



## Federal Ministry of Justice

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**ALLEGED HUSBAND KILLING: YOU HAVE CASE TO ANSWER, COURT TELLS MARYAM SANDA - DAILY TRUST PG.1&5, NATION PG.4, PUNCH PG.41, THIS DAY PG.49**

An FCT High Court in Maitama has dismissed a no-case submission made by Maryam Sanda, who was accused of killing her husband, Bilyaminu Bello, and ordered her to enter her defence. Maryam is being tried before the court for allegedly killing Bello, her husband, who was a nephew of former PDP Chairman, Alhaji Bello Halliru Muhammad. Maryam was docked alongside her mother, Maimuna Aliyu, a former Executive Director of Aso Savings and Loans; her brother, Aliyu Sanda and her housemaid, Sadiya Aminu, who were charged with assisting her to conceal the evidence by cleaning the blood of the deceased from the scene of the crime.

**ASSETS OF POLITICIANS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO BE MADE PUBLIC - NFIU - DAILY TRUST PG.5**

The assets of all public officials and senior political office holders will soon be open for public consumption, the Director, Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU), Alhaji Modibbo Hamman-Tukur, has said. Hamman-Tukur disclosed this yesterday in Abuja at a budget defence session with the House of Representatives Committee on Financial Crimes led by Rep. Kayode Oladele (APC-Ogun).

**ONNOGHEN: LAWYERS DIFFER OVER NJC'S REPORT TO BUHARI - DAILY TRUST PG.4, NATION PG.1&6**

Lawyers have expressed divergent views over the decision by the National Judicial Council (NJC) to forward the report of its findings on the petition of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) against the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen to President Muhammadu Buhari. The NJC had in a statement by its

director of information; Soji Oye on Wednesday explained that it decided against making public its findings on the petition by the EFCC against Justice Onnoghen but to send same to President Muhammadu Buhari to act.

**OSUN PROTEST: COURT ORDERS SARAHI, MELAYE TO HONOUR POLICE INVITE - DAILY TRUST PG.4, NATION PG.1&6, SUN PG5, THIS DAY PG.48**

A Federal High Court in Abuja has ordered Senate President Bukola Saraki and others to immediately honour an invitation by the Nigerian Police for questioning over their participation in a street protest on October 5, 2018. Justice Okon Abang yesterday also ordered Senators Dino Melaye and Ben Murray-Bruce to also appear before the police over the protest organized by the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) over the governorship election in Osun held on September 22 and 27, 2018.

**FG CONDEMNS KILLING OF NIGERIAN NATIONAL IN SAUDI ARABIA - DAILY TRUST PG.5, SUN PG.9S**

The Nigerian government has expressed their strong condemnation over the execution of a Nigerian Mrs. Kudirat Adesola Afolabi in Saudi Arabia over drug-related offences. This was made known in a statement signed by the Amb. Mustapha Lawal Suleiman, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday. “While Nigeria respects the sovereignty of States, and abhors the violation of domestic laws of any country, the Government however does not condone such inhumane treatment being meted on a Nigerian national,” the statement read.

**EFCC CONVICTED 313 PERSONS, RECOVERS N239BN IN 2018 - MAGU - DAILY TRUST PG.10, SUN PG.4, THIS DAY PG.51**

Acting Chairman of the Economic and Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ibrahim Magu, yesterday disclosed that the anti-graft agency secured the conviction of 313 economic and financial offenders in 2018. Magu also added the sum of N251 billion cash and multi-million dollar worth of jewelries were recovered by the commission between January 2018 and first quarter of 2019.

## **UNEASE IN KOGI OVER LAWMAKERS' STAND ON CJ AJANAH - NATION PG.2, PUNCH PG.41, THIS DAY PG.50**

On Tuesday, the Kogi State House of Assembly recommended the sack of the state's Chief Judge (CJ), Justice Nasir Ajanah. The move, which had been on the board since late last year, was temporarily aborted by the injunction of the state High Court sitting in Koton-Karfe. The suit was instituted by the CJ and the Registrar of the Kogi State High Court. The onslaught against Ajanah thickened last weekend and led to a protest by judicial officers in Lokoja. This did not stop the assembly from taking its the following day.

## **COURT NULLIFIES SALE OF 9MOBILE TO TELEOLOGY - NATION PG.6**

ALL steps taken from April 25, 2018 in respect of ownership transfer of Etisalat International Nigeria Limited (9mobile) to Teleology Nigeria Limited were yesterday voided by a Federal High Court in Abuja which set aside the sale of the telecommunication firm. Justice Binta Nyako voided all steps taken in relation to the exchange of ownership of Etisalat, despite pending orders for maintenance of *status quo*, restraining parties to a suit involving investors and other stakeholders from destroying the *res* (subject matter).

## **MONEY LAUNDERING: ONDO PDP CHAIR DISOWNS EXTRAJUDICIAL STATEMENTS - PUNCH PG.7**

The Ondo State Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, Clement Faboyede, who is being tried for allegedly laundering N500m in the build-up to the 2015 general elections, has disowned eight out of the 10 extrajudicial statements he made to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission. Faboyede's co-defendant, Modupe Adetokunbo, who served as the Ondo State Coordinator of President Goodluck Jonathan Campaign Organisation in 2015, similarly disowned the statements he made to the anti-graft agency.

## **DEPLOYMENT OF SOLDIERS FOR 2019 POLLS, LEGAL OLONISAKIN - PUNCH PG.10, THIS DAY PG.52**

The Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Abayomi Olonisakin, on Thursday defended the militarisation of the just-concluded elections. He said if

military personnel were not deployed for the elections, the security of the country would have been jeopardised, adding that the crisis could only be better imagined.

**WE ARE NOT PROBING ANY POLITICIAN FOR VOTE-BUYING - ICPC - PUNCH PG.24**

The new Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, Prof Bolaji Owasanoye, has said that the commission is not investigating anyone for vote-buying and selling or other electoral malpractices committed during the last general elections. The commission had, before the elections, said that it would partner the Independent National Electoral Commission to stop vote-buying and monitor politicians' spending on campaigns and other activities towards the elections.