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ENUGU AIRPORT REOPENED FOR FLIGHTS OPERATION



■ Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika inspecting the newly completed Enugu Airport Runway

After 370 days of closure Akanu Ibiam International Airport Enugu for upgrade and rehabilitation, the airport has now been reopened for flights operation. The Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika who represented President Muhammadu Buhari at the ceremony, declared that local private and commercial flights have commenced immediately.

“This project is commissioning today is

indeed a testimony of Mr president commitment for the provision of infrastructure in the country. The runway of this important airport which is vital to the economy of southeastern region of the country was in a delapidated state and worse condition raising serious safety concerns.

“On that basis that I approached Mr president for the urged need to

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FEC APPROVE 13 BILLION FOR UPGRADE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN FOUR AIRPORTS

The Federal Executive Council has approved memo submitted by the Minister of Aviation for the upgrade and refurbish safe tower equipment in Lagos, Kano, Abuja and Port Harcourt international airports. This will reduce the workload on the control tower and automate what was hitherto analogue system to digital. The Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika disclosed.

He said the total sum of N 13,122,230,999.17 which in two

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■ Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika

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reconstruct this runway and other associated works. Therefore, my absolute gratitude goes to Mr President for given instant approval of 10 billion Naira to undertake rehabilitation of the runway” said the Minister.

Hadi Sirika explained that the several associated works at the airport include; taxiway, linkway, Emergency Operation Centre, car park, entrance of the gates, perimeter fencing, perimeter roll, terminal rehabilitation, Pilot lounge, Instrument landing System, Communication V-sat, provide new VHS radio and Airport lighting system and rescue equipment among others.

The Minister said the focus would now be on delivering the cargo terminal, the international terminal building and many more in the airport soonest as he disclosed that he approved the release of N1 billion for the completion of the international terminal and cargo building at the airport.

He commended the South-East governors for their support in ensuring that the repair works were carried out as quickly as possible and thanked the governor of Enugu State, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, especially for removing the obstacles that would have hindered the progress of the project.

The Minister further added that the commissioning looks very easy but wasn't without challenges, some of them include; lack of Bitumen, lack of quarry sand dust which the company has to go as far as Lokoja Kogi state to get, The rains, COVID 19 lockdown, change of ownership of the PW company while in the course of executing the project and that was made sure it wasn't noticed. Market, radio mask and some residential close the airport.

In his remark, the Managing Director Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) Capt. Rabiú Yadudu said it was a tough decision to close the runway on August 24th 2019 as the airport was a crucial part of FAAN operation for revenue generation.

“But it was a decision we had to take in the interest of safety, security and economic interest of our people, our stakeholders and all Nigerians at large. Today we assembled here to confidently reopen the runway to

flight operation”. “This confidence is a necessary ingredient and component of aviation. It runs far and wide in each and every aspect of aviation. Without confidence there will be no aviation” he said.

In his speech, Ebonyi State governor and chairman of the South-East Governors Forum, Dave Umahi, said that the decision to close the airport in 2019 was difficult but was in the interest of the people and their safety. “It was a risk worth taking. And we are happy that it is being reopened after a series of dialogues, persuasions and negotiations with the Federal Government,” he said.

Gov Umahi commended President Muhammadu Buhari for the rehabilitation of the airport, saying that by the upgrade of the facility and its reopening, the President has endeared himself to South-East people.

Also in his speech the Enugu State's

Governor, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi said for the need to provide quick support and enabling environment for completion of the facilities upgrade in the airport, the Enugu State Government removed and demolished of all the encroachment in airport facility which includes five units of two-story building, fourteen units of one-story building, Church Cathedral Structures, eighty-five bungalows, sixteen shanties, 33 empty fenced parcels of land, 438 shops mall. Removal and relocation of Enugu State Radio and TV transmission service Mast and market among others.

The reopening ceremony was attended by traditional rulers from the South-East zone including Obi of Onitsha, Igwe Alfred Achebe among other dignitaries from across the country. Several dance groups were also in attendance to add spice to the occasion.



Enugu State Governor, HE Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, Minister of Aviation Sen. Hadi Sirika and other dignitaries cutting tape to symbolize the reopening of Akanu Abiam International Airport, Enugu



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parts have been approved by the FEC.

This was one of the resolutions of the virtual Federal Executive Council, FEC, meeting presided over by President Muhammadu Buhari. Addressing media after the council meeting, Sirika expressed optimism that the safe tower projects when completed, would increase efficiency and reduce the workload of air controllers in the affected airports.

"Today, Civil Aviation submitted a memorandum to the council which was consequently approved. The memo is to upgrade and refurbish the safe tower equipment in four airports, Lagos, Kano, Abuja and Port Harcourt.

"This is just to increase the efficiency of the airports and reduce the workload in the control tower and to automate what was hitherto analogue system to digital.

"Information regarding weather, regarding all of the components of weather, winds, rain, macroburst etc will be displayed automatically.

"So, the issue of giving out weather reports every hourly will change to give you instant weather which will improve the pilot efficiency and the workload on the controller is reduced and it can handle more flights into the airport," he added.

HOW AVIATION SECTOR USE IGR TO IMPROVE ON SAFETY AND SECURITY - Hadi Sirika

The Honourable Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika has revealed that the Bilateral Aviation Service Agreements (BASA), Security and Safety fund account at the Central Bank of Nigeria is meant for the development of civil aviation in the country and the fund can be utilized by all the agencies under Aviation. It collects centrally for improved accountability and knowing where the money is deposited.

Hadi Sirika stated this when responding to the Senate Committee on Finance and National Planning at the public hearing on 2021-2023 medium-term expenditure framework and fiscal strategy. He noted that the ideal for all the agencies utilizing the fund was for them to work in unison and create a system where aviation work perfectly and efficiently.

"I want to inform this committee that the Ministry of Aviation itself is not a key revenue organization but all deduction from payments to the third party which was automatically done online to government account in Central Bank is being done at the Ministry and this can be utilized better if are centrally collected and redistributed" the minister added.

On security aspect of the fund, Hadi Sirika said "the function of security is not all for FAAN but all the agencies in civil aviation. Security exists in all part of the agencies. Civil aviation security has changed since 2011, security and safety have taken a center stage in our airports and ought to be and must be secured"



■ Minister of Aviation Sen. Hadi Sirika together with Permanent Secretary FMA at public hearing on 2021-2023 medium term expenditure framework and fiscal strategy

"airports are national security assets must be protected in according to the standard of international practice of ICAO and all these practices are well spelt out".

"Training is must in civil aviation, there are certain training if you don't do them they will shut down the airport for example firefighting and some many more" we consider safety and training as a principal catalyst without well training pilot or airport manager or certified manager you are heading to disaster"

He said the question of whether the Minister has authority to approve from the fund, he said: "it is the act of the law that says they cannot expend

foreign exchange without the approval of the Minister so that there is control on foreign exchange that we have".

Earlier, the Committee Chairman, Senator Adeola Olamilekan, said the Minister was invited to come and explain what the committee has discovered last week in some of the accounts of the agencies under his supervision, that they maintained two forms of accounts; one accrued by the agencies through internally generated revenue and one Security and Safety funds. He added that the utilization of the account not within the prerogative of them but the Minister.

RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS: NIGERIA TO ENFORCE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY

Nigeria will enforce the principle of reciprocity in granting permission to airlines to resume operations in the country as it opens its airspace.

What it means is that only airlines from countries that allow flights from Nigeria will be allowed to fly into and out of the country.

Minister of Aviation Senator Hadi Sirika disclosed this at Thursday's media briefing of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 in Abuja.

According to him, the country's position is informed by the ban placed by some countries on flights from Nigeria, and that Nigeria's decision was taken in the interest of its citizens.

The Minister who was represented by the Director-General of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Captain Musa Nuhu, also disclosed that airlines will be informed on arrangements put in place to ensure that resumption of flights will be hitch-free.

He also stated that for now, only a few flights per day will be permitted as a test run for the protocols put in place to ensure a safe return to international operations. The protocols, according to him, would be made public in due course.

He expressed his appreciation to the airlines, Aviation workers, travellers and all stakeholders for their patience and understanding and urged all hands to be on deck in ensuring a successful and efficient resumption of international flight operations.

APPROVED AIRLINES FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

S/N	Airlines	Destinations In Nigeria	Foreign Carrier Operating Permit (FCOP)	Restrictions on Nigerians	Country	Comments
1.	Air France	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Tourist visa holders not allowed entry	France	Not Approved
2.	Middle East Airlines	Lagos	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Lebanon	Approved
3.	British Airways	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	United Kingdom	Approved
4.	KLM Royal Dutch	Lagos	Yes	Tourist visa holders not allowed entry	Netherlands	Not Approved
5.	Delta Airlines	Lagos	Yes	No restrictions	USA	Approved
6.	Qatar Airways	Lagos	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Qatar	Approved
7.	Etihad Airways	Lagos	Yes	Abu Dhabi Open to citizens and residents only	UAE	Not Approved
8.	Ethiopian Airlines	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Ethiopia	Approved
9.	Egypt Air	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Egypt	Approved
10.	Rwanda Air	Lagos Abuja	No	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Rwanda	Not Approved

12.	Virgin Atlantic	Lagos	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	United Kingdom	Approved
13.	Air Namibia	Lagos	No	Not applicable as international flights not resumed	Namibia	Not Approved
14.	Asky Airlines	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Togo	Approved
15.	Royal Air Maroc	Lagos	No	Resume International flights 10/09/20	Morocco	Not Approved
16.	Africa World Airways	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Ghana	Approved
17.	Air Cote d'ivoire	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Cote d'ivoire	Approved
18.	Lufthansa	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Tourist visa holders not allowed entry	Germany	Not Approved
19.	Kenya Airways	Lagos	Yes	Two weeks quarantine	Kenya	Approved
20.	Emirates Airlines	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	UAE	Approved
21.	Turkish Airlines	Lagos Abuja	Yes	Allowed entry under COVID-19 Protocols	Turkey	Approved
22.	Cabo Verde	Lagos	Yes	Not applicable as international flights not resumed	Cabo Verde	Not applicable as international flights not resumed
23.	TAAG Angola	Lagos	No	Not applicable as international flights not resumed	Angola	Not Approved
24.	South African	Lagos		Not applicable as COVID-19 Health Protocols yet to be released		Not applicable as international flights not resumed

Update on approved airlines for international flight

The Hon. Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika has announced the Emirates Airlines approval to operate into Nigeria after the recent reopening of Nigeria's airspace to international flight has been reversed. "Emirates Airlines' situation was

reviewed and they are consequently included in the list of those not approved with effect from Monday the 21st September 2020" Sen. Hadi Sirika revealed. He further noted that the Presidential Task Force on COVID 19 sub committee met with European Union

Ambassadors to discuss Lufthansa, Air France and KLM flight restriction to Nigeria. "The PTF sub committee met today with EU Ambassadors to discuss Lufthansa, Air France/KLM ban. The meeting progressed well" The minister said.

THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR UNIONS STRIKE - *Nimet Management Insists*

The management of Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) has insisted that there is no justification for the threat of going on strike by the joint union of workers; Association of Nigeria Aviation Professionals and the National Union of Air Transport Employees as most of the claimed sundry issues have been either addressed or currently being attended to, as the strike would rather distract the agency's attention in pursuing these noble goals.

This was contained in a letter sent to the Unions by the Director-General, Professor Sani Mashi on Thursday.

According to him, the resolutions reached in March 2019 by the Ministerial Committee on the Harmonization of Salaries of Staff in Aviation Agencies which the unions were well represented, that the salary adjustment for Nimet staff was discussed and resolved at the Committee and the Ministry of Aviation has presented it for further action to the National Salaries, Wages and Income Commission. The Ministry was exclusively charged with the task of handling the matter with the commission.

On the issue of the payment of promotion arrears, the Unions should know that it is the Office of the Account General of the Federation and not the Agency that is responsible for the payment of this arrears and that the Management of the Agency has been consistently pursuing the matter with the Account-General's Office through contacts with the relevant Departments.

The management further stated that on the issue of palliative "Agency's Department of Accounts & Finance have computed and paid monetary compensation to all Staff on essential duty. As at last week, only one (1) week palliative was in arrears and this has been settled this week".

Implementation of minimum wage it's a known fact that the Agency does not pay its Staff salary. The Federal Government, through the Office of the Account General of the Federation, pays such salaries to Agency's Staff.

"On the issue of lateral conversion,



the management wishes to state that it is not true that the Agency is "denying lateral conversion to staff on professional cadres who graduated after attaining grade level 10..." as posited by your Unions. However, in 2016 when the Agency's Senior Staff Committee recommended for the lateral conversion of Officers on Salary Grade Level 10 and above, the Ministry of Aviation stepped it down on the ground that the Agency's practice contravenes Extant Rules and Regulations".

"In giving importance to the training of staff, the management in 2019 developed a guideline to standardize and formalize requests for study leaves for diploma, undergraduate, postgraduate diploma and postgraduate programmes. As a matter of policy and practice, the issues of training and retraining of staff have been taken seriously".

The management wishes to

categorically state that it has been doing all within its power to positively ameliorate all the sundry issues raised by the Staff and all the Unions in the Agency; as also management committed and dedicated to the promotion of Staff Welfare & Development, including securing what rightfully belongs to them. In so doing, however, the Agency is compelled to strictly adhere to Government policies, as well as Extant Rules and Regulations.

The agency, however, recognizes and respect the Constitutional provision for the freedom of association of the citizen of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and enjoins the Unions to equally respect the sanctity of the Law of the Federal Republic on Nigeria. The management, therefore, calls on all the staff, in consideration of the Rule of Law, to immediately discountenance the call for the strike.



■ Prof Sani Abubakar Mashi, DG Nimet

...FAAN SEEKS LAGOS STATE PARTNERSHIP *contd. from pg 11*

Seeking the support and collaboration of the Lagos State Government towards ensuring improved safety, security and better service delivery at MMIA, Capt. Yadudu informed His Excellency that the brand new International terminal being constructed at MMIA through counterpart financing from the China Eximbank would be completed and commissioned for use before the end of the year.

Captain Yadudu congratulated the governor and members of his cabinet for the various strides and achievements since assumption of office as the Governor of Lagos State.

He stated that Lagos State, being Nigeria's Centre of Excellence is a major economic centre and would be the 7th largest economy in Africa if it were a country



■ Captain Rabiú Yadudu MD FAAN with Executive Governor of Lagos State, His Excellency, Governor Babajide Sanwoolu during the courtesy visit

FG APPROVES RESTRUCTURING OF NCAA TO IMPROVE SAFETY

The Federal Government has approved the restructuring of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to further improve the safety oversight system of the country's aviation industry.

The Director-General of NCAA, Capt. Musa Nuhu made this known in a statement said the approved restructuring was aimed at repositioning the agency for effective and efficient service delivery.

He said this was also to entrench a robust safety oversight system in line with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards and recommended practices.

The director-general said the restructuring was to enable the regulatory body to resolve the current and emerging challenges facing the industry. "The restructuring affects the following directorates, which are the major organs of the authority. It has been reduced from nine to six.

"The new and retained directorates are the Airworthiness Standards (DAWS); Operations, Licencing and Training (DOLT); Air Transport Regulations (DATR; Aerodrome and Airspace Standards (DAAS).

"Others are the Finance and Accounts (DFA) and the Directorate of Human Resources and Administration (DHR &A). "On the other hand, the directorates of Consumer Protection and General Aviation have been phased out. "While the former is merged with DATR, the latter is subsumed under the Directorate of Airworthiness Standards," he said.

Nuhu said similarly, two new directors have been appointed by the Federal Government to manage DAWS and Operations, Licencing and Training (DOLT). He said the newly appointed directors who are aviation professionals with several decades of industry experiences in their areas

of expertise were Mr Kayode Ajiboye for DAWS and Capt. Elisha Bahago for DOLT.



■ Capt. Musa Nuhu, Director General NCAA

NiMet TO OFFER TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW TO UPGRADE NWRI

The Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) is to provide technical know-how to support National Water Resources Institute (NWRI) in manpower training on operational hydrology in Africa.

Prof. Sani Mashi, the Director-General of the Agency disclosed this when he received a delegation from the Institute in his office.

According to him, such move will upgrade NWRI hydrology center to regional center of excellence recognised by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) for manpower training in operational hydrology in Africa.

“We saw the need for the institute to visit NiMet in order to solicit for support, get necessary information, exchange views and learn more about each other.

“NWRI is concerned with water which is an element that affects all lives. Even without the WMO factor, we are together by virtue of our interactions with the water component.

“We are happy that the WMO is giving Nigeria another opportunity to demonstrate its capacity and capability toward managing the affairs at the regional level,” he said.

The director-general said such

confidence by WMO in Nigeria’s capability to host an operational hydrology center was premised on the track record demonstrated by NiMet at the global stage.

Mashi, who was also representative of WMO in Nigeria, said the organisation felt there was need to also adopt a center that would deal exclusively with training on operational hydrology.

“WMO has asked us to comment and recommend a reputable Water Resources Institute that can serve the aforementioned purpose.

“ We have therefore, submitted the name of the National Water Resources Institute as a prestigious option for WMO to adopt,” Mashi said.

He, however, said in spite of NWRI’s long standing history in water resources management, the institute still needed some guidance on how to navigate their relationship with the WMO.

He said that the institute could leverage on NiMet’s experience with the world body, garnered since 1954 when the Nigerian WMO Regional Training centre was established in Lagos.

The director-general urged the institute to deploy the use of

“ We are happy that the WMO is giving Nigeria another opportunity to demonstrate its capacity and capability toward managing the affairs at the regional level ”

technology to deliver training in order to make their request more compelling and appealing to the World Meteorological Organisation.

“This will enable the institute to place itself in good stead ahead of other competing African countries.

“ Really, this meeting marks the beginning of a fruitful relationship which will eventually culminate into in signing of a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties,” he said.

Earlier, NWRI Executive Secretary, Prof. Emmanuel Adanu, who led a delegation from the Institute to NiMet , solicited the agency’s cooperation in the quest to actualise the institute’s mandate.

He said the institute would also like to cooperate with NiMet to set up a regional training center.

Adamu highlighted mandate of the institute to include researching and analysing of water distribution, modifying systems for the benefit of Nigerians among others.

The executive secretary appealed to NiMet to assist the institute in the areas of capacity building, skill and manpower interchange between the two Federal Government organisations.





PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON COVID-19

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION

4th September, 2020

COVID-19 RESPONSE: PROVISIONAL QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR TRAVELLERS ARRIVING IN NIGERIA FROM ANY COUNTRY

A. PRE-DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY OF EXIT:

Public health measures are applicable to all passengers entering or leaving Nigeria during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- i. All travellers arriving in Nigeria must have tested **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19 by PCR in country of departure pre-boarding. The PCR test **MUST** be within **96 hours** before departure and **preferably** within 72 hours pre-boarding. For certain countries, COVID-19 PCR tests will only be acceptable from specified laboratories;
- ii. Tests done more than **96 hours** before departure are not valid and persons will not be allowed to board; but for the 72 hours minimum, this is advisory and will not preclude boarding;
- iii. All intending passengers are required to register via an online national payment portal (Nigeria International Travel Portal – <http://nitp.ncdc.gov.ng>) and pay for a repeat (second) PCR test to be done upon arrival in Nigeria. Once payment is completed, passengers will receive an e-mail from the selected laboratory of their choice providing them with the laboratory link to register for the repeat COVID-19 PCR test on the 7th day after arrival. Passengers will be able to choose a Sample Collection Center and an appointment time and date for sample collection. A list of accredited private laboratory providers and Sample Collection Centers across the country will be available on the payment platform and the NCDC website;
- iv. Passengers will be required to fill in an online Health Declaration/Self-Reporting Form located on the Nigeria International Travel Portal. They will be required to submit the completed form online or provide a print out for presentation on arrival. They should ensure that the information/contact details

provided on the form are correct, verifiable and travelers should be reachable on the phone number and address provided. Passengers must inform Port Health officials on arrival of any change in their health circumstances since completion of the Health Declaration/Self-Reporting Form;

v. Prior to boarding, passengers are requested to upload their COVID-19 PCR NEGATIVE results on to the national payment portal and bring along an electronic or hard copy of the result for presentation at the airport. At the time of boarding, all travellers will undergo thermal screening temperature screening and questioned for COVID-19 symptoms. Passengers with COVID-19 related signs and symptoms will not be allowed to board the flight; and

vi. Airlines must only board passengers with NEGATIVE COVID-19 test results carried out within the stipulated 96 hours before boarding. Airlines that board passengers without a NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR tests or test results of more than 96 hours prior to boarding, will be sanctioned as follows:

- a. Non- Nigerians may be refused entry and returned to the point of embarkation at cost to the airlines;
- b. Nigerians will be allowed entry, but subjected to a mandatory quarantine of 8 -14 days (depending on results of COVID-19 PCR test done from day 7 of arrival) at a facility approved by the government and at a cost to the passenger(s); and
- c. Airlines will be fined USD 3,500 per passenger for failure to comply with the pre-boarding requirements.

B. ON ARRIVAL IN NIGERIA

All passengers/persons arriving in Nigeria will be required:

- i. To go through the routine Port Health screening and present electronic or print-out evidence of pre-boarding PCR test results and evidence of payment/appointment for a repeat PCR test, in-country;
- ii. To present their international passports for clearance through the Nigerian Immigration Service System's Migrants Identification Data Analysis System (MIDAS). Passenger's biodata page and picture will be forwarded to all COVID-19 PCR Sample Collection Centers to enable proper identification before sample collection. Passports will not be retained by the Nigerian Immigration Service;
- iii. To proceed on 7-day self-isolation/quarantine, during which time they are to avoid physical interaction with friends, family, colleagues, and other members of the public (i.e. must observe strict physical and

social distancing). Passengers are please reminded to check their emails regularly for updates regarding the arrangement for their repeat COVID-19 PCR test from the laboratory of their choice;

iv. To present themselves at the sample collection centers on the 7th day of arrival; samples will be taken, and a COVID-19 PCR test done; a reminder text message may be sent to the passenger by the private laboratory provider a day before the appointment. Kindly note that:

- a. Passengers who fail to submit themselves at the sample collection centers on day 7 of arrival will be sent text reminders and their details forwarded to the State Public Health Department teams and NCDC for active follow-up;
- b. Private laboratories will be required to forward details of passengers who decline repeat PCR test by day 14 of arrival will face a penalty. These passengers may face suspension of their passports or inclusion on a travel watchlist for 6 months and denied foreign travel for this period;
- c. Test results will be ready within 24 to 48 hours and the State Public Health Department teams & Nigeria Center for Disease Control will be informed accordingly;
- d. Persons who test POSITIVE for COVID-19 will be managed based on National Guidelines for COVID-19 treatment;
- e. Persons who test NEGATIVE for COVID-19 after 7 days will end self-isolation on the 8th day;
- f. Travellers reporting or developing symptoms of COVID-19 on arrival, or during screening will not be allowed to self-quarantine and will be placed in institutional quarantine;
- g. For deportees, if one person tests positive for COVID-19, all close primary contacts will be required to undergo enhanced screening and a follow-up PCR test if necessary; and
- h. Passengers will be monitored by Public Health Officers during the period of self – isolation/quarantine. For this reason, passengers will be required to provide a functioning telephone number on their online registration forms. Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 during the isolation period will immediately be tested for COVID-19. If POSITIVE, they will be managed based on National Guidelines for COVID-19 treatment.

C. EXIT FROM SELF-ISOLATION

Persons who have tested NEGATIVE for COVID-19 after 7 days of self-isolation/quarantine will be allowed to exit self-isolation on day 8.

This protocol will come into effect from Saturday, 5th September, 2020.

-Signed-

Boss Mustapha

Secretary to the Government of the Federation/
Chairman, Presidential Task Force on COVID-19

AIR PEACE TO RECALL SOME SACKED PILOTS, AS SIRIKA INTERVENES

Respite has come the way of some of the pilots recently sacked by the management of Air Peace, as many of them would soon be recalled to their jobs.

This was the fall-out of an intervention meeting called by the Minister of Aviation Senator Hadi Sirika between the airline management and the leadership of the National Association of Airline Pilots and Engineers (NAAPE) held in his office on Tuesday.

In the verbal agreement reached after a dialogue that was held in a very friendly environment, Chairman of Air Peace, Chief Allen Onyema acceded to the Minister's appeal for the recall of the maximum number of pilots that the airline can accommodate without going under.

In their presentation, NAAPE, led by its chairman, Galadima Abednego said that some missteps could have been made in the course of the standoff between the airline and the union and appealed to the Minister to intervene in order to resolve the impasse.

He said that as a union it was a painful thing to see a large number of their members thrown into the labour market, and further appealed to employers of labour to see the union members as partners, and not adversaries.

On his own, the Chairman of Air Peace, Chief Allen Onyema expressed his sadness and

disappointment over what he called the ingratitude of some of the airline's pilots after everything is done to make them comfortable on their jobs. He recalled how Air Peace had trained over 80 pilots and an equal number of aircraft engineers, giving its staff the best remuneration package within the sector only for them to disappoint at a time their understanding was needed.

He, however, commended Senator Hadi Sirika for providing the required leadership to the industry and promised his full cooperation in ensuring the growth of the aviation sector in Nigeria.

The Aviation Minister in his remarks

called for the understanding of everyone, especially the Labour unions, of the prevailing situation in the aviation industry, saying it was not the time for unnecessary upheavals.

He commended Chief Onyema for his enormous contributions in developing the industry but appealed to him to recall the maximum number of the sacked pilots that the airline can comfortably accommodate in the prevailing circumstances to which airline operator agreed.

He called on all stakeholders in the aviation industry to put all hands on deck in ensuring rapid recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



FAAN SEEKS LAGOS STATE PARTNERSHIP

The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) is seeking the support and collaboration of the Lagos State Government towards ensuring improved safety, security and better service delivery at Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos as part of preparations for the reopening of flight operations come September 5, 2020.

Managing Director, Captain Rabiu Yadudu who led the FAAN delegation to the Executive Governor of Lagos State, His Excellency, Governor

Babajide Sanwoolu on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, highlighted key areas of collaboration between the State and the federal parastatal.

Commending the efforts of the State Government in developing critical infrastructure across the State, Capt. Yadudu said that the completion of various people-centred projects particularly the Oshodi/Ajao roads to Murtala Muhammed International Airport is an attestation to the delivery of the mandate by Governor Sanwoolu led the government to the good people of Lagos State.

The FAAN boss also highlighted protocols for re-opening of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos; Road expansion MMIA/GAT/MM2; Rail Project- the right of way, possible link to Lagos Station; Shasha/Ajao encroachment/commercial concerns; Donation of Co-buses (Apron Buses); Evacuation of the mechanic village (Oshodi road); Tollgate MMA; amongst others as issues the Authority would want the Lagos State Government to assist in resolving.

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