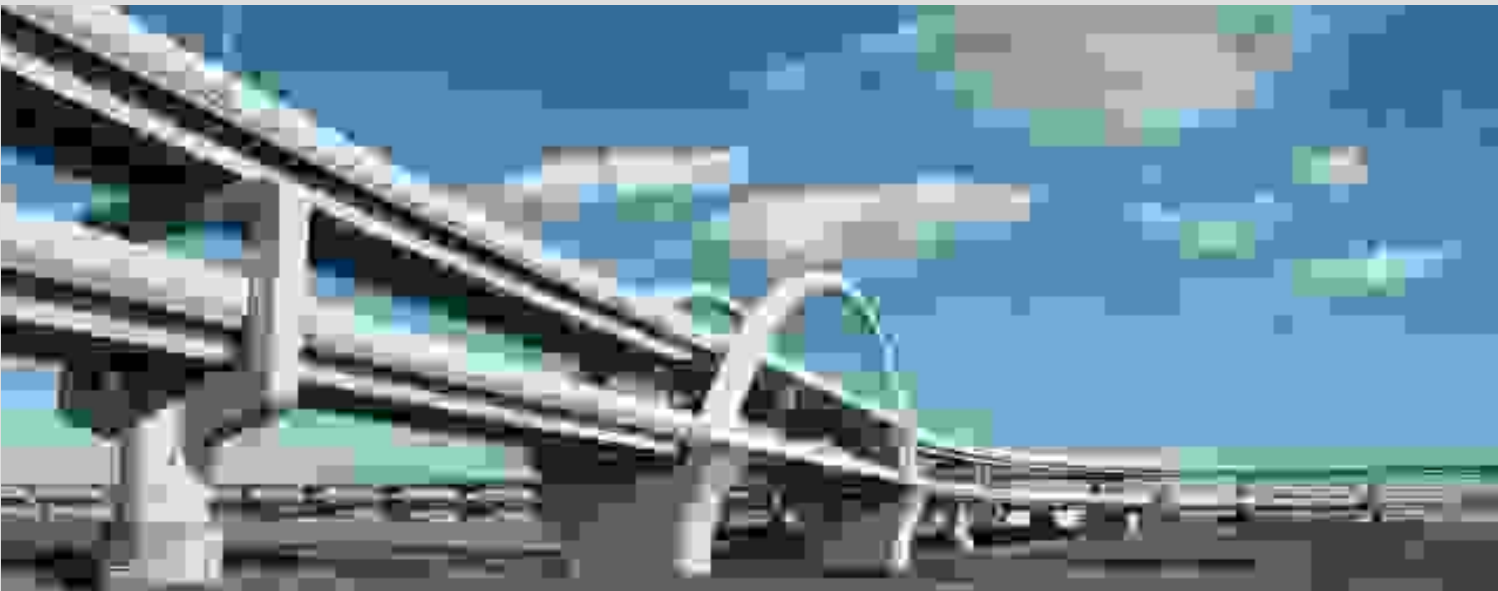
popularity. Now, Nigerians are set to enjoy the durability and reliability the mid- size pickup truck with advanced technology and an intelligent operating system offers, for their personal and business needs. The T60 comes in 3 gasoline variations; Comfort, Elite and Luxury with Manual and Automatic options. The Mitsubishi powered engines are available in 2.4L or 2.0T, with a Borg- Warner 4WD system and other parts supplied by International Fortune 500 global companies.

At the launch event at Mikano Motors flagship showroom in Victoria Island, Lagos, Ralph Haidar, GM- Mikano Motors, stated that "we at Mikano Motors are excited about welcoming the Maxus Brand into our fold", describing Maxus Autos as "a brand with great potential to become a market leader."

Haidar additionally stated that, like the other brands under Mikano Motors, the Maxus T60 will be assembled locally at Mikano Motors' auto- assembly plant located in their Karamah Industrial City in Ogun State.

Interestingly, Mr. Haidar shared that the Maxus T60 is the only Chinese pick- up vehicle permitted to be sold in European markets like Spain and Italy and also is the first Chinese-manufactured utility pick-up truck to score 5 stars on the Australian ANCAP rating. He extolled the tried and tested strength, durability and quality of the T60 and announced that they be on sale for the yuletide season from 15.9million naira, till Dec., 31st 2022.

Mota-Engil, Chinese Ventures Shortlisted For Lagos \$2.5bn 4th Mainland Bridge



A consortium led by Portugal's builder Mota-Engil and two Chinese ventures has been shortlisted by Lagos state to build a \$2.5 billion Fourth Mainland bridge expected to relieve severe congestion in the mega city, an official of the state told Reuters yesterday.

The 37 kilometre Fourth Mainland Bridge, would be built under a public-private partnership. It would include three toll plazas, nine interchanges and a design speed of 120 kilometres per hour, a senior spokesperson for the Lagos state governor, Jubril Gawat said.

Mota-Engil is partnering with China Communication and Construction Corporation and China Road and

Bridge Corporation in the bid. China Gezhouba Group Company and China Geo-Engineering Corporation joint venture and a consortium led by China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation are the two other shortlisted bidders.

The winner of the bid would be announced before the end of the year, said Gawat.

The 4th Mainland Bridge is a proposed 38-kilometer long bridge initiative by the Lagos State Government, connecting Lagos Island by way of Lekki, Langbasa, and Baiyeku towns and across Lagos Lagoon to Itamaga in Ikorodu part. On completion of the project is expected to become the longest

bridge in Africa.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu had said the contract was at the final stage of completion as all arrangements set for implementation.

He had said last year: "We, therefore, believe that the construction of the 37km 4th Mainland Bridge will significantly change the face of transportation and movement in Lagos State.

"The ground-breaking for the construction and building of the Bridge will happen before the end of this year. Our PPP concessionaires appear committed as they enter the final stage of the qualification process. All necessary funding has been secured by our partners."

UNIONS

You are Usurping Powers of Shippers Council -APFFLON Attack Webb Fontaine

The Africa Association of Professional Freight Forwarders and Logistics of Nigeria, APFFLON has accused Webb Fontaine of hijacking a function ceded to the Nigerian Shippers' Council, (NSC) by the federal government.

Webb Fontaine, is the company deployed by the Nigeria Customs Service to facilitate efficient cargo tracking system in Nigerian ports.

Reacting to the development, the President of APFFLON, Otunba Frank Ogunojemite observed that he was surprised to read the development in news having been aware that it was the Nigerian Shippers' Council that was saddled with the responsibility of overseeing the Cargo Tracking Note.

“Is there any other contract between Webb Fontaine and the Nigeria Customs Service? I am seeking to know if Webb Fontaine has taken over the Nigerian Shippers' Council responsibility and why should Webb Fontaine take over despite their records of inefficiency in her previous contract with the Service. It needs to be sanctioned rather than given another contract to handle”.



Emmanuel Jime, NSC CEO

Chaos as Osun NURTW Members Clash Over Control Of Motor Parks

There was pandemonium in Osogbo, the capital of Osun State, recently, as factional members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) stormed some motor parks, chased both passengers and drivers away to sack their executives and take control.

Armed with guns, clubs and other dangerous weapons, the members arrived at the park at about 7:00 a.m., yesterday, and besieged the Old Garage to take over control of the motor park from Kazeem Oyewale (aka Asiri Eniba). It was learnt that shortly after the swearing-in of Senator Ademola Adeleke as the governor of the state on Sunday, the rampaging motor unionists, who claimed that the chairman of the park is a loyalist of the All Progressives Congress (APC), said the tenure of Adegboyega Oyetola was over. Tricycle riders, group endorse Sokoto APC gov candidate

The Sokoto state Tricycles Riders Association has organised a solidarity walk rally in support of the governorship candidate of the party in the state, Ahmad Sokoto, and other APC candidates in the coming elections.

The rally which was organised under the leadership of the union,

Sa'adu Asadda, was according to the chairman described as a mark of respect and appreciation for what former governor of the state, Senator Aliyu Wamakko did to them during his administration as the governor of the state.

He said the rally, was among others, to reawaken the members

of the association to mobilise more support for the victory of APC in the state.

He recalled that when Wamakko was the governor, he brought tricycles to Sokoto State as a way of curbing youth restiveness where many among them had benefited from the gesture.

RTEAN Kicks Against LASG Caretaker Committee, Says it's Illegal

The leadership of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria, (RTEAN), has described as illegal the activities of the caretaker committee, which is constituted by the Lagos State government to collect levies from its members.

According to Alhaji Musa Mohammed, Executive National President of RTEAN, “the union

had already instituted a case before the National Industrial Court, Lagos, challenging what it described as the state government's illegal or unlawful action.”

The president said that his members had been compelled to buy the union's tickets despite the suspension of operations. According to him, “the

committee had hijacked our operations because it is the same thing that we are doing that the committee that the government set up is also doing.” NAN recalls that the state government on September 29 suspended all activities of RTEAN and dissolved the union's elected executive members in the state following some pockets of violence recorded in Ojo and Lagos Island same day.

NEWS

UNIBEN Engineering Student produces One-Ton Truck



A Ph.D student from the Faculty of Engineering, University of Benin, has produced and showcased a one-ton utility truck. The vehicle was developed by Engr. Igbinosa Eghosa of the Department of Production Engineering and supervised by Professor Akaehomen Ibhadoke, who also led the team to present the wonder on wheels to the University's Management.

Speaking during the brief ceremony,

the project developer opined that the light-weight truck will re-shape and power the growth of the nation's transport and agriculture industries. He added that with adequate funding, the vehicle could be produced in large quantity as the design was capable of addressing transportation needs even in local communities.

On his part, the project supervisor pointed out that over 80 percent of the materials used for the

production of the truck, which runs at a maximum speed of 75km per hour, was sourced locally. He said the motivation behind the project was to encourage and promote the production of low-cost vehicles with very high local content including materials and labour, in Nigeria.

Elated, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Lilian Salami, praised the team for promoting local production through their cutting-edge

innovations. She expressed the University's readiness to partner with the Faculty in the production of some units of the vehicle for the Institution's use.

Air Peace Introduces Additional Flights On Enugu, Owerri Routes

Nigeria's largest airline, Air Peace has introduced new flights on its Enugu and Owerri routes. According to the airline, there is available scheduled flights as follows, Owerri-Lagos 09:10, Lagos-Owerri 15:30, Enugu-Lagos 07:20 and Lagos-Enugu 17:00 flights.

Air Peace also noted that the flights have been introduced to provide more connectivity options for the flying public, especially regular passengers on both routes.

"Passengers can now connect Lagos from Enugu at 07:20 in the morning via Air Peace and return with our 17:00 flight in the evening. This is also applicable to the Owerri route. Passengers can join our Owerri-Lagos 09:10 flight in the morning and return with our 15:30 Lagos-Owerri flight", the airline said in a statement.

Air Peace leads Nigeria's aviation industry with 20 domestic routes, 7 regional routes and 3 international destinations.

I will Commission Car Assembling Plant Before Leaving-Udom

Akwa Ibom state Governor, Mr. Udom Emmanuel, has assured that his administration would complete the car assembling plant in Itu Local Government Area of the state and ongoing road projects in the area before handing over next year.

The State Governor and leader of the Peoples Democratic Party in the state, made the declaration on Saturday, while leading the governorship campaign train of Pastor Umo Eno to

Itu Local Government Area for a rally ahead of the 2023 general elections.

Governor Emmanuel further announced the takeover and management of the Community Secondary School, Oku Iboku, with effect from January 1, 2023, and directed the state's Inter-ministerial Direct Labour Committee to rehabilitate school to meet the new status.

The Governor said, "I want to assure the major stakeholders here that 50 percent of the four major roads we are undertaking here, including Mary Slessor, will be commissioned before I leave office. Again, with effect from January 1, 2023, Akwa Ibom State government will take over the ownership and administration of Community Secondary School, Oku Iboku, as the paramount ruler requested".

Vandals Destroy Six Power Transmission Towers

Six power transmission towers belonging to the Niger Delta Power Holding Company have been destroyed by vandals in Rivers State, while a member of a vigilante group in the affected area was shot dead by the miscreants, the NDPHC announced recently.

It said the unrelenting attacks on power infrastructure by economic

saboteurs leading to the inability of Nigerians to access adequate electricity for economic growth had continued unabated.

"In recent times, several projects being embarked upon by Niger Delta Power Holding Company Limited have been attacked and contractors either killed or maimed by attackers," the power firm stated in a

statement issued in Abuja by its Media Adviser, Adesanya Adejokun.

It stated that on September 3, 2022, some miscreants attacked and vandalised the 330kV DC Afam Onne Transmission Line in Gbake community of Ogoniland, Rivers State.



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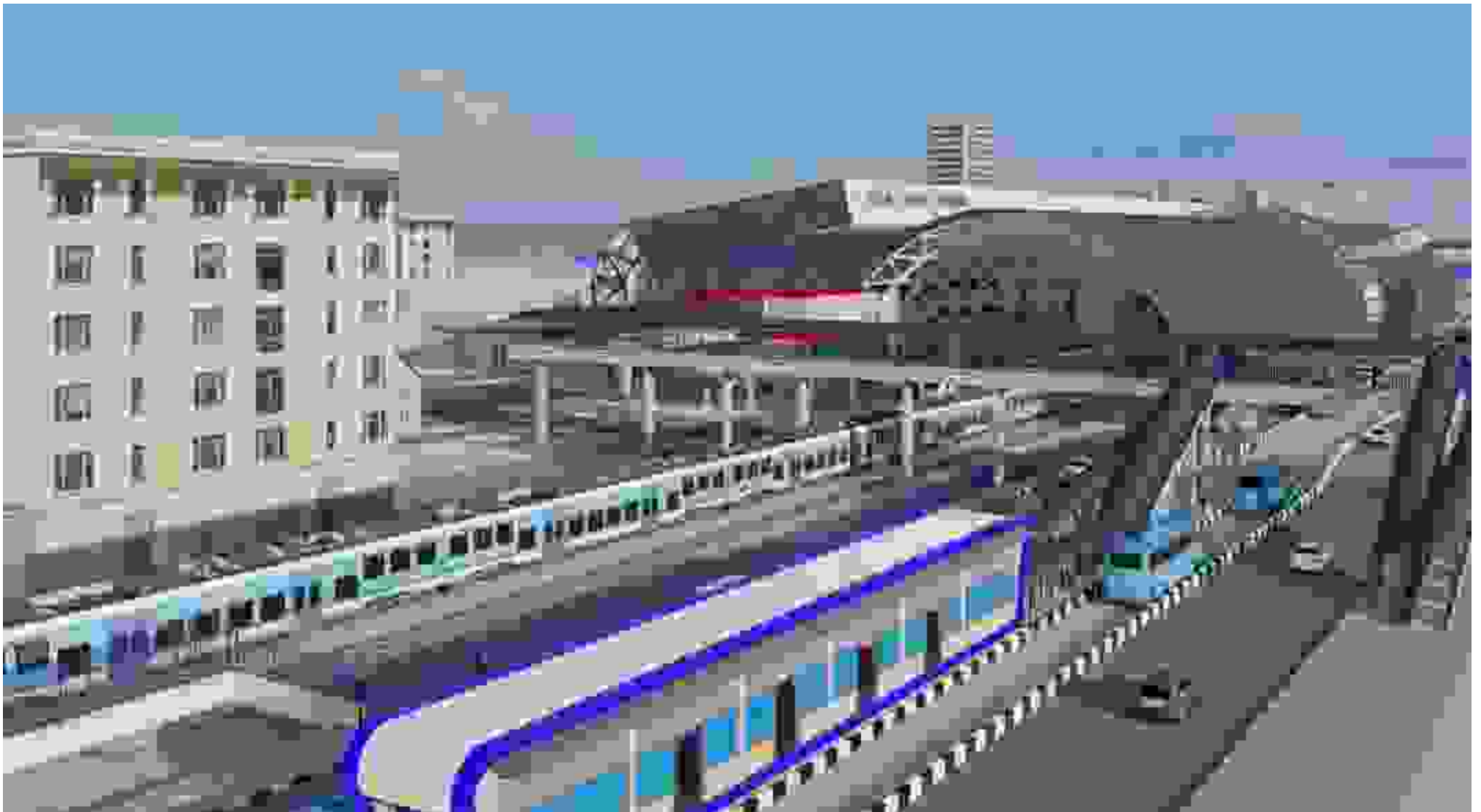
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RAILWAY

11 Years After, Sanwo-Olu may offer Blue Light Rail for Christmas



Eleven years after its construction work was initiated, there are now signs that the long awaited Lagos Blue railway line may partially come alive this year.

The Blue line is undergoing a test run to certify it ready for commercial

operation. Work began on the Blue line in 2006 as a World Bank-assisted project.

It was inherited by Governor Babatunde Fashola, who made it a priority project and took it to about 80 per cent completion when he left office in 2015.

The paucity of funds plagued the project, forcing the last administration to abandon it until it was revitalised by the Sanwo-Olu administration in 2021.

The 13km rail project from Mile 2 to Marina, which is electric, will be the first Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) propelled Metrorail engine

in sub-Saharan Africa.

It would run exclusively on a dedicated Independent Power Plant (IPP), which further pushes the state's commitment to cleaner energy and a sustainable environment. Sources said all five train stations on the corridor are almost ready.

NRC To Recover Encroached Rail Lands In Kaduna

The Railway Property Management Company Limited, a subsidiary of the Nigerian Railway Corporation saddled with the responsibility of managing all lands and landed assets of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has embarked on the recovery of railway land that has been encroached upon across the country. The Managing Director of the Railway Property Management Company Limited, Mr. Timothy A. Zalanga who took journalists round some railway properties in the Abakpa area in the Kaduna metropolis recently, said that the exercise is expected to drive the company's plan for a real time interactive land management system on a digital platform.

He said for the past three years, the company has been trying to build up its property register of all the landed properties nationwide saying, "Railway is the largest property owner in Nigeria and gradually, these lands are getting out of sight and out of record.

He called on members of the public

who are illegally occupying railway lands and landed properties to regularise their stay or risk ejection. "Also, those claiming ownership of railway lands and landed properties should desist from such claims."

Zalanga called on the illegal tenants to regularise their stay for areas that can still be given out payments in order to continue being a tenant of the railway or face eviction and demolition in order to recover railway land.

AI improves Broken Rail Detection

Operator and logistics company, Rumo has introduced an enhanced broken rail detection system, integrating artificial intelligence to improve the accuracy of detection and reduce the number of false alarms.

Rumo began its broken rail detection project in 2018, installing devices at various locations across its 1 676 mm gauge freight network to monitor track condition. These transmitted information about potential anomalies to a network

The Inspector-General of Police, Usman Baba, has ordered immediate deployment of armed personnel drawn from the Police Mobile Force, K-9, Force Intelligence Bureau, Explosive Ordnance Unit

Sniffer dogs, FIOs, MOPOL Deployed On Abuja-Kaduna Railway Corridor

and Railway Police Command for the recently commenced railway services along Abuja/Kaduna rail lines.

Force Public Relations Officer, CSP Muyiwa Adejobi, who made this known recently said: "The Nigeria Police Force has been in regular talks with the Nigerian Railway Corporation and other security agencies in preparation for the commencement of operations.

"The deployment covers major railway stations along the route and operational coaches to provide adequate security for passengers, their property and the entire service in order to prevent any unforeseen incidence.

"The IGP, therefore, assures the general public, especially intending passengers, of adequate protection of lives and property, as all hands are on deck to fortify the railway services along the route and other rail lines across the country."

monitoring centre which then passed the relevant data to train drivers in real time, helping to reduce the risk of derailments. Introduction of the AI functionality on a trial basis started in August and September this year, leading to a 6.25% increase in detection accuracy, according to Rumo's Railway Technology Manager Rodrigo de Souza. During the two-month period Rumo would expect to have identified 96 broken rails, but the use of AI enabled the detection of 102 fractures.

TRANSPORT PERSONALITY

The Group Managing Director of Temple Group Limited, Prince Segun Obayendo, has emerged as the new President of the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration (CIOTA) he was declared victorious after an election held virtually on Saturday.

Obayendo defeated Dr. Adegboyega Dosunmu, a former Director General, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) with a total of 408 votes as against 142 votes.

Obayendo is the pioneer of the Computerised Vehicle Inspection Service, CVIS and the Drivers Testing Theory, DTT. He introduced these technology -driven services to the country in a bid to contribute to the Vehicle Inspection Services, VIS, effectiveness in determining the road worthiness of a vehicle and ascertaining the eligibility of the holder of a driver's license.

In 2012, the company was licensed by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) to operate Computerized Vehicle Testing Centres in the territory. This led to the birth of the first Computerized Vehicle Inspection Centre in Nigeria called Abuja Computerized Vehicle Testing Service (ACVTS) on the 1st of September 2014 through a public private partnership, PPP model with the FCTA. In addition to the Abuja Computerised Vehicle Testing Service, CVIS is operational in other states in the country.

Prince Segun Obayendo has campaigned for the safety of Nigerians on the roads at different international summits and programmes such as Nigerian-British Human Resources Management Summit (London)

International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS)

Nigerian - German Financial Administration Summit (Berlin)
International Public Sector Accounting Standard (Istanbul Turkey) among many others.

He is a Fellow of the prestigious Chartered Institute of Transport Administration (CIOTA); member, Institute of Directors (IoD); member, Nigerian Institute of Management



Segun-Obayendo

(NIM); Associate Member of Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), and a Special Marshal of Federal Road Safety Corps and a Bureau Veritas Certified Vehicle Inspector.

He is also the founder of the Segun Obayendo Foundation, an organization with a mandate to make Nigeria one of the most united and peaceful countries of the world by promoting the initiative of a common language to break the language barrier that has negatively impacted the country's unity.

In 2017, the Institute for Service Excellence and Good Service recognized him with the Service Excellence (Vehicle Safety and Regulation) award for the excellent approach he had deployed in creating awareness and acceptance of the CVIS in the country.

In 2018, he was awarded the Alimosho Heroes Awards for siting two LACVIS centres, Oko-Oba and

Ayobo in Alimosho, the largest local government in Lagos State.

Also, in 2018, he was recognized for his promotion of safety on the roads by the Lagos State Safety Commission at the 2018 Lagos Vision Zero Conference.

He also received the Best Road Transport Technology Provider (PPP) for Temple Group at the National Transport Technology Conference and Exhibition.

The Best Road Transport Technology provider for the year at the National Transport Technology Conference and Exhibition, as well as award by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transportation for his contributions to transportation safety in the country.

Aside Obayendo, others elected include Umar Iya as the deputy President with 347 votes against 169 votes for Lami Tumaka Hadiza and 32 votes for Ogwara Emeka.

For national secretary, Okoronkwo Philips won with 381 votes against Ogbuji Chinda Evans 161 votes, while Uwaegbute Chinwe won the post of National Publicity Secretary with 351 votes against Anyika Chizoba'199 votes.

Other positions are: Uki Mfom Felicia winning the post of National Financial Secretary with 378 against 159 votes for Captain Green Elei Igbogi while Jimba Adeshina Ganiyu won the post National Treasurer with 401 votes against Ijeaku Celestina's 130 votes.

Bashir Adewale Abdullahi won the post of National Provost position of CIOTA with 382 votes against Ibiama Kenneth 153 votes.

The auditor's position was won by Muktar Aminu's 407 against Falaye Stella's 85 votes and Agbor Manya Emmanuel's 43 votes.

In his first post-election speech, Obayendo said "I want to use this opportunity to appreciate everyone who stood by me in this journey. My campaign team, my professional colleagues, my co-contestants in my team (the broadest and most diverse) and everyone who has had to take time out of their busy schedule to ensure we didn't

lose faith.

"Yes, we kept the faith and here we are, rewarded with this victory and in the history of this institution, we have been given the highest votes ever to a presidential candidate. For me, it represents a great privilege to be trusted with the highest office of this institute. CIOTANS spoke with a clear voice that they are ready for the implementation of THE STATEMENT

"The statement, the title of our manifesto, represents our compass to navigate the desired paths of relevance, increase and prosperity. It is hinged on three cardinal features which include a Ten Year Strategic Development Plan for CIOTA, Recognition and Acceptance of CIOTA Certification and Promotion of Global Best Practices in the Transportation Sector

"And as we promised, I am set to work with the wonderful team elected with me tonight. We are set to make indepth analysis in the problem, policy and politics stream in articulating the unique," the newly elected president affirmed".

MARITIME

The House of Representatives Committee on Public Accounts has commenced an investigation into the alleged indebtedness of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to port operators amounting to over \$800m. Chairman of the committee, Oluwole Oke, said since the NPA needed to be present alongside the port operators, the committee would take the investigation closer to both parties in Lagos. Oke made this known at the investigative hearing of the committee in Abuja recently. Meanwhile, the committee is also probing into why the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate's failure to employ workers in 2018 despite that the National Assembly appropriated allocation for the purpose.

The Office of the Auditor General of the Federation had, in an audit query being verified by the committee, said N1.7bn was approved for PTAD as personnel cost in 2018 but it utilised only N1.4bn and returned the balance of about N310m to the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The committee, at its investigative hearing on Friday, however, observed that despite that workers were not



Mohammed Bello Koko

recruited, PTAD got the same amount of N1.7bn as personnel cost in 2019.

The query partly read, "In 2020, the agency's allocation for personnel cost

went up to N1.8bn, reducing to N1.6bn in 2021, going up again to N1.9bn in 2022, even when the workers have not been employed."

'No Plan To Retrench Workers Over MSC Acquisition TICT'

The Tin-Can Island Container Terminal (TICT) has assured workers that it has no plans to retrench its workers despite the acquisition of the African Logistics business (BAL) of its parent company, Bolloré Group by Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC). In a meeting with leaders of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN) on Monday, TICT

Managing Director, Mr. Etienne Rocher, assured that the acquisition would not have any adverse effect on jobs and workers of the company. According to him, there will be no change in obligations on the part of the company towards employees and vice versa, saying that all obligations arising from existing contracts with the company will continue to be in force.

He said the services of TICT workers remain relevant to the company even after the acquisition. MSC had announced in April that it had reached an agreement to acquire 100 per cent of the African logistic business of Paris-based Bolloré Group. The agreement followed exclusive negotiations between the two parties initiated in December 2021.

Ports: Huawei Stress Importance of Smart Technology

Huawei, has stressed the need for the adoption of technology by African ports, which will lead to more port and maritime efficiency across the continent.

Vice President of Huawei Southern Africa Region, Yang Chen, said that with 38 of its 54 countries being coastal or island states, it is no surprise that Africa is home to over 100 port facilities, including massive terminals in Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town in the south, and Mombasa and Dar es Salaam in the east, and Lagos in the west. 90% of Africa's imports and exports travels by sea.

According to Chen the volume of trade through these ports is enormous with South Africa alone in pre pandemic 2019 handling almost five million TEU (20 foot container equivalents) with just over 9 000 ship calls nationally.

However, few of these ports operate optimally, lacking a fully integrated rail and road system which enables all of the operational elements to speak to each other, and for freight and logistics companies to monitor the progress of their goods. Manually operated loading and offloading at the ports is fraught with potential dangers and delays and the entire sector is therefore failing to extract the most out of what could be a far more lucrative freight economy.

Together with Huawei, Tianjin Port in China has built an intelligent horizontal transport system at the terminal of Section C in the Beijing Port Area, achieved through unified data sharing using smart technologies such as 5G, cloud computing, big data and IoT

Lekki FTZ Plans Efficient Port System

The Lagos Free Zone has called for a stronger port system where state and federal governments will create an ecosystem that encourages diversity of businesses.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Zone, Dinesh Rathi, was quoted in a statement as saying this recently during a breakout session at the 2023 Ehingbeti Lagos Economic Summit in

Lagos themed, 'Confirming Lagos as West Africa's Leading Trade & Commercial Hub'

Rathi also said that this would help to advance the economic prosperity of not just Nigeria but the entire West African region.

He said with Nigeria already signed on to several trade & investment treaties such as the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, Lagos stood a

real chance of becoming the manufacturing hub of Africa.

The CEO noted that the support of the Lagos State Government, particularly in the area of security, together with a combination of factors driven by the private sector in infrastructure, power, e-commerce and logistics, had been primarily responsible for driving

trade and commerce in the state.

In his remarks, Executive Director, Lotus Bank, Isiaka Lawal-Ajani, identified the lack of a suitable skill set, uncertainty in the business environment, lack of access to financing and inadequate infrastructure as well as forex as some of the problems or challenges facing MSMEs in Lagos.

MARITIME

5 Tips to Reducing the Risk of Damage and Loss When Shipping Cargo



1. Follow Best Practices Of Cargo Shipping Containment

Follow the ABCs of cargo containment before shipping, which include the following:

Place smaller items in appropriately sized boxes/crates and fill with packing material and void-fillers to prevent movement.

Isolate liquids from all other cargo.

Isolate flammables and combustibles from all other cargo.

Ensure proper bottom-to-top weight distribution for stacked (on pallets) items.

Ensure balanced horizontal weight distribution for stacked (on pallets) items.

Strap stacked items to sturdy and undamaged pallets.

Inspect trailers/containers (and doors) for cracks and unintended openings before loading.

Inspect trailer/container floors and walls for contaminant spills before loading.

Inspect trailers/containers for pests (rodents and insects) before loading.

Beyond the practical tips above, there are other key things you may not have considered.

2. Fill Shipping Containers To Near Capacity

A shipping container with too much

room to spare is more conducive to cargo damage as there is no buffer between pallets, boxes, crates, and the interior walls. The numerous bumps and bruises that occur during transport will take their toll unless the cargo is secured in a more dense container so do your best to fill it to near capacity.

If you're a supplier, this may require a change in your shipping schedule. You may reduce the shipping frequency and instead send out items and orders (etc.) on the same day. You may also consider offering better bulk discounts (where applicable) to encourage retailers to order more which will help fill the container. You can make up the discounted revenue by reducing the shipping frequency overhead. Another option is to share the container with other departments and/or partner vendors. There are many ways to make this work, but it may take some creative thinking and planning. In the end, a shipping container with enough cargo to prevent shifting in-transit is one that will better protect your wares.

3. Take A Final Pre-Loading Inventory

An inventory will have been taken in the days leading up to shipping, but things can happen right up until

the moment of loading. Warehouse staff may have inadvertently moved one pallet of cargo out of the receiving bay, or a single box may have been removed from a stack. Uninformed shipping personnel may not be aware of this and proceed to load the cargo on to a trailer and send it on its way. In this case the end recipient will find that they are missing required products/equipment, and if this directly impacts their business you may be held liable. To avoid this, make sure that shipping personnel performs a final inventory before the cargo is loaded, and keep the cargo in their sights until the trailer/container doors are locked.

4. Apply Commercial/Industrial Shrink Wrap

No matter how dense the stacks and rows are and how well strapped down everything is, moisture ingress and other damaging elements can still reach cargo. Cargo is also susceptible to theft and vandalism in transit. Whether loaded on an open flatbed or tucked into a trailer/container you should consider applying industrial strength shrink wrap. We're not talking about the rolls you find at your local home and garden center. Instead, we're referencing

recyclable heat-sealed polyethylene shrink wrap. Premium grade shrink wrap provides up to 300 lbs (approximately 137 kg) per square foot of secure, weatherproof, and corrosion-inhibitive containment. It will protect your in-transit cargo from weather events, humidity, human interference, and even pest infestation. Perform an online search for a professional shrink wrap service near you to prepare your goods for shipping.

5. Secure More Comprehensive Cargo Insurance

The most effective way to reduce the risk of loss from material damage and possible claims against your business is to secure additional insurance for your cargo. Comprehensive cargo insurance will provide coverage for damage or destruction to property (products, goods, equipment, etc.) while in transit (by air, land or sea). It will also provide coverage for liability exposure for damage or destruction of another party's property under your care, custody, or control. Simply put, if you're charged with moving goods from one location to another (whether those goods are yours or not) you will want to consider dedicated insurance. <https://park.ca/2019/10/09/how-to-prevent-cargo-damage-and-reduce-risk-of-shipping-loss/>

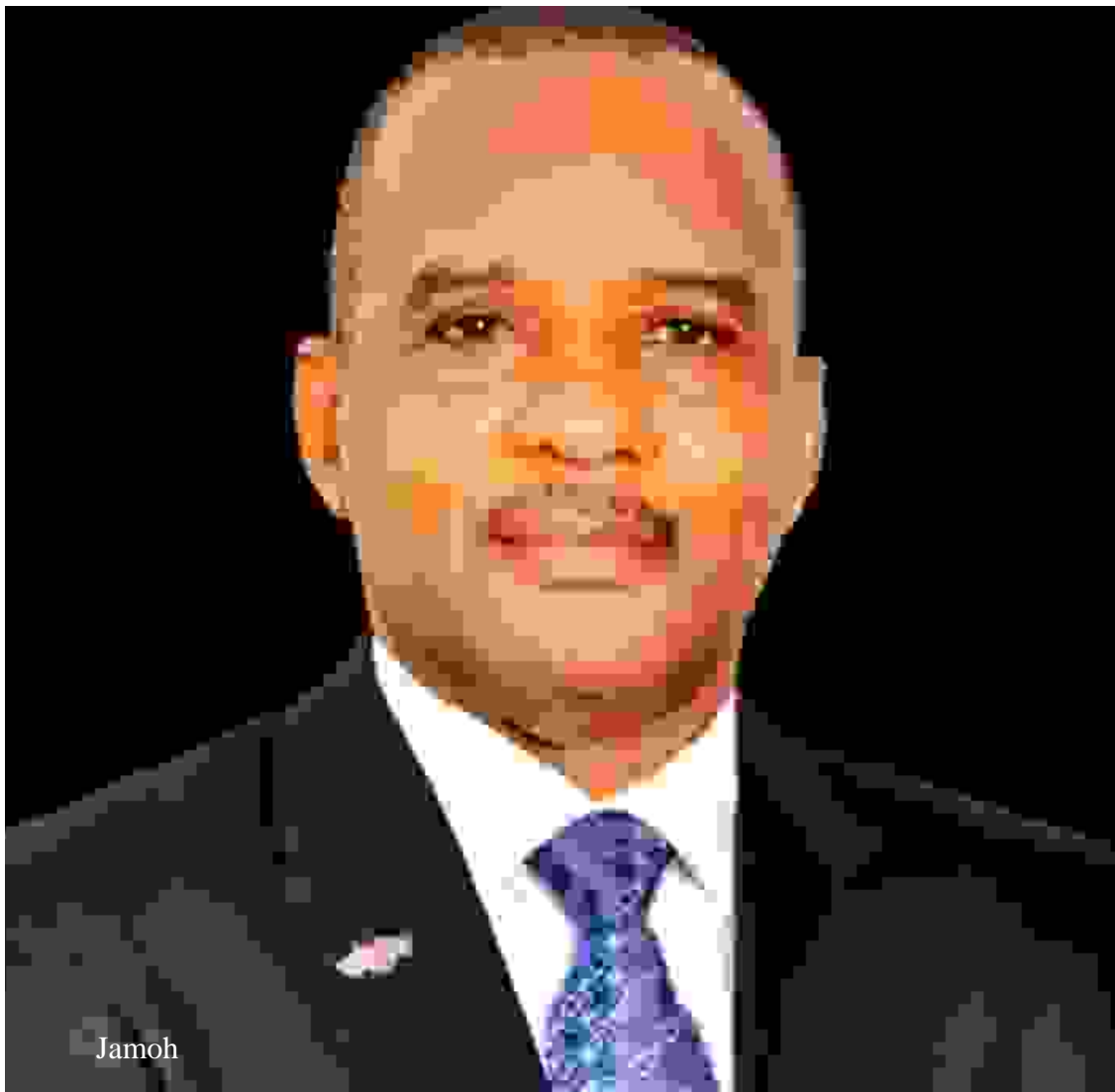
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Transport Professionals Hail Jamoh's Success as CIOTA President

Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh OFR has received commendation for his efforts in transforming and promoting the transportation sector as President of the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration of Nigeria (CIoTA). The accolades poured in during the 4th National Transport Summit of the Institute in Abuja, Tuesday.

In the same vein, the Nigerian Army and other security agencies pledged their support to the growth and improvement of the country's transportation sector to international standards, expressing their willingness to collaborate with CIoTA to achieve this feat.

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen Faruq Yahaya who was represented by Maj Gen. E Akerejola commended the President and members of CIoTA for the many economic sectors it touches on. From facilitating international trade, supporting food security and



Jamoh

enabling industrial and infrastructural development.

The COAS stated that the theme of the summit "Transport Safety and Security Administration in

Nigeria," was also timely, as it is "an important aspect of the Transportation sector which has often been overlooked by many including the transport professionals and academia.

"Over the years, the transportation sector has witnessed series of issues and challenges ranging from poor infrastructure, poor regulations, limited specialised professional training institutions, lack of effective and efficient transport policies, intra industry squabbles among transport professionals, to unethical behaviours, poor working condition amongst others," he said.

He reassured the Institute of the Nigerian Army's resolve to support the transportation sector wherever necessary.

On his part, President CIoTA and DG of NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh whose speech was read by Prof Samuel Odewumi noted that the theme for this year's summit is focused on safety and security of the transportation sector in Nigeria.

We've Intervened In Internal Road System Of 77 Tertiary Institutions, Says Fashola

Works and Housing Minister Babatunde Fashola has said the Federal Government had intervened in the internal road system of 77 tertiary institutions.

The minister spoke at the 11th convocation ceremony of Veritas University ay Bwari in Abuja, where he was the guest lecturer recently.

He said: "Today, we have intervened in the internal road system of 77 tertiary schools in Nigeria universities, polytechnics, and colleges of education."

Fashola urged the graduates to develop a state of mind that Nigeria can be better.

The minister urged the graduates to take responsibility for the kind of country they want to see.

The former Lagos State governor said his belief in a better Nigeria had not changed.

Fashola said: "I have seen a difficult and not so difficult Nigeria. But in all of it, my beliefs in this country and its promises have never changed. Nigeria remains for me a home, a place to treasure and to protect.

"My state of mind is not to take flight

to another man's land and from there pour scorn and hate on my own place of birth. My state of mind tells me to deploy my skills and energy towards improving the place I call home.

"My mindset is such that I believe that my contributions can improve something, even if it doesn't improve everything.

Remove Subsidy Immediately, el-Rufai tells FG

Kaduna State Governor, Mallam Nasir El-Rufai, has called for the immediate removal of petrol subsidy. He made the call at the "State-of-the-State" session at the recent Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG), in Abuja.

He expressed surprise that President Muhammadu Buhari failed to implement the decision, despite the immense fiscal pressure the subsidy had brought on government finances and the corruption associated with it.

According to him, the transparency of the administration of the subsidy, which should have forced the federal government to end the regime before now remains in doubt.

The governor also said the National

"It is not colonialism that has held us back. Rather, it is our mindset. There are countries that were colonies and have surpassed those who colonised them."

Veritas University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Hyacinth Ichoku said of the 445 students that graduated on Saturday, 397 were from the undergraduates and 58 other from the School of Post-Graduate Studies.

Economic Council, NEC, envisaged that without removing the subsidy, a time would come when the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited, NNPC, would say the nation's entire monthly oil earnings had been spent on subsidy.

He said: "The framers of our constitution envisaged that for the economy to work well, there should be a level of coordination between the federal and state governments.

"That was why the National Economic Council was created, with the Vice President as Chairman. All 36 governors are members and some federal government officials like the Minister of Finance".

Edo Strengthening Economic Ties with China-Obaseki

The Edo State Governor, Mr. Godwin Obaseki, has said his government is strengthening and expanding economic relations with China to boost the inflow of investment into the state and facilitate economic growth and development.

Obaseki spoke at a dinner organised for the Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Cui Jian Chun; his wife, Mrs. Liang Huili Chun and other members of his delegation, at the Government House, Benin City.

The governor said, "I thank the Ambassador for the Chinese community's contribution to Edo State, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic as they helped to fight the scourge to a standstill. They have contributed to providing jobs, livelihood and economic development in various communities they operate.

"We are proud and happy that we have them here in Edo State and look forward to expanding the economic relationship between Nigeria and China."

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