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[High interest rates top business constraints, says CBN](#)

High interest rates, unfavourable economic climate and insufficient power supply have been identified as the major constraints to businesses in the country. Click [here](#) to read more.

[Mobile payments rise 184% to reach N828bn](#)

Financial transactions conducted by mobile money operators received a major boost in 2019 as the value of payments grew by 184 per cent from N292.02bn recorded in 2018. Click [here](#) to read more.

[Pipeline vandalism rose by 94% in November, says NNPC](#)

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation said on Sunday that it suffered a 94 per cent increase in willful hacking and destruction of its pipeline infrastructure across the country in November 2019. Click [here](#) to read more.

[9.45 million Nigerians in 35 states are poor – NASSCO](#)

A total of 9.45 million Nigerians in 35 states of the federation are poor, statistics from the National Social Safety Nets Coordinating Office has said. Click [here](#) to read more.

Company News

[E-banking: Standard Chartered drives tech with \\$3bn](#)

Standard Chartered says it is committed to driving digital banking with innovation and technology and has invested about \$3bn in technology in recent years. Click [here](#) to read more.

[Coronavirus: Amazon pulls out of major tech show](#)

Amazon is the latest major company to pull out of one of the world's largest tech shows because of risks posed by coronavirus. Click [here](#) to read more.

International News

[Wuhan coronavirus death toll passes 900](#)

The Wuhan coronavirus has killed 910 people globally, the vast majority in mainland China, and infected more than 40,000 people. Click [here](#) to read more.

[Coronavirus: Much of 'the world's factory' still shut](#)

A large number of China's factories remain closed today even as millions of people return to work after the Lunar New Year holiday was extended due to the coronavirus. Click [here](#) to read more.

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