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CHARTING A SAFER COURSE: NSIB AND NIGERIAN NAVY COLLABORATE FOR ENHANCED MARITIME SAFETY

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The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) and the Nigerian Navy have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at improving collaboration in accident prevention, investigation, and mitigation within Nigeria's maritime environment. This strategic agreement, formalized at the Naval headquarters in Abuja, was attended by key officials, including NSIB Director General Captain Alex Badeh Jr. and Rear Admiral Ibrahim Dewu, Chief of Naval Safety and Standards.

The MoU establishes a framework for cooperation between the two institutions in various areas, including accident prevention, research, capacity building, and search and rescue operations. With a strong emphasis on maritime safety, the agreement will enable the Nigerian Navy to support NSIB through its operational expertise in diving, search and rescue, and site security during investigations. In turn, NSIB will provide specialized training to Navy personnel on accident investigation and prevention and grant access to its advanced laboratory facilities for data analysis and research purposes.

Captain Badeh Jr. expressed confidence that this collaboration would significantly enhance efforts to prevent accidents and safeguard lives in Nigerian waters. "This MoU represents a critical step in enhancing our ability to effectively investigate and mitigate maritime accidents in Nigeria. The Nigerian Navy's expertise and resources in search and rescue operations, diving, and maritime security will greatly complement the Bureau's investigative capacity. Together, we are committed to preventing future accidents, improving safety, and safeguarding lives within Nigeria's waters," Captain Badeh stated. Rear Admiral Ibrahim Dewu echoed this sentiment, affirming the Navy's readiness to provide operational support to ensure timely and thorough investigations of maritime incidents.

Beyond immediate maritime safety, this agreement aligns with Nigeria's broader transportation safety goals, as the NSIB is tasked with ensuring safety across air, rail, and maritime sectors. This MoU is part of a comprehensive strategy to enhance operational efficiency and cross-sectoral cooperation in accident investigation and prevention.

With Nigeria's increasing reliance on maritime infrastructure for domestic and international trade, this partnership represents a proactive response to the growing complexities of maritime activities. It underscores a shared commitment to adopting global best practices in safety and strengthening Nigeria's capacity to respond to and prevent maritime accidents.

The gains from the MoU between the NSIB and the Nigerian Navy are far-reaching. This forward-thinking collaboration aims to create a safer maritime environment. Both institutions have pledged ongoing cooperation, resource sharing, and continuous engagement to meet the evolving challenges of maritime safety in Nigeria.

By harnessing their combined strengths, the NSIB and the Nigerian Navy are charting a new course to ensure the safety and security of Nigeria's waterways, safeguard lives, and protect the nation's maritime assets for years to come.

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About NSIB: The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau is the multimodal transport agency charged with the mandate of promoting transport safety and conducting objective, thorough, and accurate investigations into transport accidents and incidents in Nigeria with the aim of identifying the probable causes and advocating for safety improvements based on our findings.

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