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# WEEKLY DIGEST

## DID YOU KNOW -

### The "Cloud" is just Linux?

When we talk about "the cloud," we often imagine an ethereal network floating above us. In reality, the cloud is simply millions of physical servers stacked in massive, air-conditioned data centers, and roughly 90% of them run on the Linux operating system. It is the preferred backbone for giants like Google, AWS, and Azure because it is open-source, efficient, and handles heavy containerized workloads better than any alternative.

I once tried to explain to my grandma that her photos are stored in the cloud. She looked up at the sky with genuine concern and asked, "But won't they get wet when it rains?"

This dominance means that modern infrastructure technologies like Docker and Kubernetes are built entirely on Linux foundations.



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## INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

The QWERTY layout proves that efficiency often yields to habit. We still type on a 19th-century mechanical workaround because collective "muscle memory" is more powerful than technical perfection.

# Local Industry Updates

*Automatic compensation for telecoms subscriber begins April.*

The **Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)** has mandated that automatic compensation for telecom subscribers will begin in **April 2026**. This system is designed to provide direct relief to customers who experience network service quality that falls below regulatory thresholds.

## Key Details of the Compensation Policy

**Automatic Identification:** You do not need to file a claim; Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) are required to automatically identify and credit affected subscribers.

**Compensation Format:** Payouts will be issued as **airtime credit**, which can be used for calls, data, and USSD sessions.

**Calculation Method:** The amount is determined based on your average spending patterns and your presence in the affected Local Government Area (LGA) during the outage.

**Eligible Services:** The policy covers disruptions in **voice, data, and SMS services**.

**Exclusions:** Brief or "short-lived" disruptions and incidents caused by exceptional circumstances like vandalism or natural disasters are generally excluded. Foreign SIM cards roaming in Nigeria are also ineligible.



## Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the automatic payout, a subscriber must meet these criteria:

**Location:** Experienced poor service in an affected LGA.

**Activity:** Performed at least one "revenue-generating activity" (e.g., a billed call, SMS, or data session) during the period under review.

**Active Line:** Maintained an active line on a Nigerian-licensed network like MTN, Airtel, Globacom, or 9mobile.

This framework targets service failures occurring from November 2025 onwards, with the system-driven rollout officially starting this month.

*Nigeria's NIGCOMSAT says it earned \$1.6 million amid satellite dispute.*

Nigerian Communications Satellite Limited (**NIGCOMSAT**) reported a revenue of **₦2.2 billion (\$1.6 million)** for the 2025 financial year, according to TechCabal and Inforcapital. This announcement, made in April 2026 by CEO Jane Egerton-Idehen, highlights a significant jump from the ₦650 million recorded in 2024, even as the agency faces a high-stakes debt dispute with its Chinese technical partners.

## The \$11.4 Million Debt Dispute

**Ultimatum from China:** The **China Great Wall Industry Corporation (CGWIC)** reportedly issued a 30-day ultimatum to NIGCOMSAT in March 2026, threatening to suspend critical operational support for the **NigComSat-1R** satellite due to \$11.44 million in unpaid fees.

**Operational Control:** Reports indicate that because the Abuja ground station was damaged by a thunderstorm in 2019, CGWIC has been managing the satellite's primary control from Kashi, China.

**NIGCOMSAT's Denial:** The agency has publicly dismissed reports of a crisis, with spokespeople calling the debt claims "inaccurate and misleading" and asserting that their partnership remains strong.



## Financial Growth and Future Strategy

**Revenue Drivers:** Broadcasting services remain the company's backbone, contributing over 50% of total revenue and supporting more than half of Nigeria's licensed broadcasters.

**Strategic Targets:** The agency is targeting a revenue increase to **₦8 billion (\$5.8 million)** by focusing on significantly underutilized broadband capacity.

**Asset Expansion:** The Federal Government has approved the acquisition of two new satellites, **NigComSat 2A and 2B**, to secure "digital sovereignty" and improve connectivity across all 774 Local Government Areas.

## Key Satellite Lifespan

The **NigComSat-1R** satellite is approaching its terminal date, with its 15-year operational lifespan set to conclude in **December 2026**.

*FG approves two additional satellites as Nigeria pushes deeper into space economy.*

FG has approved the acquisition and launch of two new communication satellites, **NigComSat-2A** and **NigComSat-2B**, to modernize Nigeria's aging space infrastructure. Announced in late March 2026, the project has officially moved into the financing and execution phase.

## Project Timeline & Specifications

**Launch Schedule:** **NigComSat-2A** is slated for launch in **2028**, followed by **NigComSat-2B** in **2029**.

**Replacement Goal:** These new High-Throughput Satellites (HTS) are designed to

replace the existing **NigComSat-1R**, which is reaching the end of its 15-year lifespan in late 2026.

**Technical Capacity:** The satellites will feature **77 transponders** across multiple frequency bands (L, C, Ku, and Ka), significantly expanding high-speed data, voice, and video transmission capabilities.

**Funding Model:** The project is being executed via a **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)**, with an estimated investment of roughly **\$500 million to \$2 billion**.



## Strategic Objectives

**National Security:** The satellites will support security agencies with real-time intelligence gathering, surveillance, and data collection to combat insurgency and cross-border crimes.

**Project 774:** A major component is connecting all 774 Local Government Area (LGA) secretariats to reliable internet, ensuring digital public services reach even the most remote communities.

**Economic Impact:** The initiative aligns with the FG's agenda to grow Nigeria's economy to \$1 trillion by boosting digital sovereignty and expanding broadband access.

**Regional Leadership:** Nigeria aims to solidify its position as a regional digital hub, providing satellite services to neighboring West and Central African countries that currently face high internet costs.

## Recent Milestones

**Procurement Complete:** The tender process for the satellites concluded in early 2026.

**Research Funding:** Alongside the satellite approval, the government unveiled a **₦12 billion Research Cluster Fund** to link academic innovation with the space industry.

# Global Industry Updates

**Nigerian telcos lost ₦2.3 billion worth of generators to theft in 2025.**

In 2025, Nigerian telecommunications companies lost approximately **₦2.3 billion** specifically to the theft of **152 generators**. This loss is part of a larger surge in infrastructure vandalism that saw **656 critical power assets** (including 504 batteries) stolen from network sites across the country within the year.

## Breakdown of 2025 Equipment Theft

**Generators:** 152 units stolen, primarily 15kVA models valued at roughly **₦3.5 million each**.

**Batteries:** 504 units stolen from mobile sites.

**Diesel:** 1,344 separate incidents of fuel theft recorded throughout the year.

**Fibre Optics:** An average of 1,100 fibre cuts per week occurred by the fourth quarter of 2025.



## Hotspots & Regional Impact

The Association of Licensed Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria (ALTON) identified several states as major battlegrounds for these criminal networks:

**Highest Incident States:** Rivers (556 incidents), Imo (391), and Abia (319).

**Other Impacted Areas:** Delta, Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Lagos, and the FCT.

**Peak Period:** September 2025 recorded the highest monthly theft with 572 incidents.

## Current Trends in 2026

Despite the government designating telecom infrastructure as **Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII)** to provide extra legal protection, the trend has intensified in early 2026:

**January & February 2026:** Another 17 generators and 64 batteries have already been stolen.

**Cable Theft Surge:** Cable theft incidents jumped to 160 in January 2026, more than double the 74 cases recorded in January 2025.

**Diesel Theft:** 222 incidents were reported in the first two months of this year alone.

These thefts are cited as the leading cause of dropped calls and poor data quality, as base stations frequently go offline when their backup power systems are looted.

**Anthropic Unveils 'Project Glasswing' at RSAC 2026.**

At **RSAC 2026**, Anthropic unveiled **Project Glasswing**, a major cybersecurity initiative designed to secure critical software infrastructure using their most advanced unreleased model, **Claude Mythos Preview**.

The project aims to give defenders a preemptive advantage by identifying and patching high-severity vulnerabilities before they can be exploited by AI-assisted attackers.

## Claude Mythos Preview

The core of Project Glasswing is the **Claude Mythos Preview** model, which Anthropic describes as their most capable model yet for technical reasoning and agentic tasks.

**Vulnerability Detection:** The model has already identified thousands of zero-day vulnerabilities across major operating systems, browsers, and core software components some of which had remained undetected for decades.

**Adversarial Reasoning:** Unlike standard scanners, Mythos can reason through complex, multi-step attack chains, simulating

how an attacker might combine multiple minor flaws into a major compromise.

**Gated Access:** Due to its potent ability to discover and potentially exploit flaws, the model is not available to the public. Access is strictly limited to verified project partners.



## The Glasswing Coalition

Anthropic is collaborating with a massive cross-industry alliance of tech giants and security firms to implement this technology at the infrastructure level:

**Launch Partners:** Includes Amazon Web Services, Microsoft, Google, Apple, CrowdStrike, Palo Alto Networks, Cisco, NVIDIA, Broadcom, JPMorganChase, and the Linux Foundation.

**Extended Access:** Over 40 additional organizations maintaining critical software have been granted access to scan and secure their systems.

**Financial Commitment:** Anthropic has committed **\$100 million in usage credits** for Mythos Preview and \$4 million in direct donations to open-source security organizations.

## Strategic Objectives

**Defense-First Approach:** The project focuses on "pre-release hardening," finding bugs before code is deployed publicly, which is significantly more efficient than post-release patching.

**Matching "Agentic Speed":** As the window between vulnerability discovery and exploitation collapses from months to minutes due to AI, Glasswing aims to automate the defensive response at the same machine speed.

**Open-Source Security:** By providing top-tier AI tools to open-source maintainers, the project seeks to harden the "invisible bricks" of the internet that often lack large dedicated security teams.

## Cisco's 2026 Industrial AI Report Summary.

Cisco research shows that while nearly all organizations (97%) expect AI to significantly impact their networks, most are not yet equipped to handle it due to infrastructure readiness gaps. Many existing systems lack the bandwidth, scalability, and low-latency capabilities required for AI workloads, making outdated network architecture the main barrier to scaling AI effectively.

At the same time, about 85% of organizations view AI as a powerful tool for improving cybersecurity, using it for faster threat detection, automation, and predictive defense. AI increases network complexity and potential vulnerabilities, yet it is also a key solution for managing those risks. Overall, the report highlights that success with AI will depend on building secure, modern, and AI-ready network infrastructure.



**Top gainers in stock market as at Saturday, 11th April, 2026.**  
(Source: tradingview.com)

Symbol		↓ Change %	Price	Volume
TRANSEXP	Trans Nationwide Expre...	+9.91%	3.77 NGN	104.45 K
INTBREW	International Breweries P...	+9.88%	13.35 NGN	4.92 M
CHAMS	Chams Holding Company Plc	+9.84%	3.35 NGN	25.31 M
GUINNESS	Guinness Nigeria PLC	+9.38%	462.9 NGN	1.37 M
WAPCO	Lafarge Africa Plc	+8.52%	233.2 NGN	9.18 M

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