



## Federal Ministry of Justice

### DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEW SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2019

#### **ALLEGED VOTE BUYING PLOT: EFCC ARRESTS IMO ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OVER STRANGE WITHDRAWAL OF N1.05BN - THE NATION PG.5, PUNCH PG.7**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Enugu Zonal Office, has arrested the Acting Accountant-General of Imo State, Mr. Uzoho Casmir, on suspicion of laundering the sum of N1.050 billion. The cash was allegedly withdrawn in three tranches between Tuesday and Thursday.

#### **SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS FG'S SEIZURE OF EX-FIRST LADY PATIENCE JONATHAN'S \$8.4M - THE NATION PG.7, PUNCH PG.12, SUN PG.44**

The Supreme Court has upheld the order of temporary forfeiture made by a Federal High Court in Lagos in respect of the \$8.4million traced by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to former First Lady, Mrs. Patience Jonathan. In a judgment yesterday, a five-man panel of the court unanimously held that the appeal filed by Mrs. Jonathan, challenging the interim forfeiture, was without merit.

#### **EFCC RE-ARRAIGNS EX-NHIS BOSS FOR \$2.2M FRAUD - PUNCH PG.31**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on Friday re-arraigned a former Executive Secretary, National Health Insurance Scheme, Dr Femi Thomas, on an alleged fraud of \$2.1m. Thomas, alongside one Kabiru Sidi, a Bureau De Change operator, was re-arraigned before Justice Ayokunle Faji at the Federal High Court in Lagos.

#### **OLANIPEKUN LEADS 17 OTHER SANS TO DEFEND BUHARI, APC'S MANDATE - PUNCH PG.7**

A former President of the Nigerian Bar Association, Chief Wole Olanipekun (SAN), will lead the legal team assembled by President Muhammadu Buhari and the All Progressives Congress to defend the

President's mandate in court, *Saturday PUNCH* can confirm. A former Attorney-General of Ogun State and younger brother to the Vice-President, Akin Osinbajo (SAN), as well as the spokesperson for the Buhari Campaign Organisation, Mr. Festus Keyamo (SAN), are among the 18 senior advocates that will face the legal team of the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, Atiku Abubakar.

**COURT DISMISSES FORGERY SUIT AGAINST WIKE - PUNCH PG.8, DAILYTRUST PG.14, SUN PG.45**

The Federal High Court in Abuja on Friday dismissed a suit seeking an order disqualifying Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State from contesting Saturday's governorship election. The plaintiff's prayer for Wike's disqualification was based on an allegation that the governor forged his statutory declaration of age submitted to the Independent National Electoral Commission for the 2019 governorship poll.