



They should expect a fair tax administration that will also come without hassles. Our core mandate is simple: assess, collect and account for revenue accruing to the Federation. In doing this, we will be fairer as a tax authority and continue to provide quality service to our only customers, that is, the taxpayers. The president has done a lot in bringing reliefs to Nigerians and businesses with the new tax laws. Compliance should be easier now and of course our advocacy has been on voluntary compliance. Do the right thing at all times and don't wait till our tax people visit your premises. If they have any issue, they should get in touch with us. With the new tax laws, evasion will be pretty difficult. Companies should be diligent in their tax planning. Those who still think they can find a way to game the system will find out that evasion or trying to cut corners will be costlier than being compliant and honest. There is one proverb in my language, "If the main course is not satisfying, there is nothing anybody can give you as a gift that will be enough." So, if within, we cannot develop Nigeria, nobody will come and develop it for us. President Tinubu's mantra has always been: "I'm not here to tax poverty; I'm here to tax prosperity. My government will tax the fruits of your investments and not the seeds."

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The National Opposition Movement (NOM) has called on President Bola Tinubu to immediately suspend the implementation of the new tax law, describing it as "an assault on the livelihood of ordinary Nigerians" rather than genuine tax reform. The group argued that the tax plan was punitive, exploitative, and ill-timed, considering the country's current economic struggles. Nigeria is facing a multidimensional crisis, with rising poverty, homelessness, and food scarcity. Many citizens struggle to afford basic necessities like food, transportation, and electricity. The NOM said that introducing an aggressive tax regime at this time would further strain households and small businesses. The opposition group criticized the Tinubu administration for lack of transparency and accountability, citing the Federal Inland Revenue Service's (FIRS) secretive agreement with a French agency on tax administration. They demanded that the government prioritize taxing luxury consumption, excess profits, monopolies, and corruption rather than burdening low-income earners. The NOM demanded immediate Suspension of the tax plan's take-off date; nationwide consultations with labour, civil society, SMEs, professionals, and state governments; social protection guarantees tied to any tax reform; fair taxation focusing on taxing luxury, excess profits, monopolies, and corruption, not poverty; and taxpayer rights by establishing strong legal safeguards to protect taxpayer rights. If the government forces the tax plan without consultation, the NOM warned that it would be fully responsible for the social and economic consequences. Below is the text of the press conference by the National Opposition Movement (NOM), at the Shehu Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja on Wednesday, November 17, 2025.

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