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BUHARI WON'T CHANGE SUPPLEMENTARY POLLS RESULTS - PRESIDENCY - DAILY TRUST PG.3, NATION PG.6&7, PUNCH PG.2, THISDAY PG.8, SUN PG.6

President Muhammadu Buhari will not change the result of the supplementary elections scheduled for this week by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the presidency has said. Presidential spokesperson, Garba Shehu in a statement last night, said INEC was fully in charge of the country's elections.

ONNOGHEN'S TRIAL RESUMES TODAY - DAILY TRUST PG.3

The trial of suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Walter Samuel Onnoghen, over non-declaration of assets will resume today before the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT). Justice Onnoghen had pleaded not guilty to the six-count charge filed against him by the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB). Report says that the tribunal on March 11 ordered that the trial would continue from March 12 on a day-to-day basis in line with the provision of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA).

QUERIES AS POLICE PARADE 1,347 SUSPECTS IN 2 YEARS - DALY TRUST PG. 1&5

The Nigerian police have arrested and paraded nearly 1,500 suspects over various allegations of crimes across the country in the last 25 months, investigations by *Daily Trust* have shown. But questions are being asked as to what becomes the fate of the suspects after parade as very few were ever arraigned in court.

I HAVE NO REASON TO QUIT PDP FOR NOW - JONATHAN - DAILY TRUST PG.4, NATION PG.8, THISDAY PG.46, SUN PG.8

Former President Goodluck Jonathan says for now, he has no reason to quit the People's Democratic Party. He was yesterday reacting to online publication that he had resigned from the PDP and quit politics,

His spokesman, Ikechukwu Eze, yesterday described the news as fake and a calculated attempt to rubbish Jonathan.

APC, PDP CLAIM VICTORY IN BENUE, KANO, BAUCHI, OTHERS - NATION PG.1&6

The All Progressives Congress (APC) leadership has spoken on the governorship and Houses of Assembly elections, accusing the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) of working with the opposition Peoples Democratic party (PDP) to deny it its victory in some states. The party rejected the commission's decision on the results from Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area of Bauchi State, alleging that its agents were not invited to witness the investigations conducted by the commission.

BUHARI DIDN'T NEED NJC TO APPOINT ME - ACTING CJN - PUNCH PG.7

The acting Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Tanko Muhammad, has claimed that President Muhammadu Buhari does not need the permission of the National Judicial Council to appoint him as the acting CJN. Muhammad made the claim in response to a query given to him by the NJC, the body constitutionally empowered to recommend the appointment of chief justices and heads of courts.

RAID ON ONNOGHEN'S FARM, PLAN FOR FRESH CHARGES -CUPP - PUNCH PG.7

The Coalition of United Political Parties on Sunday alleged that the Saturday raid on the farm of the suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria, Walter Onnoghen, was done in preparation to filing a fresh charge against him. It said the raid was meant to afford the security agencies the opportunity to hunt for evidence to justify fresh charges.

INEC: WE DIDN'T REQUEST FOR MILITARY DEPLOYMENT IN COLLATION CENTRES - THISDAY PG.1&8, SUN PG.5

Following the unprofessional conduct of some military personnel during the March 9, 2019 governorship and state Houses of Assembly elections, especially the invasion of the collation centre in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, the Independent National Electoral Commission

(INEC) has said that it did not request for the deployment of soldiers in its collation centres. “I am not aware that the commission requested for the deployment of soldiers in collation centres,” INEC National Commissioner and Chairman of Voter Education and Publicity Committee, Mr. Festus Okoye, told THISDAY yesterday.

FALANA ASKS INEC TO DE-REGISTER 81 POLITICAL PARTIES FOR POOR PERFORMANCE - THISDAY PG.47

A human rights lawyer and Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Mr. Femi Falana, has reminded the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) that it has wide powers to de-register political parties that failed to scale some minimum electoral tests and urged the electoral body to de-register 81 political parties. In a statement issued yesterday, Falana said the application of the rules would see the number of political parties cut from 91 to fewer than 10.

WHY ATIKU HASN'T INSPECTED ELECTION MATERIALS - INEC - SUN PG.8

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has explained why presidential candidate of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, has not inspected election materials. Atiku had headed to the court after losing the February 23 election to incumbent, President Muhammadu Buhari. He had filed an application to compel INEC to grant him access to materials used for the election and the court granted his prayer.