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President Barrow on 1st August 2022, embarked on an assessment tour of the damages caused by floods due to Heavy rains from 30-31st July 2022.

President Barrow was accompanied by some cabinet Ministers, officials from the Kanifing and Brikama Municipal Councils as well as senior officials from the national Disaster Management Agency.

The floods left many people homeless, destroying livestock and properties in KMC and Brikama areas. Speaking to the media at one of his stops, President Barrow said the government will take all the necessary steps to ensure that the drainage system in the country is fixed. He announced that the government is about to Launch a 46 million dollar climate resilience project.

The President also visited the installation work at the Bond Road water pumping Machine, where new machines were being installed. When fixed each Machine will pump 2.400 million litres of water per hour. He personally Donated 20 New Pumping machines to the Youth of Tobacco Road in Banjul.

President Barrow lays the Foundation Stone for the Radisson Blu Banjul Hotel



His Excellency President Adama Barrow on 23rd July 2022, laid the foundation stone for the Radisson Blu Banjul Five-star Hotel, in Bijilo. The hotel is the single biggest investment in the tourism sector since independence.

It is a 100 million dollars OIC project that is set to significantly diversify tourism in The Gambia, by opening up the country to the multibillion-dollar luxury hotel market. With 400 high-end rooms alongside 60 presidential and royal suites, the hotel will be one of its kind in the sub

region.

In his statement during the colourful ceremony graced by senior government officials and members of the diplomatic and councilor corps, President Barrow said, “Let me use this opportunity to emphasise that The Gambia will indeed host the Summit, and we are on track to doing so in a spectacular fashion.

We have the will, the ability, and the resources to do so. In short, we have the capacity, and by God’s grace, we will succeed.”

The President expressed delight about the prospective impact the project will have on the lives and livelihood of Gambians.

“Besides its macro-economic benefits, the project will create jobs for both skilled and unskilled persons during and after construction. I encourage the youths to take advantage of these opportunities to acquire skills and generate income to become productive and self-reliant citizens.” President Barrow said .

President Barrow Inaugurates the Country's First Waste Management Plant



The President lamented the challenges of waste management, particularly medical waste for many countries due to poor infrastructure, thus his government's resolve to improve the health sector by providing the standard equipment, building human resources and modernising infrastructure.

“The ECOSTERYL waste treatment plants we are commissioning today are equipped with some of the most modern items of waste treatment equipment in the world, hence we can all feel proud of this achievement.” the President stated.

President Adama Barrow, on July 5th 2022, inaugurated The Gambia's first clinical waste management plant at the Emergency Treatment in Farato, West Coast Region. The plant will treat medical waste from hospitals, laboratories, and other health facilities to avoid contamination.

In his address at the occasion, the President said burning and dumping medical waste has severe health hazards as it releases harmful substances and contaminates water bodies.

“The introduction of modern waste treatment methods is, therefore, one of the most important infection prevention and control strategies. This is made possible using steam sterilisation and microwave technology, both of which are safe and environmentally friendly.” President Barrow noted.

The President said huge incinerators have been inaugurated in each of the seven health regions in the country to ensure no part is left behind.

The plant is a result of the fruitful relationship between the Gambia government and the World Bank.



38 Busses Meant to Ease Urban Transportation, Starts Operation in the Greater Banjul Area

As part of the Accelerated Urban Transport Initiative, President Barrow, on July 30th, commissioned over 30 new buses meant to ease movement within the urban areas at a well-attended ceremony held at McCarty Square in Banjul.

President Barrow addressed the gathering, describing the event as a giant leap in the history of vehicular transportation in the country, adding,



"This development cannot come at a better time, given the recent significant improvements on our road infrastructure network and the growing traffic congestion in the Greater Banjul Area." He went on to say that, increasing public transportation would significantly help the country's economy grow.

President Barrow cited rapid population expansion and urbanization in the Greater Banjul Area as a significant challenge to the National Transport Policy in meeting people's mobility needs; however, he was quick to add that launching the initiative is commendable and timely in addressing that.

While applauding The Gambia Transport Services Company (GTSC) and Q-group for their collaboration in facilitating the acquisition of the buses, the President stated that given GTSC's safety records, the initiative would reduce the high rate of road accidents to the bare minimum.

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President Barrow Lays the Foundation for Faculty Blocks of USET



Stressing the high premium his government places on the development of the University of the Gambia, President Barrow said the government had endorsed the efficiency mechanisms adopted to integrate three schools of The Gambia College into the UTG.

“From now on, students who choose to become engineers and architects can proceed beyond the Higher National Diploma (HND) level to pursue degree programmes in Engineering and related disciplines at USET.” The President noted.

The Gambia University of Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology (USET) is the first in the country to offer degree programmes in Engineering and related fields. On July 30th, President Adama Barrow laid the foundation for constructing three faculty blocks in Brikama, West Coast Region.

In his inaugural statement, President Barrow said the event is a high profile on his government’s drive to transform education by providing quality and relevant tertiary and higher education to all Gambians.

“In the same way, we endorse the upgrading and strengthening the Management Development Institute to deliver degree programmes and support the Civil Service Reform and the broader sector administration programmes.” He added.

President Barrow said the development in higher education came alongside teacher training and education management, which now has a new dimension that creates avenues for higher levels of qualification, leading to degree courses.

He called on parents and caregivers to encourage their children, especially the girls, to enrol in the University for Engineering and other STEM programmes, saying, **“in this way, they will contribute to achieving our national development aspirations.”**