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# DG FELICITATES MUSLIM UMMAH, URGES CONTINUED PIETY, UNITY



The Director General of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau, Capt. Alex Badeh Jr., has extended warm felicitations to the Muslim Ummah within the Bureau and across Nigeria on the successful completion of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid-el-Fitr.

In his Sallah message, he commended Muslims for their discipline, devotion, and generosity throughout the fasting period. He noted that Eid marks a time of gratitude and reflection, urging the faithful to sustain the values of piety, compassion, and self-restraint in their daily lives and professional conduct.

He also drew attention to the increased

movement of people during the festive period, calling on travellers and transport operators across the aviation, rail, and maritime sectors to remain vigilant. He stressed that strict adherence to safety protocols is essential, especially during peak travel periods when risks tend to rise.

The Director General reaffirmed the Bureau's commitment to advancing transport safety through thorough investigations and timely recommendations. He also called for prayers for national unity and for the continued success of ongoing reforms within the Bureau. On behalf of management and staff, he wished Nigerians a peaceful and incident-free Eid-el-Fitr celebration.

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# NSIB BOLSTERS INVESTIGATIVE PRECISION WITH NATIONWIDE POWER BI DATA ANALYTICS TRAINING

**T**he Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau has launched a nationwide Power BI data analytics training programme aimed at strengthening the capacity of its investigators and ICT personnel.

The initiative forms part of the Bureau's broader digital reform agenda under the leadership of Capt. Alex Badeh Jr., with a focus on shifting from reactive investigations to data-driven, preventive safety strategies. Participants are being equipped with skills to interpret complex datasets, identify patterns, and produce more accurate and insightful investigation reports across aviation, maritime, and rail sectors.

The first phase of the programme was held in Lagos from March 2 to 6, 2026, where participants received hands-on training in data modelling, dashboard creation, and real-world application of analytics in accident investigations. The integration of Power BI into operational workflows is

expected to improve how investigators convert raw data into actionable safety insights.

Following the Lagos session, the Bureau has scheduled additional training phases in Abuja from March 24 to 28 and Kano from April 6 to 10, ensuring that staff across all regions develop consistent analytical capabilities.

Speaking on the programme, the General Manager of the Learning and Development Unit, Hajia Ramatu, stressed that modern investigation work now depends heavily on data science alongside physical evidence. She noted that strengthening analytical capacity will improve the Bureau's ability to prevent future occurrences through informed recommendations.

The Bureau reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing transport safety through continuous capacity development and improved investigative processes.



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# NSIB, UK-RAIB PARTNER TO BOOST CAPACITY AND STRENGTHEN RAIL SAFETY



**T**he Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau has entered into a strategic partnership with the United Kingdom's Rail Accident Investigation Branch to strengthen rail safety and investigative capacity.

As part of the collaboration, the Director General led a delegation to the RAIB operational centre in Derby, United Kingdom, where engagements focused on aligning Nigeria's rail accident investigation framework with global standards.



The visit featured peer reviews, technical exchanges, and assessments of quality assurance systems, digital tools, and investigator competencies. NSIB officials also examined established investigative models and operational systems with a view to adapting proven practices to Nigeria's

expanding rail network.

The partnership is expected to enhance institutional capacity, improve investigative outcomes, and support the development of a more robust and globally aligned rail safety system in Nigeria.

# NSIB, NNPC STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION ON HELICOPTER CRASH INVESTIGATION



The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau held a technical follow-up meeting with the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited to review progress on the investigation into the October 2024 helicopter crash involving NNPC personnel.

Welcoming the delegation, the Director General, Capt. Alex Badeh Jr., expressed condolences over the loss of lives and reaffirmed the Bureau's commitment to a thorough and independent investigation. He explained that the timeline has been influenced by the complexity of the case.

The Head of Safety at NNPC Ltd., Mr. Akpabio Esien, described the meeting as an opportunity to obtain updates and

reiterated the company's interest in identifying the root cause and receiving comprehensive safety recommendations.

Providing an update, the lead investigator, Engr. Henry Nwanyanwu, disclosed that the report is at its final stage despite technical challenges encountered during the process. He stated that a draft report will be shared with stakeholders by the end of May 2026, followed by a 60-day review period before final publication.

Both organisations reaffirmed their commitment to transparency, collaboration, and the implementation of safety recommendations that will help prevent future occurrences.

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# NSIB HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETING TO ENHANCE SERVICE DELIVERY

The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau convened an open dialogue session with staff at its training school in Abuja as part of efforts to strengthen internal communication and improve service delivery.

The session, attended by the Director General and senior management, provided a platform for updates on key administrative and operational matters.

Capt. Badeh briefed staff on the status of the Bureau's conditions of service proposal, noting that the document has been returned to the Salaries and Wages Commission for further review. He urged patience as discussions

continue.

Management also confirmed that preparations are underway for staff promotion examinations, with ongoing consultations to finalise the schedule. On the forthcoming ATSSAN elections, the Director General assured staff of management's neutrality while calling for a peaceful process.

Discussions also covered welfare-related issues, including allowances for newly posted staff and updates on operations at the Delta Regional Office. The engagement reinforced the Bureau's commitment to transparency and staff inclusion in decision-making processes.



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# MORE THAN WALLS: A NEW LOOK, A NEW DIRECTION



**T**he Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) is reshaping both its physical space and institutional mindset, signaling a clear shift in how it approaches its mandate. Since December 2025, ongoing renovations across its headquarters and regional offices have gone beyond surface upgrades. They point to a deliberate effort to build a workplace that supports higher standards of performance, sharper coordination, and a more focused workforce.

Newly designed workspaces and upgraded furniture now align with the demands of a growing team, giving staff the structure they need to work with clarity and purpose. The introduction of solar power reflects a practical response to energy challenges, reducing disruptions and supporting continuity in daily operations. Shared facilities such as a central kitchen create room for staff interaction and short breaks that can improve morale and sustain productivity during long work hours. A reorganized management carport also brings order to movement within the premises, cutting down delays and improving access.

Beyond infrastructure, the Bureau is strengthening its internal systems to match

its evolving role. Plans to deploy a Performance Management System will place greater emphasis on measurable outcomes, fair assessment, and individual accountability. This shift creates a clearer link between effort and results, giving staff a stronger sense of direction in their roles. The rollout of digital ID cards and clock-in systems introduces a more structured work culture, where time management and administrative processes become more transparent and reliable.

Under the leadership of Captain Alex Badeh Jr., these changes reflect a broader repositioning of the Bureau. You can see a clear intent to move from routine administration to a system driven by discipline, structure, and measurable impact. As these upgrades take root, they set the tone for a workplace where people are better equipped, expectations are clearer, and output is easier to track.

What does this mean for the future of transport safety in Nigeria? It places NSIB in a stronger position to respond, investigate, and lead with consistency. It also raises a question for every member of staff: how will you match this new environment with improved performance?

# NSIB RECOVERS WRECKAGE OF CESSNA 172 AIRCRAFT



The Enugu Regional Office of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau has successfully recovered the wreckage of a Sky Power Express Cessna 172 aircraft from Owerri Airport to its facility in Enugu.

The operation, completed on March 14, 2026, marks a key milestone in the ongoing investigation despite logistical challenges encountered during recovery.

With the wreckage now secured, investigators will conduct detailed examinations to determine the cause of the crash. The Bureau's methodical handling of the process reflects its commitment to maintaining high investigative standards.

Findings from the investigation are expected to inform safety recommendations aimed at strengthening aviation safety across the sector.

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# PRESIDENCY TAKES OVER DIRECT OVERSIGHT OF NIGERIA SAFETY INVESTIGATION BUREAU



**P**resident Bola Ahmed Tinubu has approved the repositioning of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) from the supervision of the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development to report directly to the Presidency, marking a significant change in Nigeria’s safety investigation framework.

Stakeholders have welcomed the development, noting that the new structure strengthens the Bureau’s independence and positions it to carry out its mandate without external influence.

Analysts point out that reporting directly to the Presidency removes potential conflicts associated with investigating agencies under

sector-specific ministries. This shift is expected to improve transparency and reinforce public confidence in investigation outcomes.

Aviation security expert, Group Captain John Ojikutu, emphasised that independence is central to credible investigations, while transport analyst Dr. Segun Musa noted that the move strengthens coordination across aviation, rail, and maritime sectors.

Observers also highlighted that the decision aligns Nigeria with global practices, where accident investigation bodies operate independently at the highest levels of government. The development is widely seen as a step towards strengthening accountability and improving safety oversight nationwide.

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# NSIB INVESTIGATES KADUNA-ABUJA RAIL INCIDENT

The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau has commenced an investigation into a train incident on the Kaduna–Abuja corridor that left several passengers injured on March 16, 2026.

Passengers reported a sudden jolt near Asham Station, which caused individuals to be thrown from their seats. Several sustained injuries before the train resumed movement at reduced speed.

Preliminary findings suggest the incident may have involved a coupling issue between the locomotive and a passenger coach, although

investigations are ongoing to determine the exact cause. Injured passengers received immediate medical attention.

The Bureau confirmed that its team is on-site and conducting investigations in line with established procedures. The incident has renewed concerns about safety standards on the corridor, which has recorded previous disruptions.

NSIB reiterated its commitment to identifying the root cause and ensuring that findings lead to measures that improve rail safety and protect passengers.



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# NSIB MARKS AIR CRASH VICTIMS' DAY, RENEWS COMMITMENT TO SAFETY



**T**he Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau joined the global community in marking the International Day for Commemorating Air Crash Victims and Their Families on February 20.

During a television appearance, the Director General described the day as a moment to honour victims and acknowledge the resilience of their families. He reaffirmed the Bureau's commitment to conducting timely and independent investigations.

He attributed improvements in aviation safety in Nigeria to detailed investigations and the implementation of safety recommendations. He stressed that

preventing future accidents remains the most meaningful way to honour victims.

Addressing recent developments, he spoke on the Arik Air engine incident, assuring the public of a thorough investigation. He also commended the flight crew for their response and highlighted the importance of continued investment in aviation infrastructure.

The Bureau reaffirmed its focus on strengthening safety standards through consistent investigative work and proactive recommendations.

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# PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ARIK AIR ENGINE INCIDENT RELEASED

The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau has released a preliminary report on the February 11, 2026 Arik Air Boeing 737-700 engine incident, confirming that all passengers and crew survived the event.

The aircraft experienced a loud noise and severe vibration shortly after takeoff from Port Harcourt, prompting the crew to declare an emergency and divert safely to Benin Airport. All 87 persons on board remained unharmed, with safety systems functioning as expected.

The Bureau commended the crew for their handling of the situation.

Initial findings indicate that a missing fan blade in the engine likely triggered the incident. Medical evaluations confirmed that crew members were fit for duty.

The investigation is ongoing, with further analysis expected to guide recommendations that will strengthen safety measures in the aviation sector.



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## NSIB COMMITS TO EMPOWERING WOMEN, STRENGTHENING SAFETY



The Director General of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau marked International Women's Day by recognising the contributions of women within the organisation.

He highlighted the role of women in leading investigations, analysing safety data, and shaping policies across aviation, maritime, and rail sectors. Their contributions continue to support the Bureau's mission of improving

transport safety nationwide.

He expressed appreciation for their dedication and reaffirmed the Bureau's commitment to supporting women in critical roles that drive safety outcomes.

The message reinforced the importance of inclusion and acknowledged the impact of women in strengthening investigative work and organisational progress.

# Birthdays of the week



MR PARTRICK ABOLUWADE  
(Human Resources and Administration)  
MARCH 16th



MISS MARTHA SIMON  
(Human Resources and Administration)  
MARCH 14



MR EZEKIEL EMMANUEL  
(Driver)  
MARCH 15TH

Safety should never  
be a priority; it should  
be a precondition.

*Paul O'Neill*



# SAFETY PUZZLE

UNSCRAMBLE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TERMS.  
ATTACHED ARE HINTS TO THE WORDS TO  
GUIDE YOU THROUGH

I F I C E F E N T

Hint; Working in a way that gets the most done with the least waste.

R E R I B A R

Hint; A physical or mental guard used to prevent an accident.

S I G I T E N V A T I O N

Hint; A systematic process used to determine the root cause of an incident.

P E N S T I C

Hint; To look closely at equipment before using it.

G I N I N A R T

Hint; Learning the right way to do a job safely.

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## ANSWERS

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- 3.INVESTIGATION
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- 5.TRAINING



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