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by Uche Usim

Challenged by dwindling revenue and crippling debt amid the COVID-19 pestilence, the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) on Tuesday began a training programme for treasury officers who will be deployed to strategic Federal Government Owned Enterprises (FGOEs) as Revenue Directors to help swell government's purse.

The move also tackles the perennial challenge of low remittance revenue generating agencies have been accused of.

In the pilot phase, 10 federal agencies have been penciled down where Revenue Directors from OAGF will be posted to.

The agencies are; Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Directorate of Petroleum Resources (DPR), Nigeria Shippers' (NSC), Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).

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UNION MOBILISES PORT WORKERS TO JOIN NLC STRIKE

by Ship & Ports

The Maritime Workers Union (MWUN) has started mobilising its members at the port to ensure compliance with the strike called by Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC).

The NLC recently announced its plans to embark on a nationwide strike to protest the hike in petrol pump price and electricity tariff.

The industrial action is scheduled to start tomorrow September 28.

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NAVY DEPLOYS EIGHT SHIPS, OTHERS TO CURB MARITIME CRIMES

by Emmanuel Addeh and Sylvester Idowu

The Nigerian Navy in the Niger Delta region yesterday commenced a sea exercise aimed at enforcing the use of Automatic Identification System (AIS) by vessels operating in the region's waterways.

It said the exercise was prompted by the activities of some vessels operating within the command's maritime environment, which are in the habit of switching off their AIS which impedes their identification

.According to the navy, the criminal act by the operators interferes with the Nigerian maritime awareness infrastructure from monitoring or tracking such vessels' activities.

The Flag Officer Commanding, Central Naval Command, Rear Admiral Saidu Garba, who declared open the operation code-named: 'Exercise Akere', an Ijaw word for 'arrest' or 'catch', said it would take place between September 23 and 25, 2020.

He added that with the bulk of the country's economic assets, including oil exploration infrastructure, in the region, it behooved the command to protect the assets and ensure that the country's maritime economic activities are not disrupted.

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L-R: Director General, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Bashir Jamoh; Minister of Finance, Zainab Ahmed; and Head, Abuja Zonal Office, NIMASA, Zailani Attah, during the presentation of a request for stimulus packages for the maritime sector by the NIMASA DG.

ABU DHABI PORTS: ANOTHER MILESTONE IN ITS GROWTH JOURNEY

by Hellenic Shipping News Worldwide

Abu Dhabi Ports, part of ADQ – one of the region's largest holding companies with a broad portfolio of major enterprises spanning key sectors of Abu Dhabi's diversified economy, today announced another step in its drive to enhance the emirate's rank as an international hub for trade and logistics with the acquisition of MICCO Logistics.

With the integration of MICCO as part of Abu Dhabi Ports Logistics, the Group's logistical arm is setting itself apart from the competition. Abu Dhabi Ports Logistics leverages MICCO's experience and capabilities as the emirate's first provider of end-to-end logistics solutions.

Thanks to the powerful combination of MICCO's international and regional logistics solutions, its large and diversified transportation fleet, and a network of temperature-controlled warehouses, along with the Group's extensive multi cargo handling and industrial zone capacity, Abu Dhabi Ports is in a unique position to serve its customers along every segment of the supply chain.

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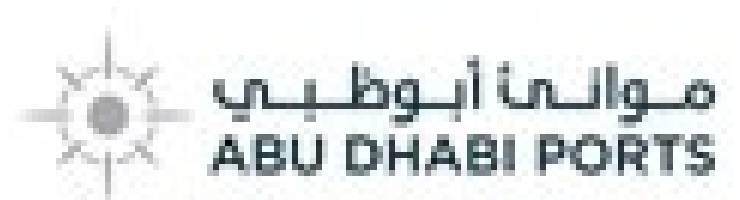
In a bid to stimulate investment and boost activities in the maritime industry, amid the downturn induced by COVID-19, the Federal Ministry of Transportation is seeking a package of tax incentives for the sector.

Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, who conveyed this position to the Minister of Finance, Hajiya Zainab Ahmed, in Abuja, reiterated the commitment of the Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi, towards ensuring the growth of maritime in Nigeria. He said many governments around the globe had introduced massive tax reduction or elimination to spur activities in key sectors and rev up their economies during the coronavirus pandemic.

Jamoh said, "The maritime sector is critical in the growth and development of transportation and, by extension, international trade in the country. Thus, the need for Federal Government-oriented programmes and stimulus packages to deliver a response that catalyses a sustainable economic development cannot be overemphasised."

The NIMASA DG said the proposed incentives included zero import duty for brand new vessels imported by Nigerians or Nigerian shipping companies for use in foreign or domestic trade; 0.5 per cent only import duty for vessels aged between one and five years intended for use in foreign or domestic trade; and one per cent only import duty for vessels aged between five and eight years intended for use in foreign or domestic trade.

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CONTROVERSIAL MAURITIUS SHIP INVOLVED IN OPERATION TO TOW BROKEN SRI LANKA OIL SUPERTANKER

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The Panama- flag oil supertanker that had an explosion off the coast of Sri Lanka earlier this month, the MT New Diamond, is being helped by a controversial support vessel that led the operation to deliberately sink a large, Japanese iron ore vessel Wakashio in the coastal waters of Mauritius last month.

Satellite analysis by global maritime analytics firm, Windward has revealed that the Malta-flagged fire-ship, Boka Expedition, sailed from the scene of the controversial scuttling of the Wakashio on 24 August, an event that sparked national protests in Mauritius and outside its embassies around the world. Photos taken by the Mauritian Coastguard were shared but the location of the sinking was never disclosed.

Within days, a second vessel sunk in Mauritian waters, the Sir Gaetan Duval with the loss of four crew on 31 August. Satellite analysis from Windward reveals that the Boka Expedition was also involved in the Search and Rescue operation there too.

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