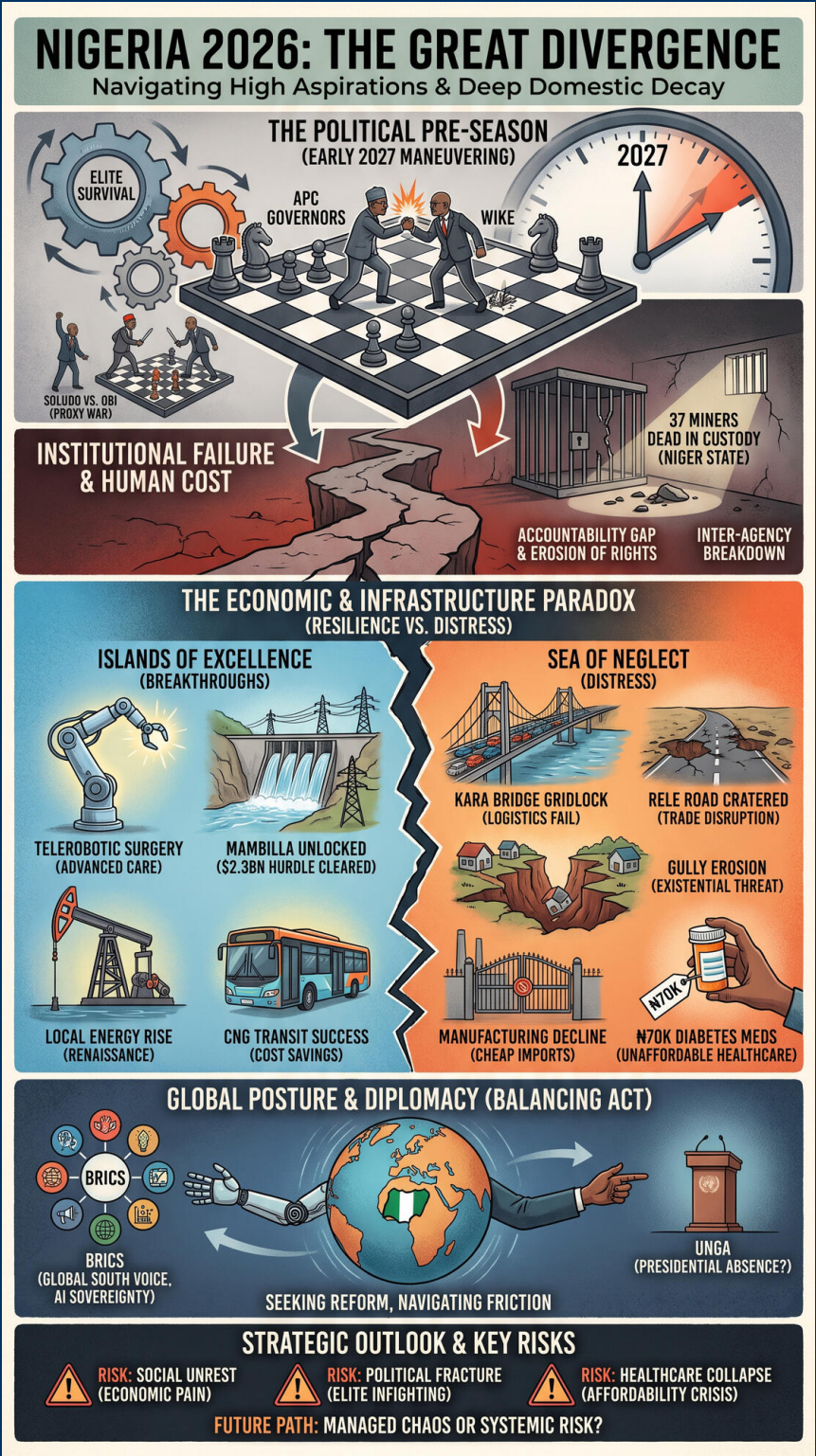


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NIGERIA NAVIGATES SYSTEMIC
INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE AND
EARLY 2027 POLITICAL
MANEUVERING AMID MAJOR
INFRASTRUCTURE AND MEDICAL
BREAKTHROUGHS.

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

September 20, 2026, was defined by a stark contrast between high-level diplomatic aspirations and deep-seated domestic institutional decay. While Vice President Kashim Shettima represented Nigeria at both the **BRICS summit in New Delhi** [global south voice](#) and the **81st UN General Assembly** in New York [delegation lead](#), the nation grappled with a burgeoning human rights scandal. The **death of 37 artisanal miners** in the custody of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) in Niger State [37 people died](#) sparked a federal investigation and highlighted critical failures in detention conditions and inter-agency coordination. This tragedy serves as a grim baseline for the current state of social order and institutional accountability.

Politically, the "2027 season" has effectively commenced four months early. Internal

friction within the **All Progressives Congress (APC)** reached a fever pitch as the Progressive Governors Forum signaled open opposition to FCT Minister **Nyesom Wike** [political war](#), questioning the sustainability of his "one foot in, one foot out" cross-party strategy. Simultaneously, in Anambra, a proxy war between Governor **Soludo and Peter Obi** [soul of the southeast](#) indicates a fracturing of regional political blocs ahead of the next electoral cycle. These maneuvers suggest that governance may increasingly be sidelined by elite survival strategies.

On the economic and infrastructure front, there are signs of both resilience and acute distress. The **Mambilla Hydropower Project** achieved a significant legal milestone with the dismissal of a \$2.3 billion claim [positive conclusion](#), potentially clearing the way for long-delayed energy infrastructure. However, the manufacturing sector faced a setback with the closure of a local **automotive brake part facility** due to the influx of cheap, substandard imports [substandard alternatives](#). Meanwhile, the healthcare sector celebrated a **telerobotic surgery breakthrough** [West Africa's first](#), yet ordinary citizens are struggling with a **70,000 Naira monthly cost** for essential diabetes medications [steadily rising](#), illustrating a widening gap between advanced medical capability and basic healthcare affordability.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Institutional Crisis in Niger State

- Suspension of 24 NSCDC personnel, including the Niger State Commandant, following the deaths of 37 artisanal miners in custody [total of 24 personnel](#).

- Establishment of a 10-member independent federal investigating committee led by a retired DSS official to probe overcrowding and negligence [two weeks to identify](#).
- Public outcry for independent autopsies and legal accountability led by senior advocates [criminal accountability](#).

Advanced Medical Breakthrough

- Successful performance of West Africa's first **telerobotic surgery**, with a surgeon in Lagos operating on a patient in Abuja [pinpoint precision](#).
- The procedure reportedly reduces costs by 90% compared to medical tourism and expands specialized care across borders [slashes cost](#).
- Contrast with the broader healthcare crisis where medication for chronic diseases like hypertension and diabetes is becoming unaffordable [substantial household expense](#).

Strategic Energy and Industry Shifts

- Renaissance Africa Energy celebrates its first anniversary following the acquisition of **Shell's onshore assets**, reporting a production increase to 270,000 barrels per day [steadily nearing 270 thousand](#).
- The **Mambilla legal victory** clears a \$2.3 billion hurdle, potentially unlocking funding for a 3,050MW power plant [beyond being enthusiastic](#).
- National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC) raises alarm over factory closures due to **substandard imported auto parts** [substandard imported alternatives](#).

Infrastructure and Environmental Emergencies

- Gridlock on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway enters its second week due to Kara bridge repairs, leading to significant economic man-hour losses [huge traffic at the back](#).
- Governor Soludo declares **gully erosion** an "existential threat" in Anambra, with over 100 active sites threatening communities [existential emergency](#).
- Rele road in Kwara State remains a "cratered wasteland," disrupting trade between southern and northern Nigeria [economic paralysis](#).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Leadership Dynamics & Governance The internal conflict within the APC between the **Progressive Governors Forum** and Minister Nyesom Wike over his cross-party influence suggests a weakening of traditional party structures [declaration of war](#). Additionally, President Tinubu's third consecutive absence from the UN General Assembly raises questions about presidential-level diplomatic engagement, despite official explanations citing domestic reforms [domestic concerns](#).

Civil Unrest & Social Order Institutional decay is evidenced by the **37 custodial deaths** in Niger State and the massive police raids in the FCT, where over 300 individuals were arrested in a "routine exercise" [arresting over 300 persons](#). The **Kings College concession controversy** demonstrates significant labor and parental resistance to changes in public education management [intense resistance](#).

Diplomacy & Statecraft Nigeria is positioning itself within the **BRICS** framework, seeking reforms to the UN

Security Council and international financial institutions [pyramid of privilege](#). Bilateral relations with India are focused on rebuilding trade to a **\$15 billion peak peak level**.

Geopolitical Competition & Bloc Politics

The BRICS summit in New Delhi emphasized a "people-centered approach" and "global south sovereignty," with Russia and China pushing for **AI sovereignty** and independent legal courses for member nations [independent and self-determined](#).

Critical Infrastructure Security The **Mambilla legal win** is a critical strategic development for long-term energy security [positive conclusion](#). However, the immediate failure of road infrastructure, particularly the Rele road and the Kara bridge corridor, continues to impede domestic logistics [slower movement](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The 2027 Political Pre-Season A major trend is the early mobilization for the **2027 general elections**. This is not merely rhetorical; it involves systemic attacks on potential rivals (e.g., the Anambra government auditing Peter Obi's past loans [buried debts](#)) and internal purges within the ruling party against non-traditional power centers like Wike [asset or liability](#). The obsession with 2027 is distracting from current governance crises, such as the high cost of living and healthcare failures.

Institutional Impunity and the "Shadow" Mining State The deaths in Niger State reveal a dangerous disconnect between federal security agencies and subnational governance. Governor Bago's admission that he has no control over **NSCDC or police**

detention facilities [no governor has control](#) highlights a major constitutional gap in security accountability. The involvement of these agencies in "illegal mining" crackdowns suggests a struggle for control over critical mineral resources that bypasses legal and safety protocols.

Technology as a Bifurcated Solution

Nigeria is witnessing a technological divergence. The **Redeemer's Health Village** robotic breakthrough [tele-robotic surgery](#) and **AI in agriculture** (drones for crop detection [AI powered drone](#)) represent a high-tech "frontier" for growth. However, this exists alongside 19th-century problems: **gully erosion** swallowing houses and a total lack of **oxygen or electricity** in some rural hospitals [quietly killing Nigerians](#). The trend is toward "islands of excellence" in a sea of systemic neglect.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Nigeria's internal landscape is increasingly volatile, characterized by elite infighting and institutional decay.

- **Elite Infighting:** The open rift between the APC governors and Nyesom Wike signifies a struggle for the "soul" of the party's 2027 strategy [questioning the president's strategy](#).
- **Institutional Decay:** The death of 37 suspects in a single detention facility points to a total collapse of the **Nelson Mandela Rules** for prisoner treatment [United Nations minimum rules](#).

- **Public Sentiment:** A sense of "drowning" is pervasive, with high inflation and the removal of subsidies causing significant pain [no pain, no gain](#). Even prominent cultural figures like **Chimamanda Adichie** are expressing a sense of estrangement from the nation [don't want to go back](#).
- **Labor Unrest:** The Kings College and veterinary doctor ultimatums indicate that the professional class is no longer willing to tolerate current management and salary structures [21 day ultimatum](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Nigeria is attempting a delicate balancing act between Western partnerships and the emerging BRICS bloc.

- **Global South Leadership:** At the BRICS summit, Nigeria advocated for moving Africa from the "margins" to the "frontiers" of growth [margins of global development](#).
- **Diplomatic Absence:** President Tinubu's absence from the UNGA, for the third time in a row, is framed by critics as a potential sign of diplomatic friction with [Washington problem between Tinubu and Washington](#), though the presidency denies this [absolutely no impediment](#).
- **Regional Instability:** Security concerns in the **Sahel** and border tensions with Cameroon continue to demand military deployment in Taraba and Niger states [increase deployment of security personnel](#).
- **Multipolar Aspirations:** The push for **AI Sovereignty** and UN Security Council reform reflects a desire to move from the "back row" of international decision-making [pyramid of privilege](#).

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic environment is marked by high-level production gains in the energy sector but severe microeconomic pressure on households and local manufacturers. Inflation in pharmaceutical products and fuel costs remain the primary drivers of domestic discontent.

- **Capital Flows:** Renaissance Africa Energy acquisition of Shell assets indicates a shift toward **Nigerian independent operators** in the oil sector [landmark acquisition](#).
- **Trade Balances:** Nigeria-India trade target set at **\$15 billion** [bilateral meeting](#).
- **Currency & Pricing:** Medication for chronic diseases has risen to **70,000 Naira** per packet [steadily rising](#).
- **Local Industry:** Local brake part manufacturing facility shut down due to **cheaper substandard imports** [substandard imported alternatives](#).
- **Energy Infrastructure:** Legal victory clears **\$2.3 billion** claim against the Mambilla Hydropower project [Mambilla finally power Nigeria](#).
- **Corporate Grant:** Coca-Cola HBC announces a **\$1 billion investment** in Nigeria over five years [subject to a stable business environment](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The day saw significant suspensions and emerging political realignments that signal a

tightening of executive control and a defensive posture by subnational leaders.

- **Niger State NSCDC Commandant:** **Suberu Anivier** and 23 other personnel suspended following custodial deaths [placed on suspension](#). This signals a move to pacify public anger while federal probes continue.
- **Yobe Political Defections:** Over 4,800 members from APC and other parties defected to the **PDP**, suggesting a local shift in political sentiment [4,800 defectors](#).
- **Kings College Management:** The federal government **suspended the concession** to the Old Boys Association, a temporary defeat for those seeking private-management models [two weeks suspension](#).
- **Taraba Security:** Governor Kefas increased **military deployment** to Karim Lamido local government, signaling a shift to combat heightened tribal conflict [increase deployment](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The broadcast maintained a high-urgency tone regarding domestic tragedies and infrastructure failures. The **Niger State miners' deaths** was the dominant domestic lead, framed as an issue of accountability and human rights. Infrastructure issues (Kara bridge gridlock and gully erosion) were given significant prominence, reflecting their direct impact on the viewers' daily lives. The **UNGA and BRICS** summits were framed as prestige events, showing Nigeria's global relevance, though the president's absence was a clear point of defensive editorializing.

Conspicuous Omissions: While the broadcast covered the high cost of medicine, it lacked a deep analysis of **currency devaluation** effects on the pharmaceutical supply chain. There was also minimal coverage of the **insurgency in the Northwest**, with the focus instead shifting to "illegal mining" as a proxy for insecurity.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The transcripts reveal a fracturing international order where Nigeria is seeking a "platform of partnership" while struggling with the baggage of "pyramid privilege."

COUNTRIES

- **India:** Framed as a **strategic partner** and leader of the global south, seeking to transform international rules [transform this pyramid of privilege](#).
- **Russia:** Portrayed as an **independent power** attracting global south interest by resisting unilateral sanctions [pursuing an independent and self-determined course](#).
- **Spain:** Depicted as **internally conflicted** over the migration crisis in Ceuta, with the government making room for migrants despite local rejection [demonstrations against the government](#).
- **United States:** Portrayed through two lenses: the **9/11 anniversary** (strong, tall, proud [America is stronger than ever](#)) and as a potential source of **legal/diplomatic friction** for the Nigerian presidency [history with US law enforcement](#).

LEADERS

- **Narendra Modi:** Framed as **principled and visionary**, championing the "back row" of the global south [back row of decision making](#).

- **Vladimir Putin:** Portrayed as **competent and assertive**, emphasizing collective decision-making based on international law [collective decision making](#).
- **Xi Jinping:** Framed as a **sovereignty-focused leader**, opposing interference in internal affairs [oppose violations of other countries' sovereignty](#).
- **Bola Tinubu:** Framed as **visionary but distant**, with his absence from UNGA being rationalized as a focus on domestic economic "bread and butter" issues [bread and butter issues](#).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Renaissance Africa Energy:** Portrayed as a **competent local champion** successfully taking over from international majors [African leader in energy](#).
- **NSCDC:** Framed as **negligent and inept** in the wake of custodial deaths, undergoing a "moment of internal re-evaluation" [gross misconduct](#).
- **SERAP:** Portrayed as a **principled watchdog**, suing INEC for lack of transparency in political donation limits [failure to disclose political contribution limits](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The "meta-narrative" of the day was the struggle for the control of **2027 political perception**.

- **Narrative Seeding:** The Anambra government's focus on Peter Obi's 20-year-old loan records is a classic case of **de-marketing** a political opponent [diminish Obi's preeminence](#).
- **Media Spin:** The presidency's defense of Tinubu's UNGA absence focused on his "economic diplomacy" and domestic focus to counter claims that he is avoiding **US law enforcement** [purely just politics](#).
- **Disinformation:** The Kings College old boys association claimed the protests were born out of "misinformation and disinformation" [misinformation and disinformation](#), while the labor unions framed the concession as a "commercialization" scheme [dangerous precedent](#).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

Hypotheses:

- The **Wike-APC Governor rift** will likely force President Tinubu to choose between his most effective political enforcer and his institutional base of governors by early 2027 [asset or liability](#).
- The **Mambilla Hydropower Project** will experience a new surge in investment interest, but will likely be plagued by new rounds of local bureaucratic "indiscipline" [indiscipline and bureaucracy](#).

- Custodial deaths and "illegal mining" will become the new flashpoints for **human rights litigation** against the Nigerian government, potentially impacting foreign investment in the mining sector [calls grow for independent autopsies](#).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Increased social tension in Niger State as families of the 37 miners demand justice. Expect potential legal suits from **SERAP** or human rights groups. The completion of the first phase of Kara bridge repairs may provide temporary relief, but breakdown of traffic management is likely if driver impatience continues [driver impatience](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Budgetary impacts from the Mambilla project restart and potential lawsuits over custodial deaths. A potential **cabinet reshuffle** to address the Wike-Governor friction before the 2027 campaigning fully formalizes. High pharmaceutical costs will likely lead to a rise in **counterfeit drugs** as patients walk away from legitimate pharmacies [simply walk away](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years): Structural changes to Nigeria's energy sector as local independents like **Renaissance** become the dominant players. A move toward **AI-integrated agriculture** to combat post-harvest losses [40 million metric tons of food lost](#). Regimes in the global south, including Nigeria, will likely formalize **BRICS-aligned** financial and AI infrastructure to reduce Western dependency [AI sovereignty](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The most significant risks center on institutional collapse and social unrest driven by economic hardship.

- **Institutional Human Rights Scandal:** Risk that the 37 miners' deaths trigger widespread civil unrest or international sanctions on Nigeria's mining exports. Triggers: Release of autopsy results showing torture or extreme negligence. Likelihood: High. Impact: Severe. Mitigations: Transparent federal probe, immediate compensation, and detention facility reform.
- **Political Fracture:** Risk that the APC-Wike rift leads to a paralyzing split in the ruling party ahead of 2027. Triggers: Wike openly picking fights with more than four key governors [pretender governors](#). Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: High. Mitigations: Presidential mediation and cabinet realignment.
- **Healthcare Affordability Collapse:** Risk that millions stop chronic disease medication due to costs, leading to a surge in strokes and kidney failure. Triggers: Further medication price hikes beyond 70,000 Naira [monthly cost substantial](#). Likelihood: High. Impact: Catastrophic for public health. Mitigations: Fast-tracking the pharmaceutical local production policy and medical grants.
- **Environmental Displacement:** Risk of massive internal displacement in Anambra due to erosion. Triggers: Heavy peak-season rainfall causing landslide "monsters" [moving monsters](#). Likelihood: High. Impact: Severe. Mitigations: Massive federal intervention in gully erosion remediation.

- **Auto Industry Collapse:** Risk of total loss of local automotive manufacturing capacity. Triggers: Continued influx of substandard imported brake parts and lack of tariff incentives [major challenge facing local manufacturers](#). Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: High for industrialization goals. Mitigations: Immediate passage of the **Automotive Industry Bill**.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

The following areas lack sufficient context for a full strategic assessment:

- **Inter-agency Mining Coordination:** The broadcasts fail to explain who authorized the NSCDC mining raids in Niger State if the state government was unaware [not aware of any arrest](#).
- **Mambilla Funding Status:** While the legal hurdle is cleared, there is no detail on which international partners are now ready to commit funds [fund for it](#).
- **Chinese Retail Impact:** CPPE's concerns over **Chinese traders** lack specific data on the number of jobs lost or the specific retail sectors most affected [Chinese traders in Nigeria's retail sector](#).
- **VVF Scaling:** The reports on **VVF survivors** do not state the total number of women affected in Kaduna, making it difficult to judge the impact of the 100-bus CNG scheme in comparison [restoring their dignity](#).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

Hypothesis 1: The "Managed Chaos" of Wike. The APC Governors' outcry may not be a sign of instability but a **calculated "good cop/bad cop" strategy** by the Tinubu

administration. By allowing the governors to attack Wike, the president maintains his distance from Wike's aggressive tactics while still benefiting from Wike's ability to dismantle the PDP from within. The "war" is a smoke screen for a deeply integrated cross-party alliance.

Hypothesis 2: The Technological "Potemkin Village." The **telerobotic surgery breakthrough** and **CNG mass transit** successes are being used to distract from the total collapse of basic services. While 100 buses save 3.5 billion Naira [3.5 billion saved](#), the cost of medicine for a single patient is 840,000 Naira a year. The high-tech wins are a stalling tactic to avoid addressing the systemic failure of the pharmaceutical and power sectors.

Black Swan Event: A massive, unpredicted **landslide in Anambra** that destroys a major economic hub (like Nnewi or Onitsha) could trigger a national humanitarian and economic crisis that the current disaster management structure is unable to handle [existential emergency](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Immediately establish a joint federal-state mining task force to prevent illegal agency actions that lead to human rights disasters [not report to me](#).
- **Economic:** Pass the **Automotive Industry Bill** to provide tariff protection for local assembly plants before more factories close [pass into law](#).

- **Diplomatic:** Ensure presidential-level attendance at the next major Western summit to quell rumors of legal impediments and solidify trade ties [history with US law enforcement](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Manufacturers should shift from importing to local production of components (like brake pads) to hedge against tariff shifts and substandard import competition [better quality than what we get](#).
- **Energy:** Invest in **independent gas-to-power** projects, as local firms like Renaissance are proving the feasibility of high-yield production from former Shell assets [270 thousand barrels](#).
- **Healthcare:** There is a massive opportunity for **generic pharmaceutical manufacturing** in Nigeria to address the affordability gap for chronic disease medications [produce more medicines in Nigeria](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Policies and legislative debates centered on regulating political finance, automotive industry incentives, and environmental emergencies.

- **Automotive Industry Bill:** A proposed bill to provide tariff incentives for local assembly and penalize substandard imports [working on automotive industry bill](#).
- **Electoral Act 2026:** Under scrutiny by **SERAP** for lack of transparency regarding political contribution limits under section 91 [political contribution limits](#).

- **Host Community Development Trusts:** Implementation of the **PIA** through the creation of 33 trusts in the Niger Delta [33 of them](#).
- **Nelson Mandela Rules:** Calls for the domestication and enforcement of these rules in all Nigerian detention facilities [United Nations minimum rules](#).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS

- **NSCDC Parade:** A press event in Abuja parading 24 suspended officers to show accountability for the 37 miners' deaths [protective custody](#).
- **Hard Copy Interview:** Analysis of the "laws of power" and the rift between Wike and APC governors [competing centers of power](#).
- **Hard Copy/Inside Sources:** Discussion on the high cost of healthcare and the impact of presidential absence from UNGA [quietly killing Nigerians](#).

KEY STORIES

- **Niger State Mining Tragedy:** 37 artisanal miners found dead in NSCDC custody due to overcrowding and poor ventilation; 24 officers suspended including the state commandant [placed on suspension](#).
- **APC Governors vs. Wike:** 31 APC governors declare "political war" on FCT Minister Nyesom Wike over his cross-party rainbow coalition and influence [declaration of war](#).
- **Telerobotic Surgery Breakthrough:** West Africa's first telerobotic surgery performed by Redeemer's Health Village, with a Lagos surgeon operating on an Abuja patient [pinpoint precision](#).

- **BRICS Summit in India:** Vice President Shettima represents President Tinubu; global south calls for a move from the "back row" of international decision-making [back row of decision making](#).
- **Mambilla Hydropower Victory:** Federal government wins legal battle against \$2.3 billion claim by Sunrise Power, potentially enabling the 3,050MW project [positive conclusion](#).
- **Kara Bridge Gridlock:** Ongoing expansion joint repairs on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway cause massive traffic stretching several kilometers toward Berger [huge traffic at the back](#).
- **Anambra Erosion Emergency:** Governor Soludo declares gully erosion an existential emergency, with over 100 active sites swallowing entire communities [existential emergency](#).
- **Medication Affordability Crisis:** Diabetes medication rises to 70,000 Naira per packet; patients forced to choose between treatment and survival [choose between treatment and survival](#).
- **UNGA 81st Session:** Shettima leads Nigeria's delegation to NYC; presidency denies rumors that Tinubu is avoiding the US due to legal issues [absolutely no impediment](#).
- **Automotive Industry Factory Closure:** A local brake pad manufacturer in Lagos shuts down due to an influx of cheaper, substandard imported alternatives [factory have to close down](#).
- **Kaduna CNG Transit Success:** 100 CNG buses save commuters 3.5 billion Naira in one year; President Tinubu commends the people-centered governance model [3.5 billion saved](#).
- **Olu Jacobs Death:** Veteran actor and nollywood icon Olu Jacobs passes away at age 84; tributes pour in from President Tinubu and the creative community [giant of the Nigerian creative industry](#).
- **FCT Police Raids:** Over 300 suspects arrested in shanties and uncompleted buildings in the FCT in an effort to disrupt criminal activities [arresting over 300 persons](#).
- **Yobe Political Defections:** 4,800 members of APC, NNPP, and other parties defect to the PDP, citing dissatisfaction with current leadership [4,800 defectors](#).
- **Kings College Concession Suspension:** Federal government halts plans to hand over school management to old boys for two weeks following labor protests [two weeks suspension](#).
- **VVF Interventions in Kaduna:** State government restores dignity to VVF survivors through medical surgery and economic empowerment skills [restoring their dignity](#).
- **Guitar Fish Conservation in Ghana:** Marine biologists and fishers in Ghana map 15 square kilometers of habitat to save the endangered guitar fish [critically endangered](#).
- **Guitar fish/Blue Economy:** Use of snail farming as an alternative income source for fishermen to protect marine species [alternative sources of income](#).
- **Seagrass Insulation:** Development of seagrass as a sustainable building insulation material along the Baltic Sea [Seegrass](#).

- **Migration Crisis in Ceuta:** Spanish government transforms port areas into emergency accommodation for 10,000 migrants amid local opposition [demonstrations against the government](#).
- **9/11 25th Anniversary:** US commemorates the attacks; President Trump vows Iran will never have nuclear weapons [Iran will never ever have nuclear weapon](#).
- **Cameroon Femicide Outrage:** Fresh killings of eight women spark calls for stronger laws against gender-based violence [fresh killings of eight women](#).
- **Enogu Waterfall Upgrade:** State government plans to upgrade a majestic 30-meter waterfall site to boost tourism [majestic waterfall](#).
- **AI in Farming:** Nigerian tech developers build AI crop detectors and drones to detect plant diseases and reduce post-harvest losses [AI crop detector](#).

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