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## OSUN POLL: ADELEKE'S CAMP DENIES POLITICAL PACT WITH TINUBU

By Ejikeme Rachael
Delta

The Imole Campaign Council of Osun State Governor Ademola Adeleke has dismissed suggestions that the governor's endorsement of President Bola Tinubu for the 2027 presidential election was based on a political agreement between the two leaders.

The campaign council said Adeleke's support for Tinubu was driven by the President's performance and economic reforms, insisting that there was no pre-arranged political deal behind the governor's position.

The council's spokesperson, Pelumi Olajengbesi, made this known in a post on his X handle on Sunday while reacting to a statement by the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo.

Keyamo had congratulated Adeleke on his re-election and thanked him for publicly endorsing Tinubu for a second term in 2027.

The minister wrote, "Thank you, Governor Ademola Adeleke, for the public and unequivocal endorsement of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the 2027 Presidential Election. You are a man of integrity and honour. 'Agreement is agreement.'"

The remark triggered speculation among some Nigerians that Adeleke's endorsement could be linked to a private political arrangement with the President.

However, Olajengbesi rejected the suggestion, saying Keyamo's reference to an agreement should not diminish the mandate given to Adeleke by Osun voters.

"Do not undermine the resilience of Osun people. There is no agreement," he said.

He explained that the governor's support for Tinubu was based on what he described as the administration's economic reforms and their impact on state governments.

"Our support for President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is based on his performance and reforms that have strengthened states economically," Olajengbesi said.

The campaign council also credited the governor's victory to the decision of Osun voters, while maintaining that the President's role was limited to ensuring that the electoral process was allowed to proceed.

"Osun people voted Ademola Adeleke. President Tinubu simply ensured democratic rules were respected," he added.

The Independent National Electoral Commission declared Adeleke the winner of the August 15 governorship election after he secured 511,067 votes, defeating the All

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Progressives Congress candidate, Bola Oyebamiji, who polled 444,815 votes.

Adeleke's victory secured him a second term as governor of the state.

Following the election, the governor renewed his endorsement of Tinubu's bid for a second term in 2027, describing the President as a son of Osun State.

Keyamo's subsequent reference to an "agreement" between Adeleke and Tinubu has nevertheless continued to fuel political speculation, prompting the governor's camp to clarify that his support for the President was based on policy and performance rather than any political bargain.

## FG LAUNCHES CENTRALISED GATEWAY PORTAL FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES

By Ejikeme Rachael
Delta

The Federal Government of Nigeria, through the Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, has officially launched a unified digital platform, services.gov.ng, designed to provide citizens and business owners with a single, streamlined point of access to a wide spectrum of public services. Previously, accessing government services required navigating multiple agency websites, dealing with fragmented digital channels, or physically visiting administrative offices.

The centralised platform simplifies public administration by unifying essential services, ranging from business registration, trade permits, and identity verifications to official licensing, empowerment opportunities, and civic programs into a user-friendly interface.

It empowers citizens and entrepreneurs to complete applications, verify official information, and access government opportunities online from anywhere, eliminating the need to navigate scattered platforms or rely on unreliable third-party intermediaries.

The initiative aligns with the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, which prioritises digital transformation, institutional transparency, public sector efficiency, and improved service delivery for all Nigerians.

The platform provides direct digital access to business and commerce tools, official identity management services, regulatory licensing, and various government-backed empowerment initiatives.

Furthermore, channeling interactions through a single, officially verified portal eliminates procedural redundancies, cuts down on administrative delays, and safeguards citizens against fraudulent schemes and fake websites.

# ACCESS BANK SEEKS RECOVERY OF ₦1.34BN ALLEGEDLY LOST TO FRAUDSTERS

Access Bank Plc has approached the Federal High Court in Lagos seeking to recover ₦1.34 billion allegedly diverted from the accounts of four customers through unauthorised transactions on its Access SME internet banking platform.

The bank said it discovered the suspected fraud on August 12, 2026, after detecting unusual transactions involving MIB TXN Bullion, Aba Branch; AIICO General Insurance Company Limited; Apogee Engineering Limited; and SIMS Nigeria Limited.

According to court documents, a total of ₦1,340,425,393 was allegedly transferred from the four accounts and subsequently distributed across accounts domiciled with Access Bank and 71 other financial institutions.

The affected accounts were reportedly debited as follows: ₦590,975,889 belonging to MIB TXN Bullion, ₦420,449,504 from AIICO General Insurance Company Limited, ₦136 million from Apogee Engineering Limited and ₦193 million from SIMS Nigeria Limited.


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In an ex-parte application marked FHC/LAG/MISC/1168/2026, Access Bank asked the court to take urgent steps to preserve the funds and prevent further movement pending the determination of the substantive suit.

The bank listed 71 financial institutions as respondents and requested orders directing them to place post-no-debit restrictions on the accounts and Bank Verification Numbers linked to the alleged fraudulent transfers.

It also asked the court to compel the affected financial institutions to disclose the balances remaining in the beneficiary accounts and to watchlist the BVNs associated with the accounts that received the funds.

Access Bank further sought an order for the reversal of any recovered funds into its account. However, the court declined to grant that request at the preliminary stage.

In its affidavit, the bank said its internal investigation indicated that the funds were moved without the authorisation of the affected customers and subsequently distributed among multiple accounts.

The bank said it immediately contacted the affected financial institutions, alerted them to the suspected fraudulent transactions and requested that the funds be preserved while investigations continued.

Access Bank argued that immediate judicial intervention was necessary to prevent the suspected proceeds from being withdrawn, transferred or otherwise dissipated.

It also maintained that preserving the funds was essential to protect its customers and curb cybercrime capable of causing substantial financial and economic losses.

Justice Akintayo Aluko, after considering the submissions of the bank's counsel, Ifeoma E. Enyinnaya, granted three of the reliefs sought by Access Bank.

The judge held that the primary purpose of the application was to preserve the subject matter of the case and prevent the funds from being dissipated before the substantive matter could be determined.

However, Justice Aluko refused the request for immediate reversal of the recovered funds, ruling that granting such an order at that stage could amount to a final determination of part of the substantive dispute.

The court adjourned the case until August 31, 2026, for further proceedings.

Justice Aluko also directed Access Bank's counsel to provide an undertaking as to damages in the event that the interim orders granted by the court are subsequently found to have been unwarranted.

# Tinubu Celebrates Port Harcourt Refinery Revival, Orders Reactivation Of Others

By Regina Egbele-Johnson
Delta

President Bola Tinubu has congratulated the Nigeria National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) on the successful revitalisation of the Port Harcourt refinery and directed the company to accelerate the reactivation of the country's other dormant refineries.

The president's commendation followed the commencement of petroleum product loading at the Port Harcourt refinery on Tuesday, marking a major milestone in the Federal Government's efforts to restore domestic refining capacity.

In a statement issued by his Special Adviser on Information and Strategy, Bayo Onanuga, Tinubu acknowledged the role of former President Muhammadu Buhari in initiating the comprehensive rehabilitation of Nigeria's refineries.

The president also appreciated the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) for providing financing support for the Port Harcourt refinery rehabilitation project.

Tinubu commended the leadership of NNPCL Group Chief Executive Officer, Mele Kyari, describing his commitment and persistence as instrumental to overcoming challenges associated with the project.

Following the successful revival of the Port Harcourt refinery, the president directed NNPCL to expedite the planned reactivation of the second Port Harcourt refinery, as well as the Warri and Kaduna refineries.

"These efforts will significantly enhance domestic production capacity alongside the contributions of privately-owned refineries and make our country a major energy hub, with the gas sector also enjoying unprecedented attention by the administration," the statement said.

Tinubu reiterated his administration's determination to restore Nigeria's public refineries and end the situation where the country, despite being a major crude oil producer, relies heavily on imported refined petroleum products.

He stressed the importance of patience, integrity and accountability in the rehabilitation of critical national infrastructure, urging public officials, institutions and citizens entrusted with national responsibilities to remain focused and uphold the confidence placed in them.

The president said the refinery revival programme aligns with his administration's Renewed Hope Agenda, which seeks to promote shared economic prosperity and strengthen the country's energy sector.

He reaffirmed his commitment to achieving greater energy sufficiency, improving national energy security and increasing Nigeria's capacity to export refined petroleum products.

# Comments & Analysis

## TINUBU APPROVES DEEP OFFSHORE REFORM TO UNLOCK $50 BILLION INVESTMENT

Regina Egbele–Johnson

President Bola Tinubu's approval of a new deep offshore investment framework is a significant attempt to address one of Nigeria's longstanding problems in the oil and gas sector: **investment uncertainty**.

The proposed framework is important because it moves away from the previous practice of negotiating incentives and terms on a project-by-project basis. A transparent, rules-based system could give international oil companies greater confidence that the conditions under which they commit billions of dollars will remain predictable.

The potential economic impact is substantial. If the framework succeeds in unlocking up to **$50 billion in deep offshore investment**, Nigeria could benefit from increased oil production, government revenue, foreign exchange inflows, local contracting opportunities and employment. The revival of projects such as the roughly **$10 billion Bonga South West development** could also signal renewed confidence in Nigeria's petroleum industry.

However, the announcement should be viewed as **an opportunity rather than an achievement already delivered**. Nigeria has announced investment reforms before, but implementation, regulatory consistency, fiscal stability, security, contracting delays and infrastructure constraints have often discouraged investors.

The real test will therefore be whether the new framework translates quickly into **final investment decisions, project approvals, construction activity and actual capital inflows**. Investors will be watching not only the incentives offered but also whether government institutions consistently apply the rules.

There is also a broader lesson here. Nigeria cannot depend indefinitely on crude oil alone. While attracting $50 billion into deep offshore production could strengthen the economy in the short and medium term, the country should use the resulting revenues to accelerate diversification, improve infrastructure and develop its gas and broader energy sectors.

Overall, the reform is a **potentially positive development**. If it provides genuine fiscal and regulatory certainty and is implemented transparently, it could revive Nigeria's offshore investment pipeline. But the credibility of the policy will ultimately be measured by **how much investment actually arrives, how quickly projects move from approval to production, and how much value Nigerians receive from the resulting economic activity**.

## IN THE NEWS

President Bola Tinubu has approved a new investment framework aimed at attracting up to $50 billion in deep offshore oil and gas investments and reviving major projects that have remained stalled in Nigeria.

The Presidency disclosed the development in a statement issued on Tuesday in Abuja by the Presidential Spokesperson, Bayo Onanuga.

The new framework replaces the previous project-by-project negotiation approach with a transparent, rules-based system designed to provide investors with greater certainty and encourage long-term commitments to Nigeria's offshore petroleum sector.

According to the Presidency, the reform will support a new generation of deep offshore developments, beginning with the approximately $10 billion Bonga South West project.

The initiative followed President Tinubu's engagement with Shell plc Chief Executive Officer, Wael Sawan, where both sides discussed measures to unlock Nigeria's deep offshore investment pipeline.
Rather than relying on individual solutions for specific projects, the Federal Government has introduced a comprehensive framework that applies to multiple qualifying developments.

## BUHARI, EMEFIELE DESERVE CREDIT FOR DANGOTE REFINERY, NOT TINUBU — RUFAI OSENI

By Ejikeme Rachael
Delta

Arise Television presenter Rufai Oseni has challenged claims that President Bola Tinubu's administration should take credit for the establishment and growth of the Dangote Refinery, arguing that the project was largely enabled by policies implemented under former President Muhammadu Buhari.

Oseni made the remarks on Monday while responding to comments by the Chairman of the Nigeria Revenue Service, Zacch Adedeji, who recently highlighted the economic achievements of the Tinubu administration.

Adedeji in an interview where he discussed the government's revenue performance and pointed to the increasing role of the Dangote Refinery in meeting Nigeria's domestic fuel demand.

Reacting to the comments, Oseni argued that the refinery predates the Tinubu administration and that the economic environment created during Buhari's tenure played a significant role in enabling the project.

According to the broadcaster, former Central Bank of Nigeria Governor Godwin Emefiele also deserves recognition for maintaining relative stability in the naira during the period when the refinery was being developed.

"When they try to say Dangote Refinery is a product of this administration? It's not a product of this administration," Oseni said.

He argued that the exchange-rate environment under Buhari and Emefiele helped Aliko Dangote finance and complete the massive refinery project.

"It was the same Buhari administration that kept Naira stable, and the Emefiele they call names today was the one that kept Naira stable so that Dangote would be able to build that refinery," he added.

Oseni also questioned the effectiveness of the government's crude oil supply arrangements with the refinery, claiming that Dangote still has to source Nigerian crude through international markets.

"Do you know that Dangote still has to go and buy Nigerian crude on the international market and bring it back?" he asked. While acknowledging that the Tinubu administration had recorded some economic gains, the television anchor argued that those achievements should be considered alongside the broader consequences of the government's economic policies.

He said the administration had recorded "some wins" but maintained that businesses and ordinary Nigerians were still dealing with the consequences of economic disruptions.

"Yes, it got some wins. I mean, we don't shy away from that," Oseni said, while stressing that the negative effects of the policies on the economy should not be ignored.

He pointed to the losses suffered by the corporate sector as a result of foreign exchange challenges and argued that the impact on the wider economy and individuals should also be properly measured.
Oseni questioned whether the government could adequately quantify the financial burden borne by ordinary Nigerians as a result of the economic difficulties.

"The individual cost on the lives of people that you and I are both paying, can they bring out that cost?" he asked. His comments have renewed debate over the respective roles of previous and current administrations in the development of the Dangote Refinery and the policies surrounding Nigeria's energy and foreign exchange sectors.

## DANIELA OWOEYE: UTME TOP SCORER CREDITS PREP50 FOR SUCCESS

By Egbele-Johnson Regina
Delta

Daniela Owoeye, the highest-scoring candidate in the 2026 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), has revealed how disciplined preparation, concept-based learning and the use of Prep50 contributed to her remarkable score of 372.

Owoeye made the disclosure during an interview with Emeka Ejeziem, Chief Executive Officer of Deacons Publishers Limited, the publisher of the Prep50 series.

According to the UTME top scorer, she began preparing for the examination around September by studying past questions, using online tutorials and consulting other learning materials. However, she said her revision became more organised after she introduced Prep50 into her preparation.

She described the topic-by-topic structure of the study material as particularly helpful because it followed the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) syllabus.

Owoeye explained that each topic was broken down and summarised before the practice questions, making it easier for her to identify areas where her understanding was weak.

She said the approach also reduced the feeling of being overwhelmed by the large volume of material required for the examination. The outstanding candidate further noted that Prep50 served as a useful supplement to her teachers, textbooks and online lessons, particularly when she needed to confirm answers or clarify concepts she found difficult.

Asked whether she would have achieved the same score without the material, Owoeye said she could not say for certain, but acknowledged that Prep50 had become one of her major revision tools in the weeks before the examination.

She said she used it extensively during her final preparation because it helped her discover concepts she might otherwise have overlooked and gave her a more structured approach to revision. Beyond the study materials she used, Owoeye said understanding concepts rather than simply memorising answers was central to her success.

She advised UTME candidates to focus on the ideas behind examination questions, carefully assess the available options and learn to recognise common traps that could lead to wrong answers.
The 2026 top scorer also challenged the belief that candidates must spend up to 15 hours studying every day to perform exceptionally well.

According to her, she averaged about eight hours of study daily, but placed greater emphasis on the quality, consistency and effectiveness of her preparation.

She identified regular Computer-Based Test (CBT) practice, proper time management and continuous revision as other important factors that contributed to her performance.

During the examination itself, Owoeye advised candidates to tackle questions they found easier before moving to more difficult ones, pointing out that all questions carry equal marks.

She also warned prospective UTME candidates against depending exclusively on past questions, urging them to combine them with textbooks, classroom instruction, mock examinations and concept-focused study.
Owoeye maintained that outstanding UTME performance is not limited to students considered naturally brilliant.

Instead, she said candidates who consistently prepare, identify their weak areas early and deliberately work on improving them can achieve excellent results.

The interview was organised by Deacons Publishers Limited to highlight the preparation methods and study experience of the 2026 UTME highest-scoring candidate, including her use of the Prep50 series.

# UNDERSTANDING SCUML: WHY NIGERIAN BUSINESSES MUST COMPLY

**By Ejikeme Augustine Eloka**

In Nigeria's effort to combat financial crimes such as money laundering and terrorism financing, the **Special Control Unit Against Money Laundering (SCUML)** plays a critical regulatory role. Many business owners, especially small and medium enterprises, often hear about SCUML but do not fully understand what it means or why compliance is necessary.

**What is SCUML?**

SCUML is a specialized unit under the **Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)** established to monitor and regulate **Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs)** in Nigeria.

Its main responsibility is to ensure that businesses that are vulnerable to money laundering activities operate transparently and comply with anti–money laundering regulations.

**Businesses Required to Register with SCUML**

SCUML registration is mandatory for several categories of businesses, including:

Real estate companies
Hotels and hospitality businesses
Supermarkets and large retail stores
Car dealers
Dealers in precious stones and metals
Audit firms, accountants, and tax consultants
NGOs and non-profit organizations
Law firms and consultants
Construction companies handling large financial transactions

These sectors are considered sensitive because they can be used to conceal illegal funds if proper monitoring is not in place.


SPECIAL CONTROL UNIT AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING
(SCUML)
RN: SC 3[redacted]
Certificate of Registration
I hereby certify that
[redacted]
Has been duly registered in accordance with the provisions of Section 17(2)(a) of the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022 and any other Law or Regulation.
Director
Date of Issue: [redacted]
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**Requirements for SCUML Registration**

To obtain a SCUML certificate, a business typically needs to provide:

Certificate of incorporation from the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
Memorandum and Articles of Association
Company address and contact details
Directors' information
Nature of business activities

Registration is usually done online through the SCUML portal and is **free of charge**.

**Why SCUML Compliance Matters**

SCUML compliance offers several benefits:

**Legal Protection** – It shows that your business complies with Nigeria's anti–money laundering laws.
**Business Credibility** – Many financial institutions now require SCUML certificates before opening corporate accounts or processing large transactions.
**Government Compliance** – It aligns businesses with federal regulations on financial transparency.
**Access to Contracts** – Many government agencies and large organizations require SCUML certification before awarding contracts.

**Obligations After Registration**

After obtaining the certificate, businesses must:

Keep proper records of transactions
Identify and verify customers involved in large financial dealings
Report suspicious transactions to SCUML
Implement internal anti–money laundering procedures

Failure to comply with these regulations may attract sanctions or penalties.

**Conclusion**

As Nigeria strengthens its financial monitoring systems, SCUML compliance has become an essential requirement for many businesses. Business owners are therefore encouraged to register and maintain proper records to ensure transparency and avoid legal complications.

For entrepreneurs and companies operating in sectors that handle large financial transactions, obtaining a SCUML certificate is not just a regulatory requirement—it is also a step toward building a trustworthy and credible business environment.

# WHY BUSY PEOPLE ARE OFTEN BROKE

**By Andrew Tongbe**

Being busy feels productive. It gives a sense of importance, motion, and effort. Yet, for many people, busyness is not a sign of progress—it is often a mask for poor direction.

Across markets, offices, and small businesses, countless individuals move all day without measuring results. They wake up early, close late, attend meetings, make calls, and run errands, yet their financial situation remains unchanged. The problem is not lack of effort; it is lack of structure.

Consider the shop owner who opens daily but never checks profit. Sales are made, goods move, but expenses quietly swallow income. Or the marketer who runs from one client to another without building a system that works without constant presence. In both cases, activity replaces progress.

Busy people tend to react. They respond to problems as they arise, chase urgent tasks, and fill their days with motion. Wealthy people, on the other hand, design. They plan systems, track outcomes, and focus on what actually produces income and growth.

The difference is not energy—it is direction.

To escape the trap of busyness, a few simple habits can make a powerful difference. At the end of each day, ask a clear question: What truly moved me forward today? Identify one activity that produced no result and be honest about it. Replace movement with measurement by tracking profit, growth, or impact. Focus on one income-driving task daily, not ten distracting ones. Reduce unnecessary busyness and protect time for what matters.

Movement alone is not progress. Direction is.

Until effort is guided by purpose and measurement, busyness will continue to feel productive while delivering little reward.

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## EDITORIAL

# Why Computer Laboratory Studies Should Be Compulsory in All Schools in Delta State

In today's digital age, computer education is no longer a luxury but a necessity. As the world rapidly embraces technology in every aspect of life, it has become imperative for Delta State to make Computer Laboratory Studies a compulsory subject in all primary and secondary schools.

The future belongs to those who can effectively use technology. From banking and healthcare to engineering, agriculture, journalism, and government administration, computers have become essential tools for productivity and innovation. Unfortunately, many students in rural and underserved communities still graduate from secondary school with little or no practical computer knowledge. This places them at a disadvantage when competing for higher education opportunities and employment in the modern economy.

Making Computer Laboratory Studies compulsory would ensure that every student acquires basic digital literacy skills. Students would learn how to operate computers, use productivity software, access information responsibly, and develop problem-solving skills through technology. These competencies are now considered as important as reading, writing, and arithmetic.
Furthermore, compulsory computer education would support Delta State's vision for economic growth and youth empowerment. The global digital economy offers countless opportunities in software development, digital marketing, graphic design, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and online entrepreneurship. Equipping students with foundational computer skills from an early age will prepare them to participate actively in these emerging sectors.

The benefits extend beyond employment. Technology enhances learning across all subjects. Students can conduct research, access educational resources, participate in virtual learning, and develop critical thinking skills. Schools with functional computer laboratories are better positioned to deliver quality education that meets international standards.

However, making Computer Laboratory Studies compulsory must be accompanied by adequate investment. Government, private organizations, and community stakeholders should collaborate to provide well-equipped computer laboratories, reliable electricity, internet connectivity, and qualified instructors. Teacher training programs should also be strengthened to ensure effective delivery of computer education.

Delta State has long been recognized for its commitment to educational advancement. Introducing compulsory Computer Laboratory Studies across all schools would further demonstrate the state's readiness to prepare its young population for the challenges and opportunities of the twenty-first century.

The world is becoming increasingly digital. Delta State cannot afford to leave its students behind. Computer Laboratory Studies should be made compulsory in all schools, not merely as an academic subject, but as a strategic investment in the future of our children and the development of our state.

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## DELTA STATE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OPENS RECRUITMENT FOR NEW OFFICERS

By Ighomina oreva
Delta

The Delta State Traffic Management Authority (DESTMA) has announced the commencement of recruitment for suitably qualified candidates into various cadres of the Authority.

According to the recruitment announcement signed by the Director of Administration, **Onomroba Irene**, the exercise is open to eligible indigenes of Delta State who meet the stipulated educational, physical and other requirements.

The positions available include **Road Traffic Officer, Road Traffic Superintendent and Traffic Assistant**.

**Available Positions and Qualifications**
Candidates with **B.Sc, B.Eng or B.A. (Hons.)** qualifications may apply for the Traffic Officer II position at **Grade Level 08**, while holders of **HND** may be considered for Higher Traffic Superintendent II, also at Grade Level 08.

Applicants with **ND** qualifications can apply for the Assistant Traffic Superintendent position at **Grade Level 06**, while candidates with **WAEC, GCE, NECO or NABTEB** qualifications may apply for the Traffic Assistant cadre at **Grade Level 04**.

The Authority listed several eligible degree and HND disciplines, including **Mechanical Engineering, Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Transportation Management, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Criminology, Security Studies, Accountancy, Statistics, Business Administration, English Language/Linguistics, Mass Communication, Sociology, Psychology and Music**, among other relevant disciplines.

For Mass Communication applicants, the announcement specifically mentioned areas such as **Graphic Design, Digital Media and Information Communication Technology**.

**Traffic Assistant Applicants**
Candidates applying under the Traffic Assistant category are required to possess a **First School Leaving Certificate** and a Senior Secondary School Certificate such as WAEC, GCE, NECO or NABTEB.

Applicants must have at least **four credits at one sitting or five credits at not more than two sittings**, including English Language and Mathematics.

The Authority also listed eligible trades and crafts, including **light-duty Driver/Mechanic, heavy-duty/Truck Driver/Mechanic, Plumber, Electrician, Uniform Tailor and Day & Night Security Guard**, among others.

For candidates applying under the trade/craft categories, **Trade Test I, II or III is mandatory**.
**General Requirements**
DESTMA stated that applicants must be **indigenes of Delta State**, be of good character and possess a valid Local Government Area certificate of origin.

Applicants must also be medically and physically fit and have no criminal record or affiliation with any cult group.
Candidates applying for graduate positions must have completed the **National Youth Service Corps (NYSC)** programme or possess a valid exemption certificate. Graduate applicants are also required to be computer literate.
The stated age limit for applicants is **16 to 40 years**.

The recruitment notice further states that shortlisted female applicants who are pregnant must produce a pregnancy test certificate from a government hospital.

**Application Is Free**
DESTMA emphasized that the recruitment exercise is **100 per cent free of charge** and warned applicants against dealing with agents or individuals demanding money.
Interested candidates are required to submit their information and credentials through the Authority's recruitment portal at **www.destma.ng**.

The application deadline is **Monday, September 7, 2026**, with the recruitment exercise commencing from August 10, 2026.
**Documents Required for Interview**
Shortlisted candidates are expected to come for the interview with hard copies or computer printouts and photocopies of relevant documents, including:
Curriculum Vitae (CV)
Educational certificates and qualifications
NYSC certificate, where applicable
Birth certificate or declaration of age
Two passport photographs
Valid means of identification, including NIN
Valid driver's licence for applicants seeking Motor Driver/Mechanic positions
Guarantor's form with two referees
DESTMA also warned that any certificate or qualification not declared during recruitment cannot subsequently be presented for career progression within the Authority.

The Authority cautioned that **canvassing will lead to disqualification** and stated that it would not be responsible for any cash transaction connected with the recruitment exercise.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for the interview.

## ADELEKE ACCUSES OYETOLA OF THREATENING TO RIG OSUN GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION

By Ighomina oreva
Delta

Osun State Governor Ademola Adeleke has accused the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, of threatening to manipulate the outcome of the August 15 governorship election.

Adeleke made the allegation in a statement issued on Sunday by his spokesperson, Olawale Rasheed, in response to comments made by Oyetola during a meeting with All Progressives Congress (APC) stakeholders and supporters in Osun State.

Oyetola, a former governor of the state, had urged Adeleke to prepare to concede defeat in the election, insisting that the APC was determined to reclaim the governorship seat.

The minister, who lost his re-election bid to Adeleke in the 2022 governorship election, also dismissed the significance of Adeleke's recent endorsement of President Bola Tinubu for the 2027 presidential election.
Oyetola argued that the governor's endorsement of Tinubu would not stop the APC from defeating the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the Osun governorship contest.

His comments followed allegations by Adeleke that APC members and Accord Party supporters were being subjected to intimidation ahead of the election.

Speaking in Yoruba, Oyetola said the governor's complaints indicat-

ed that he had become aware that his political influence in the state was declining.

He said Adeleke's endorsement of the APC and Tinubu would not save his administration from defeat.
"If you like, make 10 endorsements, we will collect this one from you," Oyetola said. Reacting, Adeleke interpreted the minister's statement that the APC would "collect" the governorship seat as an indication of plans to manipulate the election.

The governor described the remarks as an "open threat" against the conduct of a free and credible election and called on democracy advocates and relevant authorities to pay attention to the development.
Adeleke specifically interpreted Oyetola's Yoruba expression, "A maa gba lowo e," as meaning that the APC would "snatch it from him."

The governor also argued that his decision to endorse President Tinubu demonstrated his political strength and his ability to mobilise support for the President ahead of the 2027 presidential election.
According to Adeleke, the endorsement was evidence of his willingness to work across political lines in the interest of Osun State and the President's re-election bid.

Adeleke Accuses Oyetola Of Undermining APC. Beyond the election controversy, Adeleke accused Oyetola of damaging the reputation of the Tinubu administration and weakening the APC's support base in Osun State.
The governor described the minister's activities as "anti-people" and "anti-democracy," alleging that they were contributing to the growing dissatisfaction with the APC among residents.

"Oyetola's anti-people, anti-democracy activities are tarnishing the image of Mr President and deepening the unpopularity of Osun APC among voters and residents," Adeleke said.

He further maintained that Oyetola's remarks had effectively reinforced previous allegations that the APC was more focused on manipulating the electoral process than winning the confidence of voters.
"A serving minister of the Republic had made an open threat against a free and fair election," the governor said.

Adeleke urged electoral authorities and security agencies to ensure that the August 15 election is conducted peacefully and transparently, warning against any attempt to undermine the will of Osun voters.

## NBA: EFCC CANNOT UNILATERALLY FREEZE OSUN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS WITHOUT COURT ORDER

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The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) has faulted the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) over its directive to freeze the bank account of the Osun State Government, arguing that the anti-graft agency lacks the legal authority to impose such restrictions without obtaining a court order.

The NBA warned that the Post-No-Debit (PND) directive issued by the EFCC could significantly disrupt the operations of the state government if enforced.

The controversy follows a directive by the EFCC instructing First Bank to halt withdrawals from Osun State's statutory allocation account as part of an ongoing investigation into the alleged misuse of public funds.

The directive was contained in a letter dated August 5, 2026, and signed by Adenike Babalola, an Assistant Commander of the EFCC, on behalf of the agency's Director of Investigation.

Reacting to the development, Osun State Governor Ademola Adeleke condemned the action, accusing federal agencies of undermining the constitutional rights of subnational governments.

Defending its decision, the EFCC said the account was frozen as part of an investigation into the alleged fraudulent handling of about **₦11 billion** in ecological and intervention funds.

According to the commission, investigations into the matter began in March 2026. The agency claimed it observed large transfers from the account to several corporate entities beginning on August 2, prompting the decision to restrict withdrawals pending the outcome of its investigation.

Speaking in an interview, outgoing NBA President Afam Osigwe argued that while the EFCC has the authority to investigate suspected financial crimes, it cannot unilaterally freeze a state's bank account without judicial approval.

According to him, where there is credible evidence that an account is being used to facilitate fraud, the appropriate legal procedure is for the anti-graft agency to obtain a court order authorising such action.
Osigwe described the EFCC's directive as unconstitutional, warning that freezing a state government's account without due process could paralyse governance and exceed the commission's statutory powers.

He maintained that any decision to freeze the account of an individual, organisation or government must be supported by a valid legal basis and authorised by a competent court.

The senior lawyer also urged the bank to act in accordance with the law, stressing that due process must be followed in matters involving the restriction of public funds.

The dispute has further intensified the debate over the extent of the EFCC's investigative powers and the constitutional safeguards governing the financial autonomy and operations of state governments.

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## ICPC UNCOVERS OFFICIAL WHO ENROLLED 14 FAMILY MEMBERS ON GOVERNMENT PAYROLL

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The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has uncovered cases of alleged payroll fraud involving government officials who reportedly enrolled relatives as employees and collected multiple salaries.

ICPC Chairman, Musa Aliyu, disclosed this on Thursday in Abuja while delivering the keynote address at the 2026 Economic Confidential Lecture and National Spokespersons Award organised by Image Merchants Promotions Limited.

Aliyu revealed that one official allegedly enrolled 14 members of his family on the government payroll, while another registered his wife, children and other relatives and collected 13 salaries.

According to him, the findings emerged from an extensive investigation into ghost workers and payroll manipulation, which lasted about a year.

"We discovered that one person enrolled 14 members of his family," Aliyu said. The ICPC chairman disclosed that about 900 suspected ghost workers had been identified, with their names published to enable them to establish that they were legitimate government employees.

He explained that some of the fraudulent entries appeared genuine because the names and email addresses were listed on official payroll systems, while the bank account details belonged to different individuals.
Aliyu warned that payroll fraud could extend beyond salaries to other government-funded benefits, including pensions, mortgages, housing funds and health insurance.

"Once there is a ghost worker, there is a ghost pension, there is a ghost mortgage, there is a ghost housing fund, there is ghost health insurance," he said.

He further disclosed that the commission recovered more than N24 billion in ghost pension funds in 2024 as part of its efforts to protect public resources.

Aliyu said the ICPC was increasingly prioritising preventive measures and interventions over criminal prosecution, arguing that stopping corruption before public funds were lost was more effective.
"It is better for us to do that than to engage in filing criminal charges. How many charges can we file?" he asked.

He added that the commission had recovered or secured government resources through interventions in public projects and other areas, stressing that the ultimate objective was to ensure that Nigerians derived value from government expenditure.

The ICPC chairman also advocated greater reliance on data and technology in the fight against corruption, saying access to reliable information would strengthen transparency, accountability and public confidence in anti-corruption efforts.

## NIGERIA EXCEEDS OPEC QUOTA FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH DESPITE 4% PRODUCTION DROP

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Delta

Nigeria has exceeded its OPEC crude oil production quota for the third consecutive month, despite a four per cent decline in output in July 2026, according to the latest data from the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC).

The country produced an average of 1.505 million barrels per day (mbpd) of crude oil in July, surpassing its OPEC quota of 1.5mbpd. An additional 0.17mbpd of condensate was produced during the month, bringing total daily liquids production to 1.67mbpd.

NUPRC data showed that Nigeria's combined crude oil and condensate production reached a daily peak of 1.78mbpd in July, while the lowest daily output stood at 1.57mbpd.

Despite meeting its OPEC target, crude oil production declined by four per cent compared with the previous month. The upstream regulator attributed the drop to operational challenges at the Erha and Akpo fields, which disrupted production during the period and affected overall national output.

The NUPRC said production difficulties at the two fields contributed significantly to the decline, although operations across most other producing assets remained relatively stable.

Operators, it added, implemented measures to sustain production efficiency and limit the impact of the disruptions. The July performance came after Nigeria recorded another strong month in June, when crude oil and condensate production averaged 1,735,398 barrels per day.

NUPRC data showed that crude oil production alone reached 1.56mbpd in June, while condensate production stood at 0.18mbpd. The crude oil figure represented 104 per cent of Nigeria's 1.5mbpd OPEC quota.

The June performance also marked the fourth consecutive month of production growth and represented the country's highest monthly average crude oil output since April 2020.

At 1.56mbpd, June's crude production marked a 74-month high for Nigeria, excluding condensates.
The NUPRC said the latest figures reflect continued efforts by operators and regulators to improve production despite operational challenges affecting some major oil fields.

Nigeria's ability to sustain production above its OPEC quota is expected to remain important to government efforts to increase crude oil output, boost export earnings and strengthen revenue from the petroleum sector.

## TINUBU IS NIGERIA'S WORST PRESIDENT, PRP CHAIRMAN HAKEEM BABA-AHMED SAYS

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The National Chairman of the People's Redemption Party (PRP), Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, has described President Bola Tinubu as the worst leader Nigeria has ever had, while warning that the North would suffer further hardship if he wins the 2027 presidential election.

Baba-Ahmed made the remarks during an interview with Symfoni TV, where he criticised the Tinubu administration over what he described as poor governance and a growing disconnect between the government and Nigerians.

According to the PRP chairman, the North would be "finished" if Tinubu secures another term in office, alleging that the administration has failed to adequately address the economic and security challenges confronting citizens.

"The North will be finished if Tinubu wins in 2027. He's the worst President ever in the history of Nigeria. The problem is the disconnect between the government and the people," Baba-Ahmed said.

He also criticised Tinubu's response to concerns reportedly raised by Catholic bishops during their meeting with the President at the Presidential Villa in Abuja.

Baba-Ahmed said the bishops had approached the President respectfully and raised concerns about hunger, insecurity and other challenges affecting Nigerians.

However, he accused Tinubu of dismissing the concerns instead of acknowledging the difficulties being experienced by citizens.

The PRP chairman argued that the President's reported disagreement with the bishops over the state of the country demonstrated what he described as a failure to understand the realities facing Nigerians.

"Catholic bishops went to the President. These are highly respected people. They must have thought that it would be a good outing for him. Otherwise, he wouldn't even have agreed to meet them," he said.

According to him, the bishops told the President that Nigerians were unhappy with the government and struggling with hunger, insecurity and other socioeconomic difficulties.

Baba-Ahmed said Tinubu's alleged rejection of those concerns, despite what he described as evidence of hardship across the country, was an indication of ineffective leadership.

He further accused the administration of becoming increasingly disconnected from the people, insisting that government policies should reflect the realities Nigerians face daily.

The PRP chairman's comments come amid growing political debate ahead of the 2027 general elections, with opposition figures and political groups intensifying their criticism of the Tinubu administration and its record in office.

## OYINLOLA DENIES ADELEKE'S CLAIM, SAYS OSUN GOVERNMENT GAVE HIM OFFICIAL VEHICLE

Former Osun State Governor, Olagunsoye Oyinlola, has dismissed claims that incumbent Governor Ademola Adeleke personally bought or gave him a vehicle.

Oyinlola made the clarification on Thursday during an interview on Channels Television's *Politics Today*, explaining that the vehicle was provided to him as part of benefits guaranteed to former governors under a law enacted by the Osun State House of Assembly.

According to the former governor, the vehicle was not a personal gift from Adeleke but an obligation of the Osun State Government in line with existing legislation.

Oyinlola said the law stipulates that former governors are entitled to have their official vehicles replaced every four years. He noted that he had been out of office for 16 years, meaning the vehicle allocated to him should have been replaced several times under the provision.

"That is far from the truth, and it is a sad development that a governor will continue to tell lies," Oyinlola said.
The former governor stressed that the benefit applies to all eligible former governors and is not dependent on who occupies the governor's office at any particular time.

"One of the things that is accrued to a former governor is that for every four years, his vehicle should be changed. It wasn't Adeleke that gave me a car but Osun State government. It is a law," he stated.

Oyinlola's comments come amid heightened political activity in Osun State ahead of the August 15 governorship election, with political actors trading allegations and counter-allegations over governance and political leadership in the state.

The former governor's position seeks to clarify that the vehicle he received was a statutory benefit provided by the state government, rather than a personal gesture by Governor Adeleke.