



## DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEW SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2019

### **TWO FEARED DEAD AS THUGS INVADE POLLING UNITS IN LAGOS - PUNCH PG.3**

No few than two persons were said to have been killed after political thugs attacked some polling units in Ago Palace Way area of Lagos State. One of the deceased, who was identified simply as Peter, was allegedly shot and stabbed in the head at unit 038, Nwachukwu Drive, Canal Estate, by the hoodlums who belonged to the All Progressive Congress. The second casualty, identified simply as Demola, was reportedly beaten up by residents for supporting the thugs. He later died in a hospital.

### **NINE KILLED IN RIVERS AS ARMY, POLICE CONFIRM SOLDIER'S DEATH - PUNCH PG.6**

Nine persons were feared killed in Abonnema, Akoku-Toru Local Government Area of Rivers State during Saturday's Presidential and National Assembly elections. This is just as the state police command confirmed the killing of a soldier during a shootout in the area. Though the State Police Public Relations Officer could not give details of how the soldier was killed, it was gathered that gunmen suspected to be political thugs shot and killed the soldier.

### **SEVEN CAUGHT WITH FAKE ARMY, DSS STICKERS IN EBONYI - PUNCH PG.7**

About seven persons have been arrested with fake army and Department Security Service fake stickers while on their way to Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. The suspects were apprehended by members of the Special Anti-robbery Squad attached to the local government area. It was gathered that the Siena bus which the suspects came with has been impounded and its four tyres deflated following the order of the state governor, David Umahi.

## **BUHARI GOVT HAS NO REGARD FOR NIGER DELTA - EDWIN CLARK - PUNCH PGS.14 & 15**

Leader, Pan Niger Delta Forum, Chief Edwin Clark, who is a former Minister of Information and prominent Ijaw leader, shares his views on the general elections and other national issues in an interview with newsmen. He said 'If we want peace and stability in this country or a continuation of peace in this country, the Igbo should produce the next President of Nigeria in 2023'

## **NDLEA WOOS AIR PEACE TO CHECK TRAFFICKING - PUNCH PG. 51**

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency has asked domestic carrier, Air Peace, to help in checking drug peddling in the country. The agency said this would help to protect the country's image and safe its citizens from being executed in some countries with tough anti-drug laws.

## **AMERICAN BAR: ONNOGHEN'S SUSPENSION TROUBLING - THISDAY PG.16**

American Bar Association (ABA) yesterday said the suspension of the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen, by President Muhammadu Buhari undermined the rule of law in Nigeria. In a statement by its President, Mr Bob Carlson, the association said Buhari's decision to suspend the CJN few weeks to the election was troubling.

## **LEAH SHARIBU: ALREADY FORGOTTEN? - THISDAY PG.76 & 84, NATION PG.19**

One year in captivity, it appears the fate of the last of the Dapchigirls, Leah Sharibu, kidnapped on February 19, 2018 by a faction of the Boko Haram, is no longer looking good. Tuesday, February 19, marked one year since Leah Sharibu was snatched by terror group, Boko Haram, and carted away like a spoil of war. And for a whole year, the 15-year-old girl has been away from the comfort and warmth of the family and friends, leaving her to a fate one can only imagine

## **COURT GRANTS FG'S PLEA TO PROSECUTE JPMORGAN OVER \$875M MALABU OIL DEAL - THIS DAY PG.86**

A High Court sitting in London has granted Nigeria's plea to allow it proceed with the trial of JPMorgan Chase over allegations bordering on misappropriation of state funds in the sum of \$875 million. The presiding judge Justice Andrew Burrows gave the order on Thursday in respect of the alleged infractions involved the sale of the Oil Prospecting licence, OPL 245, otherwise known as Malabu Oil

## **20 KILLED AS VIOLENCE ROCKS POLLS - NATION PG.4**

No fewer than 17 people were killed across the country yesterday as violence erupted during the Presidential and National Assembly elections. The army confirmed six in Rivers State alone. Three of the victims died at different polling units at Okota, a suburb of Lagos, and three in Sapele, Delta State, two each in Bayelsa and Kogi States while one each was killed in Oyo state and Zamfara states. The remaining two died on Friday during a clash between supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ebonyi State.

## **FALANA: INVOLVEMENT OF SOLDIERS IN ELECTION DUTIES IS ILLEGAL - NATION PG. 45**

Lagos lawyer and human rights activist, Mr. Femi Falana, has said the federal government is violating the laws of the land by deploying soldiers for election duties. The Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) accused government of disobeying the Court of Appeal, which, according to him, had on several occasions ruled such deployment out of order.