



## Federal Ministry of Justice

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**MALAMI PLOTTING TO SCUTTLE RIVERS GOV POLL RESULT COLLATION, PDP ALLEGES - THISDAY PG.10, NATION PG.11, SUN PG.40**

As the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) prepares to complete the Rivers State governorship and state House of Assembly elections, which was suspended on March 10, following violence at some collation centres, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has accused the Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami SAN, of plotting to scuttle the process. INEC said on Saturday in Port Harcourt that no fresh elections would be held in the state, saying there would be a process to complete the election, which was suspended on March 10 following violence at some collation centres.

**COURT GRANTS SERAP PERMISSION TO COMPEL FASHOLA TO NAME CORRUPT CONTRACTORS - THISDAY PG.50**

The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) has said the Federal High Court in Lagos has given the green light to its suit seeking to compel the Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Babatunde Fashola, to disclose the names of corrupt contractors. Justice Chuka Obiozor granted the order for leave following the hearing of an argument on ex parte motion by SERAP's counsel, Mrs. Adelanke Aremo.

**EFCC: NO TEAM RAISED TO QUIZ OUTGOING GOVS - THISDAY PG.52, NATION PG.7, SUN PG.4**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) weekend denied raising any team of investigators to probe outgoing state chief executives. The denial followed reports that the commission had set up a team of investigators to probe some outgoing governors.

**I CAN CAUSE TROUBLE FOR NIGERIA IF PROVOKED —NNAMDI KANU - PUNCH PG.3, SUN PG.41**

The leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra, Nnamdi Kanu, has asked the Federal Government not to provoke him, adding that he has the capacity to make the country ungovernable. He described an alleged plan by the Federal Government to arrest him with the International Police as an effort in futility.

### **SUSPENSION: DELAYED APPEAL COURT'S DECISIONS WORRY - ONNOGHEN'S LAWYERS - PUNCH PG.3**

The wait for the Court of Appeal in Abuja to deliver its judgments on the appeals filed by the suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Walter Onnoghen, to challenge his assets declaration breaches-related charges and the Code of Conduct Tribunal's order suspending him, has entered the second month, *The PUNCH* reports. A three-man bench of the court, led by Justice Stephen Adah, had on February 27, 2019, heard the appeals and reserved judgments promising to communicate the date of the judgments to parties whenever they were ready.

### **160 STRANDED LIBYAN RETURNEES ARRIVE TOMORROW - DAILY TRUST PG.6**

Another batch of 160 stranded Nigerians from Libya is to arrive the country tomorrow. The International Organization for Migration (IOM), which facilitates the arrival of the returnees, announced this at the weekend. Tomorrow's arrival will be the 64th charter flight from Libya under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration

### **OSINBAJO, SARAHI, DOGARA MAKE CASE FOR JUDICIAL INTEGRITY - SUN PG.3**

Vice President, Yemi Osinbajo, has called for urgent reforms in the legal profession as such move would rescue it from the looming extinction of its credibility. Prof. Osinbajo posited that the rule of law, which is the pillar of any democracy, can only thrive if the legal profession maintains high ethical standard by all practitioners.

### **COURT DISCHARGES WABARA, EX- SENATE PRESIDENT, OF CORRUPTION CHARGE 14 YEARS AFTER - SUN PG.41**

After 14 years in court, reprieve finally came the way of former Senate president, Adolphus Wabara, as he was discharged and acquitted by a High Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) of bribery allegation. The corruption charge was brought against Wabara by the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) for want of diligent prosecution.