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COLLATION OF PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS BEGINS IN ABUJA TODAY - NATION PG.6

Collation and announcement of results of Saturday's elections will begin today. Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Chairman Prof Mahmood Yakubu opened the collation centre at about 6pm yesterday. Yakubu adjourned sitting till 11am today after setting the ground rules. It was the last step in the conduct of the presidential election. The collation and announcement of results are expected to start today, with results coming from INEC offices from the 38 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

128 ARRESTED FOR ELECTORAL OFFENCES - NATION PG.7, DAILY TRUST PG.8

The police are holding 128 persons for electoral offences during Saturday's presidential and National Assembly elections. The police said they had recovered 38 weapons and some explosives. According to the Acting Inspector-General (IG) of Police, Mohammed Adamu, the Special Election Investigation Team (SEIT) has been directed to begin a discreet investigation of all security-related infractions during the election and ensure that all persons found culpable are brought to book in accordance with the law.

ELECTIONS WELL-EXECUTED, SAY OBSERVER GROUPS - NATION PG.1&7, DAILY TRUST PG.8

Two observer groups yesterday rated the conduct of Saturday's presidential and National Assembly elections above average. They said that the poll conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) was "relatively well-executed. "Besides, they also urged likely losers to shun violence and follow the Rule of Law in seeking redress.

PDP PLOTTING TO DECLARE ATIKU WINNER OF ELECTION, SAYS APC - NATION PG.8

The All Progressives Congress (APC) Presidential Campaign Council yesterday urged the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) and other relevant security agencies to activate the provisions of the law on non-official declaration of results. It alleged that the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and its agents have completed plans to declare Atiku Abubakar as the winner of Saturday's presidential election without waiting for INEC. The Council, in a statement by its spokesman, Festus Keyamo, said the opposition plans to create confusion that would trigger pockets of protests by hired thugs across the country in order to attract the sympathy of the international community.

WIKE'S CSO, MAJOR ARRESTED BY MILITARY FOR BRIBING SOLDIERS TO RIG POLLS - NATION PG.11

The Chief Security Officer (CSO) to Rivers State Governor, Chief Nyesom Wike, Promise Wosu, a Superintendent of Police (SP), has been arrested by military intelligence for bribing soldiers to assist the leaders of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Rivers to rig Saturday's bloody Presidential and National Assembly elections in the state. Wosu was arrested along with an army major, according to a top security source last night, but opted to speak in confidence, considering the sensitive nature of the matter and not to jeopardise ongoing investigation.

ECOWAS URGES BUHARI, ATIKU TO ACCEPT RESULTS - DAILY TRUST PG.3

The Head of ECOWAS Election Observer Mission to Nigeria, Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, has urged the leading presidential candidates to accept the verdict of the poll in good faith. She also advised anyone who felt aggrieved to seek redress through legal means in the spirit of the commitment made in the February 13, peace accord.

BALLOT PAPERS, CARD READERS BURNT, HOODLUMS ATTACK OSUN INEC OFFICE - PUNCH PG.10

Suspected hoodlums on Saturday midnight attacked the office of the Independent National Electoral Commission in Ijebu-Ijesa, Oriade Local Government Area in Osun State. During the attack, the suspects were said to have burnt card readers and ballot papers of the just concluded presidential and National Assembly elections.

EFCC OFFICIALS STORM OGUN INEC OFFICE - PUNCH PG.10

Ten operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, on Sunday, stormed the head office of the Independent National Electoral Commission in Ogun State. Their arrival might not be unconnected with the rumour being spread around that there were plans to compromise the results of the elections in the state.

FALANA WANTS INEC TO TAKE OVER ELECTORAL OFFENDERS' PROSECUTION - PUNCH PG.27

Human rights lawyer, Mr Femi Falana (SAN), on Sunday asked the Independent National Electoral Commission to take over the prosecution of electoral offenders arrested during the Saturday's elections. Falana, in a letter dated February 24, 2019, which was addressed to the INEC Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, urged the commission not to leave the prosecution of the offenders for the police.

FOUR CORPS MEMBERS MISSING IN AKWA IBOM, 14 FREED - PUNCH PG.12

Out of the 18 abducted members of the National Youth Service Corps scheme who were part the ad hoc staff used for the conduct of the presidential and National Assembly elections in Akwa Ibom State, 14 have been released, according to the Independent National Electoral Commission. The corps members were on Saturday abducted at different parts of the state. A breakdown of the abductions, according to the Resident Electoral Commissioner in the state, Mr Mike Igini, indicated that 10 of the corps members were kidnapped by suspected

thugs in Abak Local Government Area, while four others each from Itu and Ikono LGAs, were also abducted.