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Director General, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, OFR flanked by the Managing Director, Melsmore, Mr. Danny Fuchs (left) and the Chief Engineer of Melsmore, Mr. Givoli Yaron during the handing over of the leased site at the Continental Shipyard Limited (CSL) of the Nigerian Ports Authority to the technical partners, Melsmore. The event was held at the headquarters of the agency in Lagos

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SAFETY

Defensive Driving Tips

Avoid Distractions

To practice defensive driving, it is vital to avoid distractions and remain focused on the task of driving. Distractions can come in many forms, such as conversations with passengers, adjusting the radio, using a mobile phone, or attending to personal grooming. Being distracted while driving significantly increases the risk of accidents, as it impairs the driver's ability to react promptly and make appropriate decisions. Here are some ways to avoid distractions while driving:

Put your phone away: Texting, browsing, or talking on the phone while driving is not only dangerous but also illegal in many places. Store your phone out of reach or use a hands-free device if you absolutely need to make or receive a call.

Manage your music and navigation before you hit the road: Set your playlist, radio station, or GPS destination before starting your journey to minimize the need to fiddle with these devices while driving.

Limit conversations: Engaging in intense or emotional conversations with passengers can be just as distracting as using a phone. If a conversation is too distracting, politely ask your passengers to pause the discussion until you have reached your destination.

Attend to personal grooming at home: Applying makeup, shaving, or eating while driving can significantly impair your ability to focus on the road. Complete these activities before you start driving or after you have parked your vehicle.

Manage your environment: Avoid clutter in your vehicle that could cause distractions, and adjust your mirrors, seat, and climate controls before you



start driving.

Avoiding distractions is a crucial element of defensive driving. By staying focused on the road and minimizing potential distractions, drivers can significantly reduce their risk of accidents and contribute to safer roads for everyone. Remember, when you're behind the wheel, your primary responsibility is to drive safely and attentively.

Stay Alert

Staying alert involves paying attention to your surroundings, including road signs, speed limits, traffic signals, and the behavior of other road users. Developing good driving habits and avoiding dangerous situations are critical for defensive driving. Here are some ways to stay alert and focused while driving:

Pay attention to road signs and signals: Directional signs, speed limit markers, and traffic signals provide essential information about the road and help you navigate safely. Make it a habit to notice and follow these signs as you drive.

Regularly check your mirrors: Periodically checking your rearview and side mirrors gives you a comprehensive view of the conditions around your vehicle. This habit allows you to detect potential hazards early

and react accordingly.

Be aware of other road users: Pay attention to the behavior of other drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, and anticipate their actions. This proactive approach helps you respond effectively to any unexpected situations.

Drive well-rested: Fatigue significantly impairs your ability to stay alert and react quickly to potential hazards. Make sure you are well-rested before hitting the road, and take regular breaks on long journeys.

Avoid driving under the influence: Alcohol and drugs impair your judgment, reaction time, and ability to stay focused. Never drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and consider alternative transportation options if necessary.

Stay engaged with your driving: Active mental engagement helps keep your mind alert. Continuously scan the road ahead, check your mirrors, and anticipate potential issues to stay focused and prepared for any situation. Staying alert is a critical component of defensive driving. By remaining vigilant and focused on the road, you can identify potential hazards and respond effectively to ensure a safe and secure driving experience. Keep in mind that your safety and the safety of others on the road depend on your ability to stay alert and make responsible decisions while driving.

NEWS

Delta State, Jet Systems To Partner On Electric Vehicles

The Delta State Government and Jet System Automobile Industry Limited have taken the first step towards establishing a partnership that could ease the transportation cost in the state.

Jet Systems was led on a recent visit to the Delta State Governor, Sheriff Oborewori, in Asaba, the capital by its Chairman, Chidi Ajaere and its Chief Operating Officer (COO), Joseph Osanipin.

Oborewori, after inspecting the Jet Systems electric vehicles and test-drive, said the state might consider investing in electric vehicles for mass transportation to mitigate the impact of fuel subsidy removal.



The governor promised to set up a committee to look into the viability and sustainability of electric vehicles.

He said: "This is the first time I have the opportunity to drive electric

vehicles and you can see that it's smooth, noiseless and comfortable, and with the way the price of fuel is going up, electric vehicles are better at this time because everybody is trying to move away from fuel to save cost.

"The EVs are cheaper. We are studying this model. Everybody is trying to go in that direction. It will also be economical and the good thing about this is that I am putting together a team headed by the SSG, to see if it is something the state can invest in."

Ajaere said: "The Federal Government is already taking the initiative of investing in electric vehicles. We have abundance of sun in Nigeria, so the government should look into building solar-powered charging infrastructure. With electric vehicles, you eliminate the cost of vehicle maintenance and fuel by almost 80 per cent. The life span of the battery is about 10 years and the bigger vehicles can do about 300km on a full charge; that's like moving from Lagos to Ibadan and back to Lagos or from Asaba to Warri and back to Asaba".

'Why Drivers, Truckers Shun Second Niger Bridge'

The National President of Heavy Duty Drivers Association, Mr Uchenna Nebuwa says members of the association and other drivers no longer use the second Niger Bridge because of security concerns. Nebuwa told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Onitsha that criminals have taken over the route, including Obosi-Owerri axis of the road.

According to him, hoodlums, armed robbers and kidnappers now operate along the bridge.

"Drivers are afraid because there is no adequate security on the second Niger bridge, Federal Government should provide security to secure lives and property.

"Another worrisome one is the failed portions of Obosi-Owerri road, as our trucks fall on the road

on daily basis, we have lost over N20 billion worth of vehicles and goods on that road.

"We are begging Federal Government to help us fix the failed portions of Obosi-Owerri road as this will encourage drivers to be using the second Niger bridge", he said.

Also speaking, the Chairman, Great Tippers Association of Nigeria, Anambra Chapter, Mr Chukwuemeka Olekpe, expressed concern about the security situation, saying armed robbers and kidnappers have scared them away from using the bridge.

On his part, a commercial bus driver, Paul Osakwe, who plies Asaba-Owerri road, said drivers avoid the area because the bridge has become lonely and insecure."

EDITORIAL

Insecurity At Airports: Challenge Before New FAAN MD

Ten years ago, precisely in March of 2023, dare devil robbers stormed the departure lounge of Murtala Muhammed International airport in Lagos, leaving two policemen dead.

In 2022, security at the Akure airport was breached, as some fiercely looking suspected internet fraudsters, invaded the airport in what appeared like a reprisal attack on the aviation security operatives.

An official at the airport stated that “The whole issue started a few days ago when the main suspect, and some of his friends, tried to block the emergency exit of the airport. Having sensed their intention, we told them to leave but insisted.

“When my colleague tried to clamp his vehicle, he collected the clamp chain from him and injured him badly. This led to a serious struggle between our man and their man. But we thought it was all over, only to be attacked by the same man and his gang. The entire airport was shut down for hours, posing a serious security threat”.

Last year, the Kaduna airport came under heavy attack, which led to the killing of an official of the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), identified as Shehu Na’Allah, at the runway.

This year, Nigeria’s busiest airport, the Murtala Mohammed airport, once again witnessed another security breach, when thieves gained entrance and stole the lighting system for one of the runways. Federal Aviation Authority of Nigeria



Abdullahi Yakubu-Funtua

(FAAN) Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Abdullahi Yakubu-Funtua, who confirmed the incident, stated that an investigation has now been launched to arrest the criminals and recover the missing runway lights.

This development forced domestic carriers to divert to the international section and taxi about 4km (2.5 miles) back to the right terminal, which caused flight disruptions.

Nonetheless, this month, it was welcoming to hear that 21 cable thieves and other miscreants have been arrested at the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos.

The arrests according to the spokesperson of FAAN, Abdullahi Yakubu-Funtua fell in

line with the determination of the organisation to rid the airport environment of touts and perpetrators of illegitimate activities.

A statement issued by FAAN on the incident stated that “On Friday the 4th of August 2023, the Murtala Muhammed Airport (MMA) JMTF and AVSEC-CII raided the ITZ 1 & 2 landside, the car parks and the airport access roads.

“In the course of the raid, a total of 21 persons including touts, illegal foreign exchange dealers, hawkers and scavengers were arrested. The apprehended suspects have since been transferred to the Nigerian Police Force through the CII for further necessary action.”

Though the task of ensuring that the country’s airports are secured is enormous and multi-dimensional, the responsibility is on FAAN, which operates the airports on behalf of the federal government.

The new MD of FAAN must strive to make a difference especially as it relates to security at the airports, as it goes even beyond the Lagos airport.

Modern security gadgets should be procured and installed at strategic locations and the Aviation Security personnel must be well equipped and trained to meet the demands of contemporary challenges.

It is also very key for FAAN to strengthen the collaborative network among all security agencies providing coverage at the various airports.

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TYRE WATCH

Hankook Tyres Awarded For Emissions Reduction Efforts

Hankook Tyre & Technology has become the first Korean tyre manufacturer to receive Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) approval for meeting its near-term greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction target.

SBTi is a global initiative that supports companies in setting targets that align with the latest climate science, including the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement limiting global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

In aligning with SBTi approval, Hankook aims to reduce the total amount of direct and indirect GHG emissions generated in tyre production by 46.2 per cent by the end of the decade (when compared with 2019 figures).

The company further aims to reduce absolute GHG emissions generated



throughout its supply chain by 27.5 per cent when measured against the same timeframe.

Hankook's approval by the SBTi is recognised as significant. It is the first Korean manufacturer of 15 national and 5700 international large-scale companies participating to be recognised under the scheme.

In a statement issued by the manufacturer recently, Hankook said that it recognises sustainability as a key value in its business activities.

Hankook said it plans to achieve carbon neutrality in production globally by 2050 and has established a committee to realise this goal.

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TYRE WATCH

Michelin Is Still A Major Player In Nigeria-MD



Alonge

Mrs. Chioma Alonge, the first female Managing Director of Michelin Nigeria, was before now the Marketing Director, Director of B2C Sales and Commercial Director. In this interview which was first published in BKG Exhibitions brochure, she talks about the French Company's presence in Nigeria

Where is Michelin Nigeria now, and when will it resume production in Nigeria?

Michelin Nigeria is still very much around in various cities. In 2007 Michelin closed the Tyre manufacturing plants in Nigeria, due to poor supply of electricity.

Michelin still holds her shares in the rubber plantations around the country, Ogun, Osun, Ondo, and Edo States where raw rubber is tapped and exported to our manufacturing plants abroad and you know that our rubber is of the purest grade.

We still play big in the Nigerian market and since there are vehicles on the road our tyres are being sold. The only challenge is that the percentage of people that can afford Michelin tyres has reduced owing to the poor state of the economy as well as reduction in the purchasing power of the people. However, Nigeria with over 200 million people is a very big market.

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The influx of poor quality and fake tyres



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This cannot be easily eliminated in Nigeria since there is a market for such products, however, the consequences are deadly and should not be encouraged. Government and her

agencies involved should do more to ensure regulations are maintained to cut down road accidents.

Educating our customers and influencers

We are in partnership with the Vulcanizers Association in Lagos state, we keep them abreast of our products and trends as well as developments in the tyre industry. We organize training with them and other consumers and stakeholders in the sector.

Appreciate Customers

We appreciate our existing and potential customers. We will never reduce our quality we will always keep researching on how to always give the best quality product. Right now, we are offering fuel-saving tyres, this will reduce the fuel consumption of your vehicles. Our tyre has

three life stages: First Life, Second Life which is Rethread, and Third Life which is Regroove.

MARITIME

NIS To Tighten Security At Blue Borders-Ag CG



The Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) has concluded plans to tighten the security of all marine borders across the country.

The Acting Comptroller General of the Service, Mrs Caroline Adepoju, made this known to newsmen in Uyo recently after her two-day familiarisation visit to the NIS, Akwa Ibom Command.

Adepoju said that the Akwa Ibom command had the longest coastal borders that must not be left porous to avoid nefarious activities within the maritime environment.

She said that since the Federal

Government had tightened air and land borders across the country, marine borders would not be left porous.

Adepoju said that the government was determined to provide the necessary logistics to secure the blue borders.

“Like I said, the Akwa Ibom State Command houses one of our longest coastal borders and we are working hard as we have done in the air and land borders, we want to tighten the security around coastal borders.

“We don't want the marine area, the blue borders of Nigeria to be porous.

We don't want people of shady

characters to perpetrate nefarious activities using our blue borders.

“That is why I am here and since I came, I discovered that in Nigeria Immigration Service, we have trained officers, we have dedicated officers, we have people who are willing to work, but we are in need of logistics.

“We need the government to help us, we need gunboats to be able to patrol our coastal borders. We need good offices and residential accommodation for our personnel, who are working in these coastal borders,” Adepoju said.

Maritime Security: NIMASA, Navy To Strengthen Collaboration

The Nigerian Navy has reassured that assets acquired by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, (NIMASA) under the Integrated National Security and Waterways Protection Infrastructure, otherwise known as the Deep Blue project have been deployed across the South West, Central and Eastern Zonal operations to enhance patrol of the Nigerian maritime domain.

The Acting Fleet Commander, Western Naval Command and Commander Deep Blue Project, Commodore Victor

Choji made the declaration, during a working visit recently by the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC), Western Naval Command, Rear Admiral Mohammed Abdullahi to the Management of NIMASA recently.

He added that the Nigerian Navy under the leadership of the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Emmanuel Ogalla is fully committed to the success of the Deep Blue Project.

On his part, the Director General of NIMASA, Dr Bashir Jamoh, OFR, restated the agency's commitment to a robust relationship with the Nigerian

Navy towards the economic development of the country.

“I want to believe that the agency and the Nigerian Navy have a lot in common to ensure safety and security in the nation's waters. While the Nigerian Navy takes care of the kinetic operations, NIMASA concentrates on non-kinetic operations, and the two will have to go hand in hand if we must succeed. If you look at the armed forces act, the Nigerian Navy has a role to play in ensuring the implementation and enforcement of the NIMASA and Customs & Excise act”, he said.

MARITIME

Export Cargoes Increase By 35% In One Year NPA

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Mr Mohammed Bello-Koko, has disclosed that the country recorded a 34.5 per cent increase in the metric tonnes of export between 2021 and 2022. Bello-Koko, who spoke during a webinar on the export of non-oil products at the 2023 Zenith Bank International Trade Seminar in Lagos, said the country's export volume grew to over 5.1 million metric tonnes in 2022 from 3.79 million metric tonnes in the previous year. According to him, 3.5 million metric tonnes of export trade were facilitated through the nation's seaports between January and June 2023. He added that the authority had been recording growth in export since 2019.

"In 2019, the ports recorded about 2.8 million metric tonnes of export, and it increased to 3.8 million metric tonnes in 2020. The export volume grew in 2021 to 3.79 million metric tonnes, and over 5.1 million metric tonnes in 2022."

"We need the Customs to reduce the time it takes to scan and inspect cargo because the faster it takes, the earlier the importer and exporters take their goods," he said.

Bello-Koko noted that the



MD - Mr Mohammed Bello-Koko

collaboration with the NCS had helped NPA in achieving the feat.

He said, "NPA's responsibility is to handle the logistics issue as relates to the delivery of cargo to ports, reviewing the cargo and also ensuring that it is loaded for the voyage. We encouraged the terminal operators to create hinterland aggregation points and dedicated spaces for export within the port terminals, but we need to

realise that the ports are very small and, therefore, there are capacity issues.

"So, what we did was to create export processing terminals and the export processing terminals are one-stop shops where you consolidate, test, weigh, and pack it and then go straight into the ports. What the Customs did for us is to create an export command. This means there are individuals

responsible for all export problems that you can relate with," he enunciated.

Earlier, the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Export Promotion Council, Ezra Yakusak, said Nigeria had a non-oil export performance of \$4.8bn in 2022, which was the largest since the creation of NEPC in 1976.

Lagos Accounts For 75% Of Customs Revenue- acting CG

The acting Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Bashir Adeniyi, has revealed that about 75 per cent of Customs revenue is generated from Lagos State.

He disclosed this recently when he paid a visit to the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu at the Lagos House, Marina.

Adeniyi, who commended the state government, said that Lagos, as the

economic nerve centre of Nigeria, generated 70 to 75 per cent of customs revenue in the country.

He pledged to work assiduously to ensure smuggling become a thing of the past in Nigeria, so as to boost Made-in-Nigeria products and improve the country's economy.

According to him, Lagos is very strategic, as it is the heartbeat of customs' operations.

"For us to be able to excel at our full

potential, we need a peaceful working environment. I want to assure the governor that as responsible officers and agency of government, we will live up to our civic responsibilities, and more importantly, we will operate within the framework of the law."

Sanwo-Olu restated his administration's commitment to complete the Badagry Seaport by 2025 to decongest Apapa and Tinian Island ports.

MARITIME

Improved Maritime Training Capable of Growing African Economies, Says Adalikwu

Dr Paul Adalikwu, Secretary General, Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA) has enjoined African countries to invest in maritime capacity building as a way to achieve economic growth.

Speaking in Accra at the 29th Board of Governors Meeting and convocation ceremony of the Regional Maritime University (RMU), Adalikwu said African countries can save foreign exchange by providing competency courses and globally acceptable certification within the continent.

He highlighted that maritime training that aligns with Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) which comes with certification for unlimited career prospects for African seafarers will improve the earnings of African seafarers and close the gap of unemployment in the maritime

industry.

The MOWCA SG said ICT based maritime training such as the Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) which was included as part of Manila amendment of the STCW have become imperative in MOWCA's goal of supporting member countries to produce modern seafarers

The SG said MOWCA is still in communications with notable bodies like African Development Bank (AfDB); African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and Afreximbank where it has made a

strong case for the role of maritime transport in the continental trade aspirations of these bodies.

He added that MOWCA has frontally presented the technical/skill inputs that its specialized institutions will bring to bear



NIMASA Hands Over Modular Floating Dock To Melsmore

The management of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, (NIMASA) has handed over the leased site at the Continental Shipyard Limited (CSL) of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to the technical partners, Melsmore.

The technical partners are to liaise with the management of NPA in finalising site management, which include risk assessment in preparation to move the Modular floating Dock to the Continental Shipyard for the commencement of full operations.

NIMASA and the technical partners also agreed to invite manufacturers of the Floating Dock, Damen Shipyard to join in recommissioning the Dockyard, while site preparations are ongoing. This is to ensure the Floating Dock is deployed in the shortest possible time.

While addressing officials of Melsmore, the Director General

of NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh, OFR, emphasised the need for them to review the action plan in the light of realities on ground with detailed deliverables, and key performance indicators with clearly stated timelines.

“Nigerians eagerly await the deployment of the Modular Floating Dock. This is a national asset, which has

potentials to boost maritime trade, create jobs, develop skills, by providing training avenues to various maritime training institutions in Nigeria, while also attracting foreign investment and preventing capital flight, thereby generating revenue.

“We hope to have students from the Maritime Academy of Nigeria and the

Maritime University Okerenkoko amongst other maritime institutions come for practical time”, the DG said.

In his remarks, the Managing Director, Melsmore, Mr. Danny Fuchs thanked the management of the agency for the opportunity to work on such important project, and gave the assurance that the company is prepared to handle the movement of the floating dock from the naval dockyard to the Continental Shipyard Limited (CSL).



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MARITIME

Glossary of Terms (2)

These are working concept and definition of services and related activities arising from the function extracted from the port act. The definitions are same and cuts across in meaning to the third parties, joint ventures and Agencies providing them

MARINE POLLUTION

This occurs when harmful, or potentially harmful, chemicals particles, industrial, agricultural waste, including the spread of invasive organisms into the waters.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

This involves organization and coordination of activities and available resources in order to respond to emergency events and bring such under control, with the purpose of protecting public health by minimizing the impact of the event on the community and the environment.

ACCIDENT/INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

It is the account and analysis of an incident in the water ways based on information gathered a thorough examination of all contributing factors and causes involved. This is done in collaboration with other Agencies

ISPS CODE

International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code provides the minimum security arrangement/requirement for ships, ports and Government agencies in the port locations

CONSERVANCY

It is the act of regulating and sustaining required standard of safety for ship in the waterways, through activities of Dredging, Sweeping, Lighting, wreck removal, provision of Navigational Aids and other activities necessary for safe movement of ships in and out of the ports

MIDSTREAM OPERATION

It is the operation of loading and unloading of cargo while the ship is still at sea with barges, lighters and other craft for the purpose of transferring or distributing or landing at a nearby pier or port facility.

STOWAWAY

A person who secretly boards a ship in order to travel without paying and without being detected.



IMDG

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code is accepted as an international guideline to the safe transportation or shipment of dangerous goods or hazardous materials by water on vessel. IMDG Code is intended to protect crew members and to prevent marine pollution in the safe transportation of hazardous materials by vessel.

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FIRE SERVICES

Emergency firefighting, standby, escort and protection services provided by the Authority for vessels, cargo, properties and human doing business within the port and its environment.

TERMINAL SECURITY

Integrated security services provided by the Authority through the terminal operators for safety and security of cargo and human within the operating terminals.

PFSO

Port Facility Security Officer

SAND WINNING

This is a practice of extracting sand, mainly through an open pit. However, sand winning also takes place at beaches, inland dunes, ocean beds and river beds hosting designated ports limit.

THIRD-PARTY AGENTS/AFFILIATES

It means any service provided by a private company in a logistics and supply chain management. Most effective organization make use of third party agents to outsource some elements of their integrated services in fulfillment of the mandate to a particular service.

WAYLEAVES

Charge for laying of pipelines and other easement or right of way through the Authority's land

MIDSTREAM OPERATION

It is the operation of loading and unloading of cargo while the ship is still at sea with barges, lighters and other craft for the purpose of transferring or distributing or landing at a nearby pier or port facility.

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Land Rover Confirms Smaller Defender, To Join Line-Up By 2027

The smaller Defender will sit on EMA architecture; will be positioned beside the next-gen Velar, Discovery Sport and Evoque.



Land Rover will expand the Defender line-up, confirmed JLR CEO Adrian Mardell at a recent investor conference. The all-new “baby Defender” will be the brand's fourth SUV in its line-up.

Autocar reports that the rugged, compact 4x4 is rumoured to have been on the cards for several years but has never officially appeared on the Tata Motors-owned JLR's product roadmap presentations. In March this year, Autocar India reported that Land Rover has been evaluating a smaller Defender.

The smaller Defender will be based on the new EMA platform and will sit beside the next-gen Range Rover Evoque, the Velar and the Discovery Sport SUVs. The announcement also

shed further light on the mysterious fourth model line due to be built alongside the three electric SUVs, which are new-generation variants of current models, at the firm's Halewood factory.

No further details were given, but the confirmation that the smaller Defender will use the electric-only EMA architecture reveals much about the new model. It could adopt the Defender Sport moniker, in keeping with the more road-focused versions of the Discovery and Range Rover, and arrive in dealerships as soon as 2027. Most importantly, it will be much more compact in all dimensions compared to its full-size namesake, today's combustion engine-powered 'L663' Defender.

A promised electric variant of the current Defender, due in around 2026, will use the MLA structure from combustion-engined and future electric variants of the Range Rover. In comparison, the EMA-based smaller Defender will be a similar size to its platform-mates, and is likely to measure around 4.6m long and 2m wide and stand at less than 1.8m tall.

The move to introduce new Defender models is reflective of JLR's ambition to separate each of its core brands Jaguar, Discovery, Range Rover and Defender into four distinct product lines. As part of this separation, which comes under the brand's so-called 'House of Brands' retail strategy, the Defender strapline will be 'embrace the impossible', in a nod to the original car's storied off-road heritage.

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AUTO

How Nigeria Auto Companies Can Access Afrexim's \$1 billion-AfCFTA

... We Only recognize South Africa, Egypt and Morocco As Auto Producing Countries In Africa-AfCFTA

The Secretary General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Wamkele Mene, has expressed regret that Nigeria is not among the only three African countries being South African, Egypt and Morocco that are currently qualified to access the Afrexim bank's \$1b fund.

Speaking at the Zenith Bank's international trade seminar, non-oil export in Lagos recently, he said there is need for Nigeria to take the initiative of diversifying into automobile production to meet the vast gap of Africa's population.

According to AfCFTA's estimate, there is a five million per annum void in the continent and with only South Africa, Morocco, and Egypt qualified as real auto producing countries.

Meanwhile, during the event, Zenith Bank signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with AfCFTA to create an Intra-Africa trade portal known as the SMARTAfCFTA.

SMARTAfCFTA is a single portal for trade information for the continent on trade. The Bank will fund the portal for trade information in Africa with one million dollars.

Speaking at the seminar, Mene said: "we have identified a number of priority sectors, which we believe in our studies indicate that these priority sectors will enable the diversification that we all want to see. I mentioned the pharmaceutical sector, agriculture and agro-processing, transport and logistics, and the auto sector. In the auto sector again, we had an opportunity to accelerate the diversification of Africa's economy.

"Our continent produces 900,000 units of passenger vehicles per year between South Africa, Egypt and Morocco and we are 17 per cent of the global population. India, similarly populated



to the African continent, produces five million units of vehicles per year. By the year 2035, our estimates indicate that in order for us to meet domestic demand in Africa we have to produce five million units of vehicles per year.

"That means that for Nigeria, there is an opportunity to include the auto sector in your strategy if it's not there already as your strategy for diversification for production of vehicles, creating jobs driving industrialisation, because we know that the demand for the auto sector, Africans auto sector is not going to be met by Egypt, Morocco, South Africa. We have to have more countries that are producing vehicles for the African continent and creating jobs and innovation and driving industrialisation."

He advised that "I would suggest and recommend that the auto sector be closely looked at because we know that from every unit of investment on the assembly line to produce a vehicle there are four jobs that are created in the components manufacturing sector, whether it is lithium battery, manufacturing or any other kind of a component. So, as we talk about diversification value addition, let us consider the auto sector is one of the enablers for the diversification that we all want to see.

"I am very happy that our development financing institutions have stepped up as Afrexim has provided the facility \$1 billion for any country that wishes to start producing vehicles for trade under the AfCFTA."

The Group managing director Zenith Bank, Ebenezer Onyeagwu speaking on the MOU signed with AfCFTA said the implantation of AfCFTA would bring prosperity to the African continent and the portal to be created by Zenith bank would foster intra-Africa trade.

"We expect that the implementation of this agenda will change the fortune of not just Nigeria for the whole of Africa. The MOU between Zenith Bank and the African continental free trade area will be executed. The MOU will be for Zenith to develop the smart AfCFTA portal which is going to serve as a trade portal that will showcase African products and services where they can be found.

"With the development of this portal, one of the capabilities we are going to build into is that you can sit in every part of Africa and market your products and services. You can sit in every part of Africa and identify whatever products and services you require that are in Africa."

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**Lanre Shittu Motors Re-strategises,
To Assemble LSM Brand, Electric, CNG Vehicles**

SPECIAL INTERVIEW

In a recent chat, the duo of Taiwo Shittu and Lukman Shittu, Managing Director and Deputy Managing Director respectively of Lanre Shittu Motors, reveal expansion plans of the company

Recently, Lanre Shittu chairman passed on. He was like a colossus in the auto industry in Nigeria. How have you ensured his death has not affected the business?

It's painful to lose our chairman, Alhaji Lanre Shittu; he was a visionary and a goal-getter. We all have learnt a lot from him. But again, he was a man we were blessed to have. At a very early age, he allowed his children to run the

business while he watched. In the last seven years of his life, he was not in the forefront of the business anymore. And people should learn from that. You don't know when God will come, calling. But the moment you allow your children to take charge of your business while you are alive, you will have the opportunity to correct mistakes they will make. Once you are dead, you will not be there to correct those mistakes that could ruin the

business.

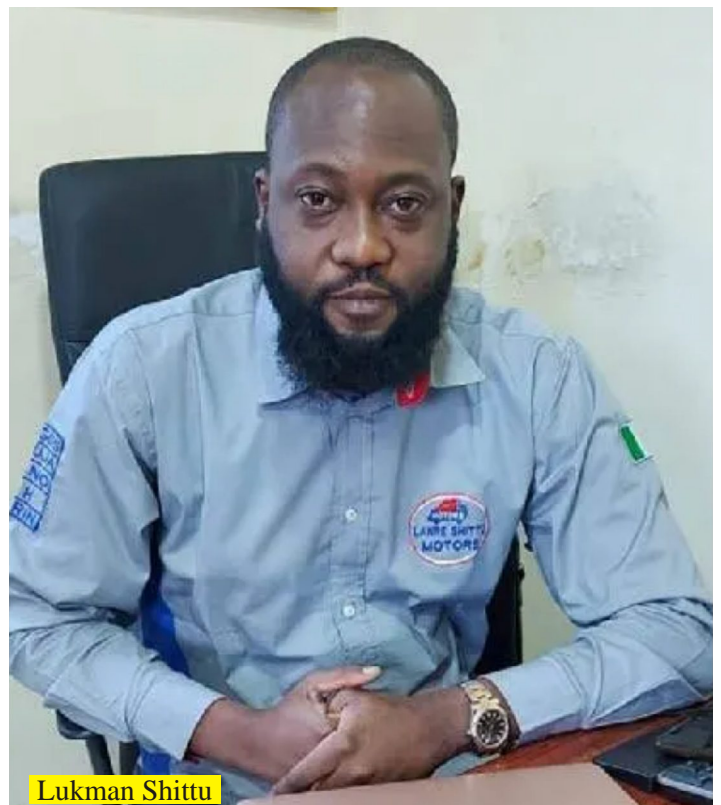
Right now, we (the children) have the capacity to keep the business running and take it further up. And I can tell you that we have done better this year than last year in terms of sales. This shows that the goodwill he had built is rubbing on us. He was highly respected. He would not owe you and he kept to any business agreement he signed with you. And we are leveraging on that. That is why we want to immortalise him by having a vehicle brand called LSM (Lanre Shittu Motors).

Have you launched products into the market since the LSM chairman passed on?

We have new vehicles coming in very soon. They would be our brand name, Lanre Shittu Motors (LSM) brand of vehicles. Our CNG vehicles are also coming in; our electric vehicles are coming too. We will have two-ton, three-ton, electric, light trucks etc. There will be mass-transit electric buses. In addition, we will have 18-seater electric and CNG buses.



Taiwo Shittu



Lukman Shittu

SPECIAL INTERVIEW

How soon will you deliver these vehicles?

We are looking at between November and end of this year. We will sell these vehicles and offer support to the buyers. Recently, we just concluded a training programme for auto technicians in conjunction with the NADDC (National Automotive Design and Development Council) in Ekiti State.

This is a state that we have not even sold any vehicle to. We are going to other states in Nigeria to empower Nigerians. We don't only train them; we pay them and give them tools to work. And we gave them a complete tool box.

We decided to do this because we cannot leave everything to the government to handle. We are not looking at the business. We are interested in empowering people.

If we have five to eight companies doing this in the automobile industry every quarter or half a year, it will go a long way in job creation and empowerment.

If we have those in other sectors such as oil and gas, textile and agriculture doing this, it will improve our economy. The next phase will be done before December in another state entirely. We are looking at Zamfara State this time round.

Did you train them about the electric vehicles?

We gave them general training on how to handle automobiles. We train them about electric vehicle system along with other systems.

What kind of support are you going to give to EV buyers/owners?

We are investing in charging stations in many locations. We have a place in Lekki (Lagos) right now that we are working on. It will be a kind of lounge and people can come and charge the

battery of their vehicles. That will be part of our new commitment.

If you buy a large number of vehicles from us, we can build a charging station to support the operation, which we will build into the contract.

Will the EVs and CNG-powered vehicles not be too expensive for the people?

It won't be too expensive if you are looking at the value it will offer. The immediate cost may appear expensive but its value overtime is what is important. Petrol is expensive now. But with the EV, what you need is charging the battery, which can last for 15 years.

Importantly, we are not going to stop doing the petrol and diesel engine vehicles.

We are looking at our Ogun State facility/assembly plant; we are working on it for intensive EV assembling.

We have two plants already running in Lagos the truck plant and the car plant. The six-line plant in Ogun State will do more of electric vehicles.

For your CNG vehicles, will it be FBUs or locally assembled?

They will be locally assembled. Our Ogun State facility will be able to do the CKD of the CNG vehicles and the EVs.

What kind of support is NADDC offering in this regard?

The NADDC has been very supportive. The DG of the NADDC, Aliyu Jelani has been very supportive. He opens his door once we knock. He knows the serious investors. Lanre Shittu Motors is a priority to him and we get the necessary support. He has approved our licence for the CNG and EVs already.

Is there any auto finance for the EV/CNG vehicles?

Auto finance will be part of the package. We are speaking to different

banks, especially those following the trends and are passionate about the climate change. For the commercial vehicles, if you buy from us, we can arrange with banks for the finance with good package.

Do you have the manpower for the EV and CNG vehicle assembling?

We have the expertise and the expatriates to deliver on this project already with us at LSM. And we have been training people. We just trained 100 people in Ekiti. We have trained over 2,000 people in Nigeria already. We intend to do more.

What segment of the auto market will the LSM brand focus on?

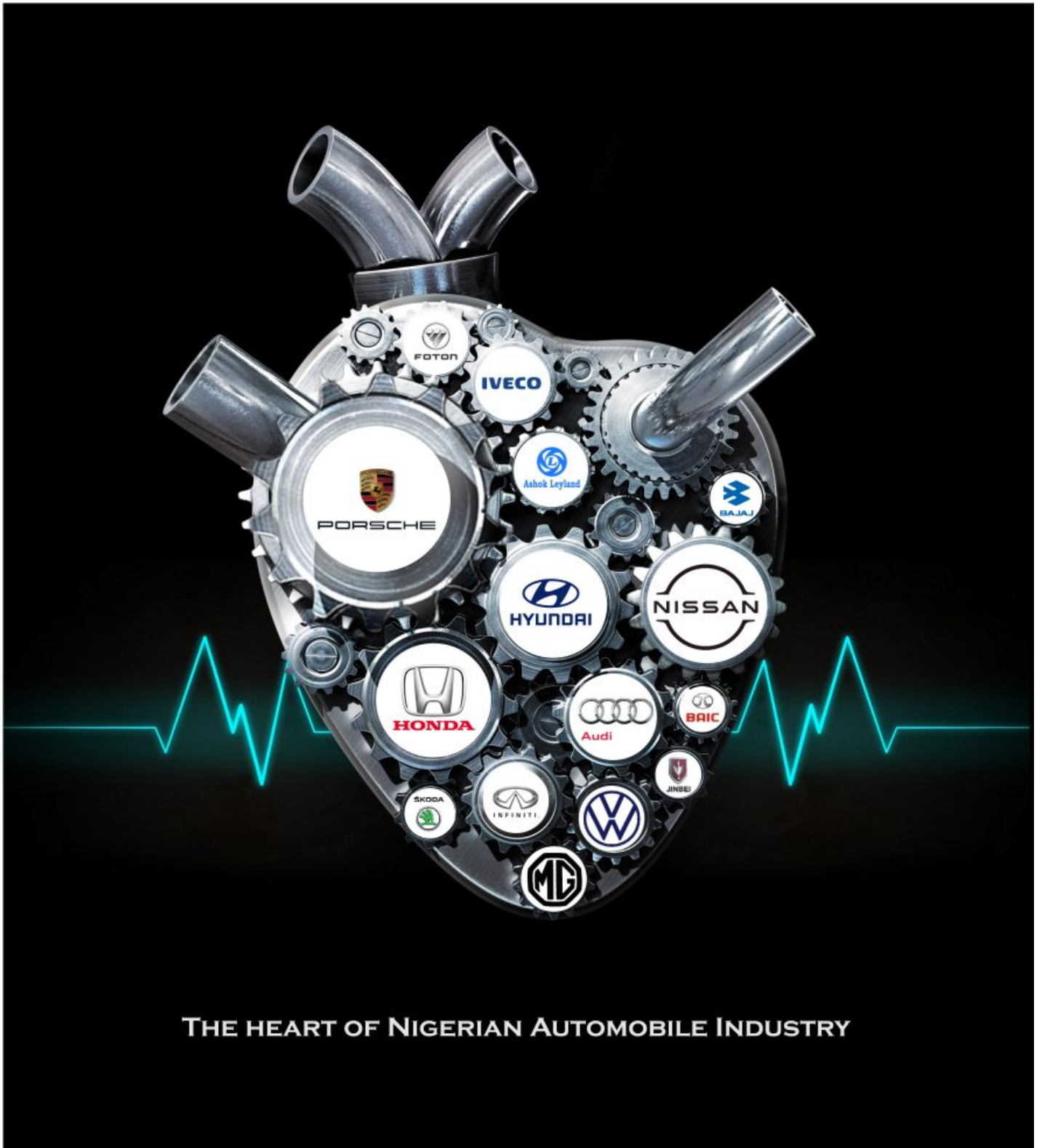
We are starting with the pickup and commercial vehicles such as small buses, Korope (mini buses). Gradually, we will be going into the cars and heavy duty trucks.

LSM has clocked 42 years in this business and we have made many brands popular. Our truck and the assembly got the best truck and assembly plant awards in Nigeria last year from the motoring editors. A good thing is coming from Nigeria and Nigerians should be prepared for it.

What will be the value-added in the LSM brand of vehicles coming to the market?

First, it is important to note that we have built a lot of auto brands at Lanre Shittu Motors, we made JAC (truck) popular in Nigeria. There is no reason why we cannot build our own brand.

It will not only add value for Lanre Shittu Motors; it will add value for the country. And the value-added for the country is that we will be able to export these vehicles outside Nigeria. And hopefully we will get more foreign investors coming to Nigeria. Who says GM and other automakers cannot invest in LSM?



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AVIATION

NCAA, ICAO sign Civil Aviation Masterplan MoU

To unlock opportunities in the aviation industry, the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority has signed the Civil Aviation Masterplan (CAMP) with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

The Director General of Civil Aviation Nigeria, Captain Musa Nuhu, and ICAO Secretary General, Juan Carlos Salaazar, signed the agreement during a visit to ICAO in Montreal, Canada, with a promise that the masterplan would unlock opportunities in the Nigerian aviation industry.

“This is a major step in repositioning



the nation's aviation industry to attain its full potential and make significant contributions to the nation's economic

growth and development,” Nuhu said. He stated that all relevant stakeholders within and outside the aviation sector would be involved in developing and implementing CAMP.

In another development, Nuhu with his

counterpart in the Republic of Benin, Karl Legba, have signed the Aeronautical Search and Rescue (SAR) memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the two countries.

Nuhu said the long-overdue MoU would enhance the safety of flight operations in the region.

Also signed were the SAR agreements between Nigeria and Togo in Lome.

Nuhu and his Togolese counterpart, Col. Latta Gnana, signed the pact on behalf of the two countries.

The NCAA boss disclosed that more SAR MoU would be signed with neighboring countries in the next few weeks.

Okonjo-Iweala Urges Systematic Mechanisms To Attract Nigerians Abroad

By Ignatius Ushie

The Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, has urged the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), to strengthen systematic mechanisms to attract second and third generation Nigerians in the Diaspora to contribute towards nation building.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala stated this during the presentation to her as the "Diaspora Icon", a fall out of the recently held Maiden National Diaspora Merit Award in Abuja led by Hon Abike Dabiri-Erewa and Management Staff of NiDCOM.

The WTO DG said the Diaspora is capable of doing so much for Nigeria, which goes beyond remittances such as skills and knowledge transfer especially as most countries of the World are fast embracing the technology and digital era.

On her recent recognition, Okonjo-Iweala expressed her pride as a citizen of Nigeria, adding that she was elated, and humbled, for being selected to receive such an award as a "Diaspora Icon".

The Diaspora Icon recipient commended the Commission for the work it has been doing over the years in



Chairman/CEO NiDCOM, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa (left) presenting an award to DG, WTO. Dr. Ngozi Okonjo Iweala recently

terms of Diaspora engagement, under the pragmatic leadership of the NiDCOM Boss.

Okonjo-Iweala expressed her support to work with the Commission and the Federal Government of Nigeria for the betterment of all Nigerians.

While presenting the award to Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the NiDCOM Chairman stated that the award was presented to the DG, WTO for her

selfless service to Nigeria and humanity at large.

Dabiri-Erewa remarked that she serves as an inspiration to all Nigerian women, aiming at balancing family ties and career growth. The Diaspora Icon Award is one of the categories given at the National Diaspora Day celebrations and the National Diaspora Merit Award held on July 26, 2023.

AVIATION

SAHCO Port Harcourt Station Receives ISAGO Certification



SAHCO

Skyway Aviation Handling Company (SAHCO) PLC's Port Harcourt station has recently been certified by International Air Transport Association Safety Audit for Ground Operations (ISAGO).

ISAGO is an aviation specific audit for the global oversight of ground handling service providers (GHSPs) and it focuses on the standardization of operational procedures and management thereby increasing harmonization of best practices among the ground handling stakeholders.

By this certification, it means that SAHCO's Port Harcourt International

Airport station has continued to model its operations to ISAGO standards, as a result making a commitment to continue to operate to globally accepted industry best practices.

The Audit cuts across Organization and Management (ORM), Aircraft Handling and Loading (HDL), Aircraft Ground Movement (AGM), Cargo and Mail Handling (CGM).

As already pledged to its clients (current and prospective), it is SAHCO's resolve to continually provide quality and efficient Passenger, Ramp and Cargo Handling Services in line with best practices and the highest

International Standards to the delight of its customers and benefit of all stakeholders, utilizing State-of-the-art equipment, skills, procedures and facilities, and employing a dedicated workforce who are highly skilled.

ISAGO audit is essential to promote safe ground operations and understanding of high-risk areas within ground operations, the audit also eliminates redundant audits from airlines thereby promoting a uniform audit process and harmonized standards that improve quality standards in Aviation Ground Handling.

NIS Urges Nigerians To Shun Irregular Migration

The Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) has described the "Japa Syndrome" in Nigeria as a big challenge to those going through illegal ports of exit in the quest for greener pastures.

The Comptroller of NIS Ekiti Command, Kayode Ademola made the remark during the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Service, held in Ado-Ekiti.

According to him, many of our youths die in the Sahara, Mediterranean sea and so on.

"From available data from the International Organisation for

Migration at least 1,200 Nigerians have died while trying to migrate through the Sahara and Mediterranean Sea in 2023 alone.

"For those who survive, the dream of reaching their desired destination quickly becomes a mirage, some spend several months, even years in cells abroad for irregular migration, some are taken hostage by pirates who rob, maim and sometimes rape the female victims."

Ademola pointed out that many Nigerians wanted to travel abroad for reasons best known to them,

describing it as a welcome idea which must be embedded in safe, orderly and regular migration.

He however maintained that Nigerians willing to travel abroad should reach out to any of NIS offices nationwide for necessary information and guidelines.

He commended the Acting Comptroller General, Caroline Adepoju for deeming it necessary to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Nigeria Immigration Service with funfair, underscoring that the past six decades had been a period of passionate service to the nation and fatherland.

AVIATION

Ogun Cargo Airport To Commence Flights This Year-Gov

Ogun State Governor, Prince Dapo Abiodun has disclosed that preparations are in top gear for the commencement of scheduled and non-scheduled flights at the Ogun State Cargo Airport located at Ilisan-Iperu road in the next six weeks. Speaking with newsmen after inspecting the airport project, the governor noted that work was being intensified to have a couple of flights take off from the airport to Abuja and other parts of the country and bring passengers to the state.

He said, "Very soon, we begin to operate scheduled and non-scheduled flights here. What we are waiting for is for the terminal building to be up, but in the meantime, we are going to convert the warehouse to a temporary terminal building because that is part of the requirements of the regulatory authorities.

"I am pleased that things are going on as planned. The airport is sitting on a Special Agro-Processing Zone and it is being developed by Arise, one of our partners. They are also proceeding with their plans. I am sure that in another six weeks, scheduled flights will begin to operate from here."

He expressed delight with the level of work done so far, saying the runway which is the longest in Nigeria could compete with the best anywhere in the world, while the apron, where planes



Ogun State Governor,
Prince Dapo Abiodun

are parked, is currently the biggest in Nigeria.

Governor Abiodun said though many did not believe the airport could become a reality, his administration

spend every day living up to its promise, adding that multiple flights have landed and taken off from the airport after the first test flights early this year.

Air Peace Commences Togo Operations

Air Peace has commenced operations to Togo. The airline's safety manager, Capt. Godfrey Ogbogu, who spoke shortly after the Embraer 195 E2 touched down at the Gnassingbe Eyadema International Airport, Lome recently, said the launch of Lome operations makes it 'eight regional routes in less than nine years since inception.'

He said that the 'no-city-left-behind initiative' of Air Peace is not just for domestic operations but also for

regional cities and beyond and that the launch into Lome has given credence to the ties between Nigeria and Togo.

"In March 2022, we launched Niamey in Niger Republic and we're expanding further with the commencement of flights into Lome, Togo. It suffices to say we're on a mission to easing air travel and bridging the connectivity gap among West African countries, and we're quite delighted that Togo is joining our route network, making it eight regional routes in less than nine

years since inception. Togo and Nigeria currently have strong socio-economic ties and both countries have collaborated on significant fronts.

"Nigerians come to Togo for business and other purposes and the launch of this connectivity adds fillip to this economic exchange between both countries and also advances development. We're reputed for our 'no-city-left-behind initiative' and this is not just for domestic operations."

NEWS

Palliative: FG, States Should Purchase Vehicles Within

A leading voice in the Nigeria automotive industry who is also Managing Director of BKG Exhibitions, Mr. Ifeanyichukwu Agwu, has called on the federal and state governments to ensure that all the vehicles to be procured as part of subsidy removal Palliative are sourced locally.

Giving this advice in a chat with newsmen within the week, the BKG Exhibitions Limited boss, noted that injecting the money into the Nigerian automotive industry will spur more activities that will fast track the development of the industry with the attendant socio-economic benefits to the people and economy of Nigeria.

According to him, "We have companies in Nigeria that could meet up the demand as well as subsequent ones."

The Managing Director, whose company organizes the Lagos Motor Fair/Africa Autoparts Expo as well as the Abuja International Motor/Nigeria Autoparts Expo, noted that the sector has suffered serious setbacks for over a



Mr. Ifeanyichukwu Agwu

decade now owing to the poor attention paid to it by the government especially with the poor implementation of the government instituted National Automotive Industry Development Policy/Plan [NAIDP], which is in its 10th year of epileptic implementation. He added "No doubt, low sales and lack

of clear-cut policy direction, amongst others have been plaguing the industry which makes it to be in dire need of life support, injecting the funds for the purchase of these vehicles will go a long way in restoring life and vibrancy to the industry.

"Procuring these vehicles from sources that are not playing big in the Nigerian market will only end in more capital flight out of the country and worsening the precarious state of the nation's economy. More jobs will be created in the benefiting economies while unemployment persists in Nigeria.

"Most of the auto companies in Nigeria injected billions of Naira in setting up assembly plants in the country and have little or nothing to

show for it. They must be encouraged and highly supported by the government through this and subsequent patronage." Read Full Text on <https://transportday.com.ng/palliative-fg-states-should-purchase-vehicles-within-agwu/>

MAN Trains Exporters On AfCFTA

The Manufacturers Association of Nigeria through its Export Promotion Group, has trained Nigerians exporters on how to harness potential in the African Continental Free Trade Area.

It built the capacity during a two-day training themed, 'Exporting under the AfCFTA', in Lagos, which was organised in collaboration with the secretariat of the National Action Committee on African Continental Free Trade.

MANEG's acting Chairman, Odiri Erewa-Meggison, reiterated the organisation's commitment to tapping into the immense potential of the national economy by forging working partnerships with other industry stakeholders, and increasing the membership of the association. She explained that the training was an open call for current and prospective exporters, in a bid to improve non-oil export enterprise in the country. According to her, "So far, the practical

implementation of AfCFTA started since September 2022, with the export of coffee products from Rwanda to Ghana and Exide Battery from Kenya to Ghana under the Guided Trade Initiative within the eight state parties that have met the minimum requirements for trade under the agreement.

"The state parties include Rwanda, Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Tanzania and Tunisia."



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NEWS

Delta Govt Demolishes Buildings On Waterways

Delta State Government has commenced demolition of buildings and illegal structures built on natural water channels as part of its measures to control flood in the State.

The demolition and a dredging exercise started at Uvwie Local Government Area on Monday, and would thereafter, continue in Warri, Udu, Ughelli and other flood-prone areas of the state.

The exercise was supervised by the Director-General, Special Duties, Governor's Office, Asaba, Mr Frank Omare, who led the amphibious swam buggy to the area accompanied by soldiers drafted from the 3 Battalion, Nigerian Army, Effurun.

Parts of three buildings, including a yet-to-be-completed church structure and a storey building were pulled down

at Ugboro, Uvwie Local Government Area where the demolition exercise started.

Speaking with newsmen during the exercise, Omare, said: "One of the mandates given to me is to remove illegal structures all over the state; in every local government area.

"This is just the beginning and we have given them over two months to ensure that those who had built on natural water ways remove their buildings, those who do not have approval plans they should remove their buildings. And they have deliberately refused."



Sheriff Oborewori

Benue Gov Flags Off Construction of 15.39 Km Roads



Governor Hyacinth Alia

Benue State government recently flagged off the construction of 16 arterial roads in Makurdi, the State capital.

Governor Hyacinth Alia, who flagged

off the construction of the 15.39 km roads within Makurdi Metropolis, stressed that the construction is monumental as it marks a significant milestone in his government's commitment to revolutionise the infrastructure of Benue State as well as prepare it to lay the foundation of a New Benue within 100 days in office.

He reiterated his pledge during the campaigns to better life of the people, saying: "This we are ready with willpower and sincerity to achieve within the available resources to us for your benefit."

According to the governor, the roads include: New GRA part of Makurdi: Odeh-Ageh-John Felse Street (1.08km) with Spur to Akuma Abanyam and Othaniel

Taanghar Street, Orkuma Akunda Street (810 metres), Lush Street (580 metres), Augustinian Community Roads (1.13km), Adeke/ Achusa Part of Makurdi, Nigerian Navy Barracks Road (1.98km, Keghem Malu street (420 metres).

Others are: Wuurukum Part of Makurdi amongst them, David Jebe Street (1.33km) Kormya City Guest House Akpeme (450 metres) Tyagher Gbaa Street (640 metres), W Victoria Aende Street (590 metres), Keke NAPEP Street 1.450 km) while the North Bank Part of Makurdi are: Ghandi Street (1.43km), Federal Low-Cost Housing Road (1.1km).

"In High Level Part of Makurdi, the roads are Eight Avenue (760metres), lorkyaa Ako street (extension) (700 metres) and Wadata Part of Makurdi, Ikeja Sokoto Street (730 metres).

"The Construction of these roads will be a significant step towards achieving our goal of providing quality infrastructure for our people. These roads will not only improve transportation within the city, but also create job opportunities and stimulate

NEWS

Kia Sportage SUV Marks 30th Anniversary Milestone with Over 7 Million Units Sold



Kia has marked three decades of its popular Sportage compact SUV with the launch of a new 30th Anniversary Special Edition in the Korean market.

Upon its inception in 1993, the Sportage has left an indelible mark on the automotive industry. With over seven million units sold across five generations, the Sportage has solidified its position as Kia's best-selling model globally since 2015,

captivating drivers with its distinctive design and inspiring performance. This remarkable achievement underscores Kia's commitment to delivering vehicles that embody innovation, quality, and enduring appeal.

“The Kia Sportage was a groundbreaking product from day one,” said Tae-Hun (Ted) Lee, Senior Vice President and Head of Global Operations Division.

“Over the 30 years since it has

remained true to its revolutionary origins, bringing cutting-edge safety, performance and design to drivers around the world.

“In honor of the model's tremendous contribution to Kia's success, the 30th Anniversary Special Edition accentuates the unparalleled comfort and luxury now added to that already compelling combination, demonstrating the brand's future as well as celebrating its history.”

Kia, Hyundai Recall 91,000 Vehicles Over Fire Risks

Hyundai Motor and Kia has said they are recalling more than 91,000 newer vehicles in the U.S. because of fire risks and urged owners to park outside and away from structures pending repairs.

The recall covers Hyundai 2023-2024 Palisade, 2023 Tucson, Sonata,

Elantra, and Kona vehicles and 2023-2024 Seltos and 2023 Kia Soul, Sportage vehicles.

About 52,000 Hyundai vehicles and nearly 40,000 Kia vehicles are covered under the recall.

The Korean automakers said electronic controllers for the Idle Stop & Go oil

pump assembly may contain damaged electrical components that can cause the pump to overheat.

Owners will be notified in late September and dealers will inspect and replace the electric oil pump controller as needed.

ENERGY

Gas Flaring Rises 10%, As Nigeria Loses N373b in First Quarter

Gas flaring in Nigeria increased by 10 percent to 138.7 million metric standard cubic feet, MSCF, in the first half (January-June) of 2023, from 126.1 MSCF in the corresponding period of 2022. It would be recalled that the federal government had set a zero flaring target by 2060.

The flared gas worth \$485.3 million translates to N373 billion at the current Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, exchange of N768.6 per United States dollar.

The National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency, NOSDRA, which disclosed this in its latest data, stated that the oil-producing companies responsible for the flaring would pay \$277.3 million (an equivalent of N213 billion) for breaching the gas flaring laws during the period.

But judging from previous flare reports, the oil companies are not likely to pay the penalties soon as several billions of dollars are still outstanding against the firms.

However, the report noted that the



volume of gas flared during the period was equivalent to 7.4 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emission, which could have been utilized to generate 13,900 gigawatts of electricity per hour.

NOSDRA lamented that despite efforts to reduce gas flaring, it has continued in Nigeria since the 1950s, releasing carbon dioxide and other gaseous substances into the atmosphere.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives has stated that it will begin a probe into \$2.5 billion annual loss to gas flaring.

NNPCL Promises Aggressive Gas Development

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL), says it plans to sustain and increase its aggressive gas development and gas transportation projects to achieve affordable and clean energy.

This, it said, was in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), Goal No. 7, as its strategic energy plan towards finding a balance for the energy trilemma.

The Group Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited, Mallam Mele Kyari, stated this while delivering a keynote address at the Society of Petroleum Engineers' (SPE) annual international conference and exhibition held in Lagos recently.

Speaking on the theme; "Balancing Energy Accessibility, Affordability,

and Sustainability: Strategic Options for Africa, Kyari while appreciating the SPE on its consistency in leading pivotal industry professional assemblage, said that African countries still grapple with strategies of balancing energy availability with meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals No 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) and No 13 (climate actions).

According to him, energy affordability entails ensuring energy and its infrastructure are priced so they can be obtained without financial strain by Africans, while energy sustainability implies that our energy use does not harm the local environment or exhaust resources, affecting future generations.

Kyari noted that despite strategic transformation witnessed in the past

few years, Nigeria is not transitioning away from hydrocarbons but witnessing an increase in the footprint of alternative cleaner energy sources in the foreseeable future amid fossil fuel dominance.

In his goodwill message, the Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), Engr Farouk Ahmed, said that the energy sector in Nigeria and across Africa faces an existential challenge of the urgent need to transit from a fossil fuel dependent economy to a decarbonized economy while adding that there is more to energy transition than decarbonization in the region as millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa still live or are living without access to electricity while some only have access to very limited or unreliable electricity.

ENERGY

Toyota Nigeria Adds Value To Vehicle Ownership, Introduces Toyota Genuine Motor Oil

Toyota Nigeria Limited (TNL), has added value to Toyota and other vehicles ownership in Nigeria by the formal introduction of the Toyota Genuine Motor Oil (TGMO), which is made by idemitsu Japan with Toyota in mind.

Though manufactured with Toyota and Lexus in mind, idemitsu affirmed that any other brand of vehicle can equally use it without worries.

The product which comes in different grades would be distributed by Toyota Nigeria Limited (TNL) through its dealership network and other independent outlets across the country.

The Managing Director of TNL, Mr Kunle Ade-Ojo, said the TGMO was as a “result of tireless research, innovative technology, and a passion for excellence by Toyota Motor Corporation.”

He said, “Toyota, a global leader in automotive innovation has always been driven by a vision to create vehicles that inspire and enrich the lives of people worldwide. This vision extends beyond just the cars that are manufactured; it encompasses every aspect of the Toyota ownership experience.

“The engine is the heart of any vehicle, and as a responsible automaker, developing a motor oil that ensures your engine performs at its best while contributing to a greener and more



L-R: Head of Parts Department at TNL, Mr Ravinder Sharma; Managing Director, TNL, Mr Kunle Ade-Ojo; and MD Idemitsu Lube for Middle East & Africa, Otsubo Shinji during the launch of Toyota Genuine Motor Oil (TGMO) at the Toyota Certified After-sales Service Centre, Isolo, Lagos...recently

sustainable world is our commitment to society.

“With over 100 years of experience in producing lubricant, Idemitsu is the leading manufacturer of genuine motor oil for all Toyota and Lexus vehicles. We are thrilled to introduce Toyota genuine motor oil of grades 20W50, 5W30 and 15W40.”

He added that the engine oil has been designed to meet and exceed the strictest industry standards, adding, “Its advanced formula (thin film of protection) provides enhanced protection against engine wear, reduces friction, and optimizes fuel efficiency, giving you a smoother and more enjoyable driving experience.”

According to him, Toyota genuine motor oil helps extend the life of the engine if used regularly given its superior protection against sludge and deposits, making the engine cleaner and ensuring it operates at peak performance throughout its lifespan.

The Managing Director, Idemitsu Lube for Middle East and Africa, Otsubo Shinji, said the lube company has a role to “supply the best oil for Toyota vehicles.”

The TGMO was formally unveiled at the ultra-modern Toyota after-sales facility located at Isolo, Lagos in an event that was graced by top TNL and idemitsu officials as well as accredited Toyota dealers and associates.

RAILWAY

NRC Warns Passengers Against Fake Ticketing Website



The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has alerted members of the public that it has not introduced e-ticketing on the Lagos-Ibadan Train Service (LITS), while urging passengers to be wary of fraudsters.

According to the NRC spokesman, Mahmoud Yakubu, the suspected website had allegedly been developed by cyber criminals, inviting members of the general public to visit the fictitious cyber space to obtain Lagos to Ibadan train tickets online.

“NRC is yet to commence selling Lagos to Ibadan train tickets online,” the NRC affirmed. According to him, fraudsters intending to scam unsuspecting train passengers might have done this. The NRC, however, advised Lagos-Ibadan train passengers to be wary of these fraudulent cyber space criminals by obtaining their train boarding tickets at Railway stations as it is working hard to introduce secured online ticketing on Lagos to Ibadan and Warri to Itakpe train services very soon.

Meanwhile, two years after the project was inaugurated by former President Muhammadu Buhari. Freight services have finally resumed on the Lagos-Ibadan standard gauge railway line.

It would be recalled that the Federal Government through the Nigerian Railway Corporation generated about N5bn revenue from the Lagos-Ibadan train services in 2022. The coaches in the train which operates on the Lagos-Ibadan rail line have a passenger capacity of about 900/1000 passengers per trip.

100 Trucks Trapped, As Nigeria-Niger Railway Project Threatened

The Nigeria-Niger Republic railway project may be at risk after the rupture of the diplomatic ties between Nigeria and Niger following the July 26 coup in which President Muhammed Bazoum was ousted from office by military officers led by Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani.

This came as over 1,000 trucks conveying goods worth over N350m to Nigeria other West African nations have remained trapped at the borders for over one week following the

closure of the respective gateways to the two neighbouring countries.

The Federal Government and the Nigerien junta had ordered the immediate closure of all land borders between the two countries after the political development in the landlocked country.

In 2021, the Federal Government revealed its plan to construct a 284km rail line to the Niger Republic.

According to the former minister of transport, Rotimi Amaechi, the project will cost the country about \$2bn and

would be funded by Nigeria through loans from external sources.

Earlier in March, the Muhammadu Buhari administration agreed to release an additional N454bn in public funds to continue the construction of the Kano-Niger Railway and other capital projects.

According to the former transportation minister, the N454bn would be used to purchase rolling stock, operation and maintenance equipment for the Kano-Maradi standard gauge rail line, which is currently under construction.

RAILWAY

Alstom Enter €285m Contract With Connecticut



French train manufacturer Alstom has entered an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) in the US for the supply of 60 single-level rail coach cars valued at approximately €285m (\$315m).

With an expected delivery in 2026, the

agreement sets the timeframe for Alstom's "customised, sustainable, next-generation" commuter rail cars particularly developed for North America, with speeds of up to 125mph. Alstom said the new cars will all meet the criteria of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Federal

Railroad Administration (FRA), and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

CTDOT commissioner Garrett Eucalitto highlighted the accessibility benefits of the new rail cars and how this partnership enhances the customer experience.

Gov't to Subsidize Fares For New Railway Transport Systems

The government of Indonesia will subsidize fares for the new railway systems, including the Light Rail Transit (LRT) and the Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Train, as part of its strategy to incentivize vehicle owners to shift to public transportation, President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo said recently.

The LRT, designed to connect Jakarta with its satellite cities, along with the high-speed train, is scheduled for inauguration during the upcoming Independence Day celebrations later this month.

During his visit to the Dukuh Atas Train Station in Jakarta, the president said that the new railway systems aim to alleviate traffic congestion by offering commuters cheaper and quicker alternative means of

transportation.

"Traffic congestion in Greater Jakarta and Bandung leads to an annual economic loss of Rp 100 trillion [\$6.6 billion]," Jokowi said. "All public

transportation systems, including the airport train, TransJakarta buses, commuter trains, LRT, MRT (mass rapid transit), and high-speed trains, must be subsidized."

Multi-Million Dollar Bids Submitted For Chicago Rail Revamp

A coalition of interests led by Amtrak has submitted applications for nearly a billion dollars of federal funding for the Chicago Hub Improvement Programme (Chip).

The City of Chicago and Amtrak hope to be awarded \$872m by the US Federal Railroad Administration.

The project aims to transform Chicago's Union station back into the

hub it once was, and re-establishing the main line between Chicago and Detroit, in neighbouring Michigan.

Amtrak, the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), Metra and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) are behind the revitalisation project, which was launched in 2012 with a "master plan" and rebooted in 2018 by former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel.

UNIONS, ASSOCIATIONS

Nigeria Auto Manufacturers Association Gets New Board

The Nigeria Automotive Manufacturers Association (NAMA) has a new board. It was constituted earlier this month after a virtual meeting of the association.

Reliable sources told Transport Day that the new board is made up of seven members with PAN Nigeria Limited, Kaduna as the Chairman.

Other are Transit Support Services (TSS), as Vice Chairman; VON, Lagos as member and ANAMMCO, Enugu as member.

Other members of the board are Iron Products Industries (IPI), Lagos; Dangote SinoTruck, Lagos; and Lafbart Innovation and Consulting, Akure. The Executive Director of NAMA, who runs the Secretariat, will serve as the Secretary of the board.

PAN Nigeria will be taking over from VON Lagos, which hitherto held the board chairmanship.

PAN is led by Ms Taiwo Oluleye as MD, and Bawo Omagbitse as de facto DMD. TSS is owned and managed by

Mr. Frank Nneji, while VON is owned and run by the Vaswani Brothers.

ANAMMCO is owned by the GUO Group run by Mr.

Maduabuchukwu Okeke, as MD, IPI is a family business currently run by Philip Diwan who has successfully taken over from his Nigerian-Lebanese father, Mr. Nunu Diwan.

Lafbart Innovation and Consulting, is owned and run by Mr. Femi Olafunmiloye.

NATA Applauds Hyde Energy's Quality Lubricant Facility

The Executive members of the Nigerian Automobile Technicians Association, NATA, Lagos state chapter, recently visited the lubricant blending plant of Hyde Energy, Nigeria's leading indigenous energy trading company, located in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State.

The lubricant plant, one of the largest lubricant manufacturing facilities in Nigeria, has the capacity to blend 30,000 liters of lubricant per day. The lubricants produced at Hyde Energy blending plant undergo stringent quality control measures and adhere to the highest standards, as certified by the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA). With over 30 different grades of lubricants manufactured and distributed for automotive, industrial, marine, and mechanical machines and equipment, the company ensures a diverse range of offerings.

During the visit, the NATA Executive Team had the opportunity to tour the lubricant plant, led by the Head of Lubricants Business at Hyde Energy, Ayobami Isaac Olowolayemo accompanied by the Plant Manager, Uwadia Isiraojie. The NATA representatives were guided through the company's manufacturing processes and engaged in a discussion

with Hyde Energy's management team regarding the company's commitment to producing high-quality lubricants.

During his appreciation to the NATA Executives, Ayobami Isaac Olowolayemo, Head of Lubricants at Hyde Energy, stated, "We deeply appreciate the visit of the NATA team to our plant today. The visit holds great significance for us because,

at Hyde Energy, our foremost objective is to provide Nigerian motorists with lubricants of unparalleled quality.

Comrade Moruf Egberongbe, Chairman of NATA, who led his team together with Asiwaju Jacob Fayeun

who was the immediate past chairman of the association in Lagos state, expressed his deepest satisfaction with the Hyde Energy Lubricant Plant, commending its state-of-the-art facilities and well-trained staff.



NEWS

LASG Commend Access Bank For Re-building Burnt Facility

The Lagos State Government has applauded Access Bank Plc for rebuilding the Vehicle Inspection Service Office facility burnt by hoodlums during the End SARS protest in the year 2020.

Speaking at the commissioning of the facility at the headquarters of the Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS) recently at Ojodu, Berger, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transportation Engr. Abdulhafiz Toriola said the commitment and dedication exhibited by Access Bank Plc towards the reconstruction of the VIS Annex Office complex as part of its Employee Volunteering Scheme exemplifies the essence of Corporate Social Responsibility.

He said the partnership has not only brought about the restoration of a crucial Government asset but has also rekindled hope in the hearts of Lagosians, adding that Access Bank's partnership with the State Government is a shining example of how the Government and corporate entities can synergize to holistically address societal challenges and make positive impact in the society.

Earlier on, the Director Vehicle Inspection Service in Lagos State,

Engr. Akin-George Fashola in his speech appreciated the Bank for its benevolence and unwavering support towards the rebuilding of the edifice.

Handing over the project to the State Government, the Executive Director of Access Bank Mrs. Iyabo Soji-Okusanya stated that the main objective of the bank is to always give back to the society through community service. She said the reconstruction

of the facility commenced in the year 2020 shortly after it was razed by hoodlums.

Okusanya thanked the VIS Directorate

for the seamless support the bank received during the rebuilding process while assuring of more similar collaborations in future.



Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-olu

FRSC, Customs To Build Vehicle Database Integration

The Federal Road Safety Corps and Nigeria Customs Service have commenced an intensive vehicle database integration of both government agencies.

This was contained in a statement jointly signed by the FRSC Spokesperson, Bisi Kazeem, and Public Relations Officer, (NCS), Abdullahi Maiwada, recently.

The collaboration was effected during the official visit of the Acting Comptroller, NCS, Bashir Adeniyi, to the Corps Marshal, FRSC, Dauda Biu, at the national headquarters of the Commission.

Adeniyi emphasised NSC's renewed commitment to working together with the Corps in the area of human

resource development, information, and communication technology, as well as sports.

He stated, among others, that "a handshake and effective consolidation of existing vehicle information in the National Vehicle Identification Scheme database domiciled with the FRSC and vehicle database of the NCS will curb vehicle smuggling, improve revenue generation and enhance national security."

The Corps Marshal, while responding to the Comptroller General, applauded the initiative, stating that the handshake and data sharing would not only strengthen the bond between the two agencies but also positively impact the fight against the smuggling of

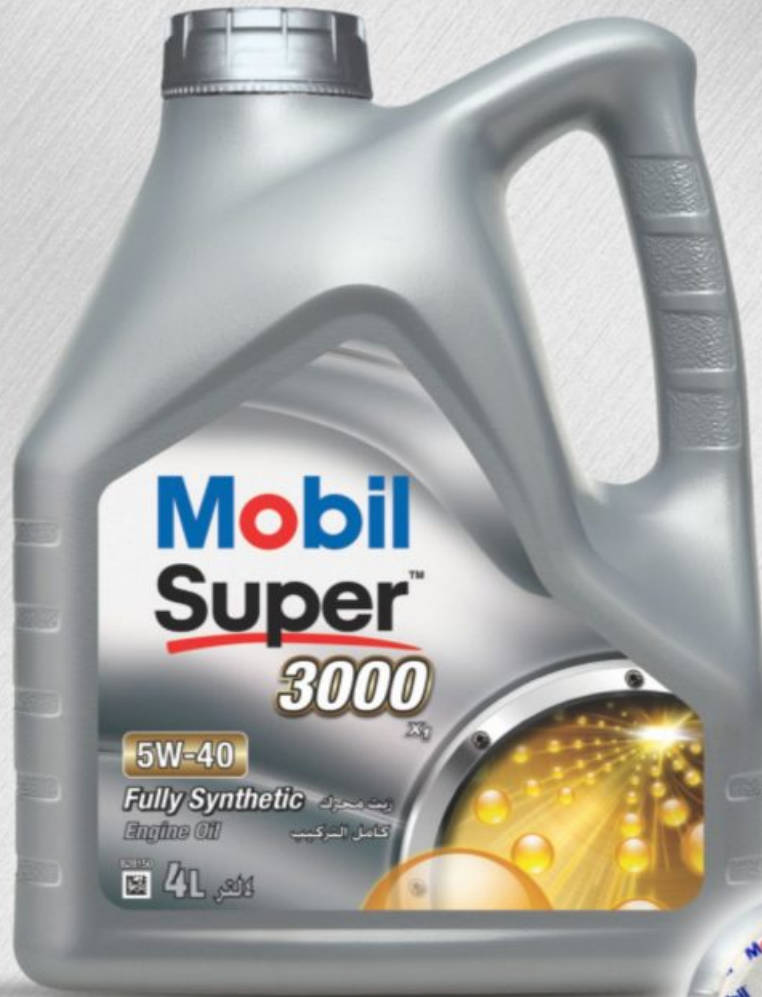
vehicles.

Speaking further, Biu stated emphatically that the "collaboration will also entrench ease of doing business as it will make tracking of vehicles without customs duty certificate very easy for the Corps at the point of registration."

He beckoned on Adeniyi, to make enforcement of restriction of importation of vehicles whose ages are at the point of importation, above the specified legal age limit one of his key priorities.

While decrying the dangers of using fairly used tyres, Biu also seeks enhanced enforcement of the ban on the importation of deadly tyres into the country.

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