



### **DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEW SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2019**

#### **PDP ACCUSES INEC CHAIRMAN OF REFUSING ATIKU ACCESS TO ELECTION MATERIALS - NATION PG.6**

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday accused the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof Mahmood Yakubu, of refusing the party's presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar access to election materials. The Court of Appeal had ordered INEC to allow Atiku's lawyers inspect ballot materials used in the February 23 presidential election, in furtherance of the petition filed by the PDP candidate against President Muhammadu Buhari's re-election. However, in a statement yesterday by its spokesman, Kola Ologbondiyan, the PDP said that Yakubu and the leadership of INEC have refused to obey the order of the appellate court, given on March 6, 2019.

#### **AISHA BUHARI VISITS VICTIMS OF LAGOS BUILDING COLLAPSE - NATION PG.8**

The Personal Assistant to President Buhari on New Media, Bashir Ahmad, confirmed her visit. During the visit, Mrs Buhari prayed to God to grant families who lost loved ones the fortitude to bear the loss, while also wishing the survivors speedy recovery. The three-storey building located on Marcey Street of the Ita Faji area of Lagos caved in on Wednesday around 9:45 am.

#### **SACK OF PRESIDENT BUHARI'S CSO NOT WITCH-HUNT -SOURCE - SUN PG.3**

The removal of Bashir Abubakar, the Chief Security Officer (CSO) to President Muhammadu Buhari, was not an act of witch-hunt, Sunday Sun has confirmed. A reliably source told Sunday Sun that Abubakar was not removed from office because he was disrespectful to people

nor became a cabal, saying that there was nothing unusual about his removal.

**US REPORT: MASSIVE, PERVASIVE CORRUPTION AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVT - THISDAY PG,1&10**

Despite repeated avowals of his commitment to a fight against corruption, the United States Department of State has said there is a climate of impunity in the President Muhammadu Buhari government that allows officials to engage in corrupt practices with a sense of exemption from punishment. The State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour, in its Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2018, said Nigeria had made little progress in efforts to limit corruption in its public service.

The US Congress mandates the executive to produce a report on the state of human rights worldwide every year. For Nigeria, the findings in the 2018 Human Rights Report, released Thursday, were largely similar to those of the previous year's report, indicating lack of real progress in the government's anti-corruption war.