

# BLOOMFIELD LP WEEKLY ENERGY TITBITS (BWET)

Bloomfield LP's Energy Practice brings you highlights of interesting energy developments in Nigeria  
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## Nigeria's Crude Oil Output Rises to One Million Six Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand barrels per day (1,663,000 bpd) in April 2026

According to the provisional data released by the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), it was reported that Nigeria's average daily crude oil and condensate production rose to One Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand barrels per day (1,663,000bpd) in April 2026.

The increase represents a seven-point six percent (7.6%) production increase from the production level recorded in March 2026, marking the one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000) barrels per day production quota set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC") for Nigeria.

Read more at:

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/business/business-news/879697-nigerias-crude-oil-output-rises-to-1-66-million-bpd-in-april.html>

## The Transmission Company of Nigeria Increases Electricity Capacity of the National Grid by Six Hundred Megawatts.

Transmission Company of Nigeria ("TCN") has announced the addition of six hundred megawatts (600MW) to the National Grid (the "Project") following the commissioning of the Ihovbor/Benin and Ihovbor/Ajaokuta 330kV Turn-in-Turn-Out Transmission Line Project in Edo State. The Project links the existing Benin/Ajaokuta transmission line to the Ihovbor transmission substation, strengthening electricity evacuation and transmission capacity within the Benin corridor.

According to TCN, the Project involves the strategic linking of the existing Benin/Ajaokuta 330kV transmission line to the Ihovbor transmission substation, creating two (2) new transmission routes with a total length of fourteen (14) kilometres. Also, the Project will improve operational flexibility, reduce transmission bottlenecks, and enable more efficient evacuation of electricity generated by the Azura Power Plant and the Niger Delta Power Holding Company plant. The development is also expected to improve system reliability and increase access to bulk electricity supply across the country.

Read more at:

<https://punchng.com/tcn-adds-600mw-to-national-grid>

## Crude Oil Imports Decline in Nigeria as Local Refineries Receive Eighteen Million (18,000,000) Barrels of Crude Oil Domestically

According to data released by the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), Nigeria's crude oil imports for domestic refining declined significantly in April 2026, as local refineries received approximately eighteen million (18,000,000) barrels of crude oil entirely from domestic sources. The data released showed that out of the eighteen million thirty-seven thousand (18,037,000) barrels of crude oil supplied to domestic refineries in April 2026, only four hundred and ten thousand (410,000) barrels were imported, marking a sharp reduction compared to previous months.

It was reported that Dangote Petroleum Refinery (the "Refinery") accounted for the largest share of crude supply and operated at an average capacity utilisation of ninety-nine-point one two percent (99.12%) during the period. The Refinery produced substantial volumes of premium motor spirit, diesel, and aviation fuel, contributing to increased domestic fuel supply and reduced dependence on imported petroleum products.

Read more at:

<https://punchng.com/crude-imports-shrink-as-dangote-others-get-18m-barrels-locally>



## Nigeria and Morocco Set to Execute a Twenty-Six Billion United States Dollars (US\$26,000,000,000.00) Agreement for a Trans-Atlantic Gas Pipeline Project

Nigeria and Morocco are targeting the fourth quarter of 2026 to sign an international agreement for the proposed Twenty-Six Billion United States Dollars (US\$26,000,000,000.00) Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline project (the “Project”).

The Project is designed to be a six thousand nine-hundred-kilometre (6,900km) pipeline designed to transport Nigerian natural gas materials through several West African countries to Morocco and onward to European markets, with an estimated annual transport capacity of thirty billion (30,000,000,000) cubic metres of gas.

Read more at:

<https://championnews.com.ng/2026/05/14/nigeria-strikes-deal-with-morocco-to-advance-26bn-trans-atlantic-gas-pipeline-project/>

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## NEMSA and NDPHC Move against Substandard Electrical Installations

The Nigeria Electricity Management Services Agency (NEMSA) and the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) (the “Agencies”) have intensified efforts to curb the deployment of substandard electrical materials and installations across Nigeria’s power sector. The move forms part of the broader effort to improve grid reliability, infrastructure safety, and compliance with international technical standards.

The Agencies reaffirmed their commitment to collaboration closely to ensure that electrical equipment and engineering installations deployed across the electricity value chain meet approved safety and operational standards. The initiative also aligns with ongoing investments in transformers, substations, transmission lines, and other critical power infrastructure across the country.

We envisage that this move would improve the reliability and safety of Nigeria’s electricity infrastructure, reduce technical failures, and strengthen investor confidence in the power sector.

Read more at:

<https://businessday.ng/energy/article/ndphc-nemsa-crack-down-on-substandard-electrical-installations/?amp>