

Nigeria Immigration Service reaffirms commitment to border security

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The Comptroller-General of Immigration, Kemi Nandap

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The Comptroller General of Immigration, Kemi Nandap, has reaffirmed the Nigeria Immigration Service's commitment to effective border security during an assessment tour of border areas in Katsina and Jigawa states.

This was contained in a statement signed by the NIS spokesperson, Kenneth Udo, on Saturday.

As part of the tour, Nandap inspected key facilities at the Fago Patrol Base, Daura Forward Operational Base, Kongolam Border Control Post, and Magatari Control Post, focusing on the ongoing e-border projects.

Addressing stakeholders in the border communities, including traditional leaders, youth leaders, transport unions, and market women, Nandap "solicited for their cooperation in safeguarding our borders, especially the vast unmanned areas," the statement read.



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She highlighted the dangers posed by transborder organised crimes such as migrant smuggling and human trafficking, urging the communities to provide valuable information on the activities of irregular migrants.

During interactions with other security agencies, Nandap emphasised the need for continued collaboration to ensure effective border governance.

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“A safe border is a safe nation,” she remarked, underscoring the importance of joint efforts in maintaining national security.

The Comptroller General also made courtesy visits to former President Muhammadu Buhari and the Emir of Daura, HRH Alh. Umar Farouk, in Daura, discussing strategies for improved border security.

Nandap charged border officers to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and vigilance in their duties.

She assured them of the Federal Government's commitment to enhancing their working conditions through better logistics, accommodation, and ongoing capacity building.

In March 2024, PUNCH Online reported that the NIS said it was "rejigging" its border security formations for improved surveillance and patrol.

The Comptroller-General, Nandap, revealed this when the Minister of Interior, Dr. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, inaugurated 30 operational vehicles for border surveillance and patrol at the service headquarters, Abuja.

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