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## NPA TO PARTNER NIMASA ON SAFETY ON OUR WATERWAYS...MD NPA

**T**he Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman, has informed stakeholders that the Organisation has concluded arrangements with the Authorities of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) to ensure making the Integrated National Security and Waterways Protection Infrastructure, also known as the Deep Blue Project, the central security structure for all anchorage areas in the Nigerian maritime domain.

The NPA helmsperson made this remark at the end of a recent meeting with the Executive Management of NIMASA, led by its Director-General, Dr Bashir Jamoh, at its Corporate Office Apapa, monitored by the NPA online newsletter crew in Lagos.

The Managing Director NPA, reaffirmed the need for sister Agencies to collaborate with a view to reducing the cost of shipping in the country for the growth and development of the Maritime sector and the country at large.

Hadiza further stated that, arrangements are at an advanced stage to berth NIMASA floating Dock permanently in order for it to commence operations soonest.

Investigations by our crew revealed, that at the meeting, both Organisations also agreed to work out modalities for the swift and effective removal of wrecks and derelicts that may hinder navigation in the Nigerian waterways.

The MD NPA said, "We had a wide range of discussions bordering on the Secure Anchorage Area which our supervising Ministry desires the Deep Blue Project to provide security for all anchorage areas in the country. Aside saving the country a lot of money, it will ensure that the security of the Nigerian Maritime domain is given a focal attention. We have the C3i, Command, Control and Intelligence Centre at NPA, NIMASA has the C4i while the Navy has the Falcon Eye. We need to interlink these facilities. We believe that this would assist the country in response to maritime security threats."

The DG NIMASA corroborating the stance of the MD NPA emphasised on the need for a working model amongst Maritime Agencies to avoid duplication of duties which also increases cost of shipping in the country.

Dr. Jamoh made a brief comment on the NIMASA floating Dock which would soon be put into use to increase the revenue for the country aside creating job opportunities to the citizens. According to him, "We have finalized arrangements with the NPA to get a permanent berth for the floating Dock to start operating in July. The interesting thing is that aside earning a huge amount of revenue, it would also have the capacity to employ over 300 Nigerian Youths directly". Industry watchers spoken to, commended the collaboration and initiatives by the agencies as steps in the right direction to positively impact on the growth and development of the sector arising from increased patronage of shipping activities in the country.

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**T**his edition brings you report on the partnership between the Nigerian Ports Authority and the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency on the Integrated National Security and Waterways Protection Infrastructure, also called, the Deep Blue Project.

The renewed synergy and greater commitment of all the Government Parastatals in the Maritime sector for improved operations in the maritime space to boost the nation's economy is also highlighted. Presented also, is the urgent call by the Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Hadiza Bala Usman, to the Lagos State Government Authorities to fast track the relocation of truck parks from the Lagos Ports axis of Apapa to where larger truck parks can be provided to end the hardships and loss of revenue arising from the lingering congestion within the Apapa corridor.

Our Health and Safety Corner presents some guide on the most common tyre problems on vehicles.

These and our other regulars are for your reading pleasure.

Do stay safe!

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**I** love the sea's sounds and the way it reflects the sky. The colours that shimmer across its surface are unbelievable. This, combined with the colour of the water over white sand, surprises me every time.

- John Dyer

## Archival



Old Broad street, 1960



# WE ARE MORE COMMITTED TO FOSTERING GREATER COLLABORATION

- MD NPA

**T**he Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman, has reaffirmed the commitment and renewed determination of all Heads of Government Parastatals in the Maritime sector to a robust synergy towards improved operational efficiency to boost the nation's economy.

According to the Chief Executive Officer of the NPA, no sector and systems can survive on its own without mutual understanding and collaboration amongst parties, hence the Heads of Maritime Government Agencies within the country have decided to further work towards a common goal and objectives as well as eliminate overlapping issues and functions in view of the role the sector has over the years played in the growth and development of the nation's economy.

She made this remark recently, at a maiden meeting of the Heads of Maritime Government Agencies held at the Corporate Headquarters office of the Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC), Apapa, monitored by the crew of the NPA online newsletter.



**Hadiza Bala Usman**

MD NPA

She stated, "We are here to commence our improved synergy between Heads of Agencies of Maritime Industry. We have decided to hold monthly meetings amongst all the Agencies that are under the Maritime industry."

The aim of the meeting she reiterated was for improved operations in the maritime space.

Speaking, the host and Executive Secretary of NSC, Hassan Bello said, "We are looking at specific issues of port operations and also legal issues."

He further stated, "We have been cooperating with one another, but this is the institutionalisation of that cooperation and this synergy will make us achieve what we have set out to achieve."

Heads of Maritime Agencies present at the end of the meeting agreed amongst other things to ensure improved efficiency across board, come up with strategies that would see to the reduction of challenges the customers and the general public face in doing business in the sector, digitisation of

operations in the first quarter of next year, transparency and swift evacuation of cargo at all fronts as well as ensure payment of fees online.

Present at the meeting include, the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC), Hassan Bello and the Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr Bashir Jamoh.

## HOW TO MAKE OFADA STEW (NIGERIAN OFADA SAUCE RECIPE)

**I**n this ofada sauce recipe, I will share how to make Ofada stew, a Western Nigerian stew commonly eaten with locally grown rice called Ofada rice. Ofada rice with Ofada stew is one of those delicious native savory dishes that pack a major punch as it is flavored with smoked dried shrimps, and fermented locust beans (iru).

Prep Time - 10 mins

Cook Time - 45 mins

Total Time - 55 mins

Course: Main Course

Cuisine: Nigerian, West African

Servings: 10 servings

### Ingredients

- 7 large bell peppers.
- 3 scotch bonnet peppers.
- 4 large red onions.
- 2 lbs braised goat meat (braised with 1 red onion, 1 scotch bonnet pepper, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon bouillon).
- 80 grams cleaned smoked dried fish (about 0.17lbs).
- 20 grams smoked dried shrimps about (0.04 lbs).
- ½ cup palm oil.
- Salt to taste.
- 1 tablespoon Iru (fermented locust beans) (optional).

### Instructions

1. Cut the peppers, and 2 red onion into small chunks, and blend roughly.
2. Boil the blended peppers on medium high heat till it reduces to a paste. While the peppers are reducing, slice 2 red onions and set aside.
3. In separate pot, sauce the sliced red onions in palm oil on medium heat till the onions turn slightly brown.
4. Add the cleaned smoked dried fish, the shrimp and continue to cook for another 10 minutes.
5. Add the reduced pepper paste, turn the heat down to low-medium, and continue cooking for 10 minutes. Add the braised goat meat and the braising liquid and continue cooking for 15 minutes.
6. After 15 minutes of cooking, add in the iru and bouillon, stir, and continue cooking until the stew separates from the oil (this could take about 10 minutes).
7. Serve with boiled Ofada rice or white rice.





# APAPA PORT CONGESTION, LAGOS GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO ACT FAST...

- MD NPA



**T**he Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman, has again reiterated the need for the Lagos State Government to swiftly fast track the relocation of truck parks from Apapa in view of the present state of hardships and loss of revenue caused by the lingering congestion being faced by the port users, stakeholders as well as residents within the Apapa corridor.

Hadiza made this statement as the Key Speaker during a recent virtually held, 14th Annual Business Law Conference with the theme "Business Unusual: Digital Acceleration for Growth in a New World" monitored by our crew

According to the Managing Director, there is urgent need for the relevant Authorities especially the Lagos State Government, to ensure it comes up with the necessary measures at curtailing the present hardship as well as the loss of time and resources being faced as a result of the lingering congestion within the Lagos Ports axis.

Hadiza therefore called on the Lagos State Authorities to make provision of large parks at designated places outside the Apapa Area to ease the pressure being presently witnessed.

"There is need to have designated places for the trucks to stay and wait for a call-up. If we don't have designated places, the trucks will wake up and drive to the Ports," she said.

She emphasised, "Lagos State Government must take ownership in

providing designated truck terminals where there will be a linkage and call-up with the Port Terminal Operators and the Nigerian Ports Authority. But when we have 36 number truck locations all around the Apapa Ports environment, how do you think, how are you going to sanitise that?"

Speaking further she said, "In a truck corridor, we shouldn't have many truck parks. We should have larger truck parks that are outside the Ports environment. Nigerian Ports are not responsible for providing truck terminals."

She wondered, "Why should you have a truck park inside Apapa area. Lagos State should review the Land Use Charge attributable to trailer parks. There are some locations in Apapa, why should you build Truck parks there? No, that place is too congested already. They should push it out of the town."

She however informed participants at the conference that there is an ongoing discussion with the Lagos State Government to provide larger trailer parks to ensure that the traffic pandemic is brought to an end.

Industry experts have often times frowned at the menace; the loss of lives, man-hour and resources the scourge has brought to the sub sector and the nation. They are of the view that the Presidential Order by the Muhammadu Buhari Administration in 2019, towards ending the gridlock in Apapa should be totally implemented.

## FRENCH CORNER

### LES SALUTATIONS

Bon travail...!  
Bon appétit...!  
Bon voyage...!  
Merci (beaucoup)...!  
Joyeux anniversaire...!  
Joyeux Noël...!  
Bonne/ heureuse année...!

### GREETINGS

Well done...!  
Enjoy your meal...!  
Have a good trip...!  
Thank you (very much)...!  
Happy birthday...!  
Merry Christmas...!  
Happy New Year...!

Bonne fête...!  
Au revoir...!  
à très bientôt...!  
Félicitations...!  
Bienvenue (à vous) Monsieur!  
Bonne nuit monsieur Lawal!  
Bonne journée!

Happy celebration...!  
Goodbye...!  
See you (very) soon...!  
Congratulations...!  
Welcome, (sir) !  
Good night, Mr Lawal!  
Have a nice day!



# Health and Safety

## THE MOST COMMON TYRE PROBLEMS

**T**he Most Common Tyre Problems on Cars and Vans will be experienced by all motorists at some point.

### 1. Over inflation

Tyres that are over inflated will not perform safely. This is because the more that you inflate a tyre, the more difficult it is for it to maintain contact with the road and allow the tread to establish grip. This in turn, will shorten the tyre lifespan.

### Under inflation

Under inflation is an extremely common tyre problem. Statistics show that more than 60% of passenger cars are driving around with lower tyre pressures than recommended. Having too little pressure in your tyres will result in:

- extended braking distance on wet roads by several metres (width of two pedestrian crossings),
- reduced aquaplaning resistance of the tyres,
- delayed and less precise reactions of the car,
- risk of over- or under steering of the vehicle,
- more difficult parking maneuvers (especially in cars without power steering),
- a high probability of the tyre being blown,
- increased risk of punctures or other tyre damage,
- faster wear of steering components.

### 2. Cracking and bulging Tyre Problem

This usually comes from hitting a pothole, curb, or debris. Under-inflation and over-inflation put tyres at a greater risk of damage from impacts.

### 3. Misalignment

It is not always easy to detect if a car's wheels are misaligned, especially as this can occur gradually over a prolonged period of time. However, some of the key signs that the car's wheels are misaligned are as follows:

- Uneven tyre wear on the front or the rear – tyres suffering from misalignment often show signs of excessive wear on either the inside or outside edges
- The car pulls to one side – When driving a misaligned car along a straight flat road, you may find that you need to compensate through the steering wheel to keep the car driving straight as the car drifts to one side. This will become especially noticeable under braking.
- A crooked steering wheel – Even when the car is driving straight ahead the steering wheel is not straight or level.

### 4. Cuts and punctures

Puncture damage is an extremely common tyre problem. It usually



happens as the result of a particular road hazard, for example a nail or screw on the road

### 5. Emergency brake damage

The problem with emergency braking is that it can lead to almost instant tyre wear in a very specific area. As the tyre stops rotating, causing excessive friction and tyre wear on the part of the tread rubbing against the ground. However vehicle fitted with Anti-locking braking systems (ABS) don't have this problem. ABS braking system ensures the wheels don't 'lock' in place.

### 6. Wear and tear

General wear and tear will happen with all tyres as they are used over time. It's vitally important to monitor your tyres' tread depth in order to ensure it is within the legal limit. If the tread depth is below 1.6mm, you cannot legally drive on the roads and must have your tyres replaced.

Although tyre manufacturers recommend routinely checking air pressure once a month, many drivers never bother unless their tyres appear "low." That is a common misconception. Never trust your eyes. Radial tyres can lose much of their air pressure and still appear to be fully inflated.

### How to determine the correct pressure for your tyres:

1. Do not rely on the pressure listed on the tyres. That number is the maximum allowable pressure, not the manufacturer's recommended pressure for your tyres.
2. To find the recommended pressure for your tyres, check your owner's manual or the tyre placard, which is usually found on the driver's door, the glove compartment door, or the gas filler door.
3. Once you know the recommended pressure for your tyres, get an accurate pressure gauge. Dial type or digital gauges are more accurate than the common pencil-style gauges.
4. Check your tyre pressure once a month and before long road trips. Always check your pressure after your vehicle has been sitting for a few hours, and always check all five tyres. Five tires, you ask? Yes, you should always check the spare.

**Source: The AutoCare Group**

Think & Act Positively



# WORK HOUR RELAXATION

## Vox Pop

### RAPE CRISIS IN NIGERIA: What is your take on prevention and penalty for offenders?

**R**ape is a serious crime against women and must be addressed adequately.

A person found guilty of this crime should serve prison term of not less than 20 years without an option of a fine.

Castration may also be considered.

As prevention, women should endeavour to avoid being in isolated place alone.

Women should always dress decently to avoid being attracted to potential perpetrators and men should be adequately educated on rape and its implications.

**Fiemotongha, Enetoruzide**

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**P**erpetrators are not restricted or bound by age limits as both young and old are involved in this violent act.

The perpetrators should be made to face the full wrath of the law, to be fixed as long term of incarceration ranging from thirty years, to possibly, live imprisonment as deterrent. The surviving victims should be made to undergo counselling and rehabilitation. The society should also be able to show love, compassion and encouragement to the victims to avoid stigmatization and possible suicidal tendencies.

**Rin, Sylvanus Musa**

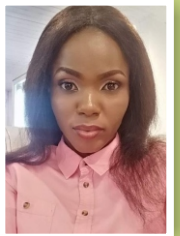
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**M**any cite indecent dressing among the female folk as the main cause of the Rape crises in Nigeria but in my opinion, it's not as even toddlers get raped. In any case, the victims are mostly served the blame. To prevent this, I think the male folks, who are mostly the predators, should be socialized to exercise self-control and always get the consent of the females before the act, the circumstance notwithstanding. I also recommend stringent capital punishment for offenders to deter others.

**Anyanebechi, Iniye Pearl**

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**P**revention should start with parents waking up to their responsibilities of raising a better generation of men and women alike.

For penalty, offenders should be locked away to serve as a deterrence to others. While in prison they need rehabilitation in form of therapy, otherwise, the root cause would not have been addressed.

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**G**overnment should provide enabling environment for skill acquisition among other opportunities, as idleness is the devil's workshop. Godliness in all homes should be encouraged as charity begins at home. Life imprisonment should be the penalty, while victims should be adequately rehabilitated.

**Mrs Enyidiya Godwin-Otti**

Audit Dept, Onne Port Complex



**R**ape is a type of Assault where sexual intercourse is non-consensual. It can be prevented, if victims engaged in active/passive resistance and at the same time thinking of an escape. Never admit to anyone you are home alone. First offender to go for fifteen (15) years imprisonment and second offender life imprisonment.

**Osuji Blessing (Mrs)**

Medical Dept, Delta Ports Complex



**R**ape, a violent crime which dehumanizes victims and devalues the rapists. These worse sexual predators must be charged and locked in a dungeon. Our womenfolk in particular and all vulnerable people of all ages must be adequately protected. Government should enact extremely sever laws as punishment for deterrence.

**Innocent Ogbuehi**

Human Resources Ops Dept. Onne Port Complex



**I** believe consequences for rapist should be stepped up on social media.

Victims should also be encouraged to name the rapist.

Our women need to be educated on ways of identifying potential rapist.

No punishment is too much for violators.

**Timi Ayodele**

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**P**ublic Enlightenment which will help change attitudes, beliefs and value systems and Good Upbringing which ensures Parents instill good values in their children early in life.

The Penalties should be; Life imprisonment and Castration as deterrent to others.

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