



## Federal Ministry of Justice

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#### **FACTS THAT PROVE IBRAHIM MAGU IS A HYPOCRITE - THISDAY PG.68**

I want to use my column this Sunday to address the sickening level of hypocrisy demonstrated by the Muhammadu Buhari administration and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission under the leadership of its acting Chairman, Ibrahim Magu. Hopefully, the electoral theft carried out by President Buhari and his co-conspirators will be reversed by the Supreme Court when it treats the petition brought by the candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar.

#### **ONNOGHEN: UNPACKING THE LIES - THISDAY PG.73**

Not many Nigerians were shocked last Friday, when the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT) rejected the no-case application filed by the suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen to stop his trial. For them, it would be easier for the camel to pass through the eye of a needle than to let Onnoghen off the hook designed for him. The embattled CJN had dismissed the charges of false asset declaration against him as “useless and invalid”, saying the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) failed to follow its standard operations procedure in raising the charges. He, therefore, argued that he had no case to answer, implying that the charges be dismissed.

#### **I'M NOT AWARE OF KANU'S SURETIES WITHDRAWAL, SAYS LAWYER - NATION PG.8, SUN PG.39**

The counsel representing the leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and Director of Radio Biafra, Mazi Nnamdi Kanu; Barrister Aloy Ejimakor said that he is not aware about the decision of Kanu's sureties to withdraw their suretyship. Prosecution counsel in Kanu's trial; M.S. Labaran had on Thursday March 28, informed Justice Binta Nyako that all three persons who stood surety for Kanu had since applied to withdraw from the matter which prompted Nyako to issue a bench warrant for the arrest of the leader of the IPOB, after revoking

the bail it had earlier granted him. This is as Nyako relied on Section 352(4) of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, ACJA, 2015, saying that the court would proceed with his trial in absentia.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS LOOMS AS CJN'S TENURE ENDS IN THREE WEEKS - PUNCH PG.2**

The nation may be plunged into a constitutional crisis in about three weeks as the tenure of the acting Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Muhammad Tanko, comes to an end, *SUNDAY PUNCH* has learnt. Muhammad was inaugurated by President Muhammadu Buhari on January 25, 2019 following an order by the Code of Conduct Tribunal that the substantive CJN, Justice Walter Onnoghen, be suspended and the next in line of seniority, be sworn in.

### **EFCC RAISES TEAM TO QUIZ AMOSUN, OKOROCHA, YARI AS IMMUNITY ENDS - PUNCH PG.2**

Ahead of May 29, 2019, handover date to newly elected states helmsmen, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission has set up teams to probe some governors accused of perpetrating acts of corruption, *SUNDAY PUNCH* has learnt. At least 12 states will have new governors on May 29 after the tenure of the current ones would have ended.

### **N13BN FRAUD: EFCC APPROACHES INTERPOL FOR EX-NIA DG, WIFE'S ARREST - PUNCH PG.5**

The whereabouts of a former Director-General of the National Intelligence Agency, Ayodele Oke, and his wife, Folasade, remain unknown one week after they were declared wanted by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission. According to the anti-corruption body, they are wanted for failing to appear in court to answer to the N13bn money laundering charges against them.

### **AIR PEACE, NAPTIP MOVE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING - PUNCH PG.51**

The Chairman of Air Peace, Mr Allen Onyema, has said the airline will partner the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, in the agency's task of checking human trafficking and

providing jobs for victims of the illicit trade. Onyema made this known when the Director-General of NAPTIP, Mrs Julie Okah-Donli, visited the airline and conferred it with an award for providing a platform for checking trafficking in persons

### **COURT AWARDS N5M DAMAGES AGAINST SARS OPERATIVES - SUN PG.39**

A High Court sitting in Ogidi, Idemili Local Government Area of Anambra State has ordered some police operatives attached to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad SARS to pay the sum of N5 million as compensation to an Onitsha businessman, Ugochukwu Oraefo, over alleged extortion, illegal arrest, unlawful detention and torture.