



### **DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEW SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2019**

**DRAMA, AS ONNOGHEN IS FORCED TO TAKE PLEA IN THE DOCK - THISDAY PG.1&6, THE NATION PG.44, DAILY TRUST PG.6, PUNCH PG.12**

The suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria, (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen, was eventually arraigned at the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT) yesterday on six-count charge of refusal to declare his assets as required by the provisions of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) Act for public officers in the country. Onnoghen was originally billed for arraignment at the Tribunal on January 14 but had refused to appear in court on the grounds that the Tribunal lacked jurisdiction to entertain the matter. He also challenged the jurisdiction of the Tribunal both at the CCT and the Court of Appeal in Abuja.

**OBASANJO DENIES FLEEING NIGERIA, SAYS HE'S READY TO VOTE - THISDAY PG.6**

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has described as "fake news" the trending social media post that he had left Nigeria ahead of the elections beginning today. The former president, who showed up at his Presidential Library in Abeokuta yesterday, asked journalists "Why should I travel out of the country before the election?"

**IGP LACKS POWERS TO RESTRICT MOVEMENT, SAYS HURIWA - THISDAY PG.10**

A civil rights group - Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA) has charged that the acting Inspector General of Police, Mohammed Adamu had no powers to abridge the fundamental rights of Nigerians by restricting movement of citizens guaranteed in the constitution of the country. According to a statement by its National Coordinator, Mr. Emmanuel Onwubiko, such restriction amounted to abusing the constitution by illegally imposing restrictions of movement during elections as if he had the powers of law making which was the

only way to exercise constitutional power of derogation from fundamental rights at emergencies.

### **NOBODY WILL UNSEAT ME, BUHARI DECLARES - PUNCH PG.7**

President Muhammadu Buhari has declared that nobody will unseat him in the forthcoming presidential elections. President Muhammadu Buhari has vowed that nobody will unseat him. He said contrary to opinions in some quarters, he had the strength to lead the country for four more years. Buhari stated this in an interview aired on Friday on the verified Instagram page of CNN Africa while responding to doubts about his ability to run the country for a second term.

### **POLLS: UK WARNS CITIZENS TO AVOID 19 STATES - PUNCH PG.12**

The United Kingdom has advised its citizens residing or visiting Nigeria against travelling to 19 states during the election period. In its travel advice to its citizens, the British Government warned them against visiting the states because they are prone to violence. The states are Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Gombe, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Niger and Zamfara. Others are Bauchi, Kano, Abia, Kaduna, Jigawa, Katsina, Kogi, Sokoto and Kebbi.

The statement added, “In the run-up to the elections, protests in Abuja and other Nigerian cities including Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Imo, Kaduna, Kano, Kwara, Rivers are becoming increasingly frequent. “Public gatherings and demonstrations may take place at short notice and have the potential to turn violent. “You should avoid rallies, public gatherings and demonstrations, and monitor the local media.”