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SOUTH-EAST DEV. COMM; DELICATE ROAD AHEAD

The South-East finally gets its own development commission, bringing hope for better infrastructure and economic growth. Leaders and citizens react to the news.



U.S. BANS FOREIGN OFFICIALS AIDING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

The U.S. has introduced new visa restrictions on foreign officials who enable illegal immigration. Secretary Marco Rubio says the move strengthens national security.



Port Harcourt Road, Aba, Near Completion - Otti

Gov Alex Otti has assured that the reconstruction of Port Harcourt Road, Aba, will be completed before May 29, 2025. The project, handled by Julius Berger, is fully funded by the Abia State Government. Otti also provided updates on power, other issues.

US-IRAN TENSION RISE OVER NUCLEAR DEAL

Iran dismisses calls for nuclear talks from the US, with Ayatollah Khamenei rejecting pressures from "bully states" after Trump's renewed push for a deal.

OPINION: "IN RIVERS STATE, A SUPREME INIQUITY?"

This op-ed by the erudite scholar Prof. Chidi Odinkalu delves into the historical and contemporary political struggles in Rivers State, Nigeria, drawing parallels between King Jaja's exile and recent Supreme Court rulings.

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NIGERIAN ARMY REJECT GLOBAL TERRORISM INDEX REPORT RATING

Nigeria's military disputes the Global Terrorism Index 2025, saying its ranking as the 6th most terrorism-affected nation is misleading. Officials insist military intelligence offers a clearer picture of the country's security situation.

SENATE CLARIFIES REASON FOR NATASHA'S SUSPENSION

The Senate denies suspending Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan over sexual harassment claims. It says her suspension was for violating legislative rules and disrupting proceedings.



Nigeria/UAE Hold Talks on Visa, Economic Ties

Nigeria and the UAE plan discussions to ease visa challenges and strengthen economic ties. Minister Odumegwu-Ojukwu seeks clearer policies, while UAE pledges solutions.



SYRIA'S PRESIDENT CALLS FOR TRUCE AFTER 1,000 DIE

Syria is facing its worst violence since the fall of the Assad regime, with over 1,000 people dead in recent clashes. Fighting between government forces and loyalists has left the Alawite minority in fear. President Ahmed Sharaa has urged for peace and unity. Hundreds have fled, seeking refuge at a Russian military base. The international community is alarmed by reports of civilian casualties.

ATIKU DENIES DEFECTION FROM PDP; REBUILDING OPPOSITION

Atiku Abubakar has denied reports that he is leaving the PDP. He reaffirmed his loyalty to the party and stressed the need for a strong opposition coalition.

PDP GOVERNORS NOT SUPPORTING OBI/EL-RUFAI

The PDP Governors Forum has denied reports that some members are backing a 2027 presidential ticket for Nasir El-Rufai and Peter Obi. The Forum says it will support only the PDP's official candidate.

SENATE RECEIVE 200 MEMORANDA ON TAX REFORM

The National Assembly has received over 200 memoranda on tax reforms from stakeholders, including business leaders, labor unions, and civil society groups. Lawmakers must now balance diverse interests to create a fair and effective tax system.

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