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NJC SENDS REPORT ON ONNOGHEN, MUHAMMAD TO BUHARI - THISDAY PG.1&6, SUN PG.6, PUNCH PG.23, DAILYTRUST PG.7, NATION PG.1&6

The National Judicial Council (NJC) Wednesday said in Abuja that it had determined the petitions alleging misconduct against the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Walter Onnoghen, and the acting Chief Justice, Justice Tanko Muhammad, adding that it had sent its findings to President Muhammadu Buhari. The NJC had in January set up a five-man committee to treat sundry petitions against the two topmost judicial officers as well as the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT), Mr. Danladi Umar.

N594BN LOOT: BUHARI GROUP URGES ICPC TO PROSECUTE CIVIL SERVANTS - THISDAY PG.43

The Buhari Media Organisation (BMO) has urged the Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC) to prosecute 400 public servants alleged to be involved in the latest recovery of N594 billion made by the agency. The group said in a statement issued Wednesday and signed by its Chairman, Niyi Akinsiju, and Secretary, Cassidy Madueke that it was instructive that the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) revealed that the fraudulent acts were perpetrated by a tiny clique in the civil service.

NIGERIA'S BOOMING BUSINESS OF UNFETTERED IDENTITY CHANGE - THISDAY PG.20&21

“It’s just affidavit,” said the young man. “No form of identification is needed, though the person who wants to do the change of name must be present”. This reporter had told him that he needed an affidavit done for a change of name. The young man knows the High Court at Ring Road in Ibadan, Oyo State, like the back of his hand and goes in and out of offices as if he works there. When asked if a change of

name affidavit could be obtained by proxy, he said: “They ask for identification when they suspect the person is not the owner. Little wonder it’s easy to change from ‘Evan’ to ‘Evans’. Just go, swear!” But he swore that things have changed in the ancient city. “In Ibadan, they insist you must come by yourself because you have to swear,” he begins when asked to do a change of name for a third party, a lady.

CJN CLOSES DEFENCE ON ASSETS DECLARATION ALLEGATION - SUN PG.4, PUNCH PG.3, DAILYTRUST PG.3, NATION PG.7

After calling his 60-year-old driver as his witness, the suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen, yesterday, closed his defence before the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT), in the six-count criminal charge of non-assets declaration brought against him by the Federal Government. The development came as a surprise as Onnoghen had on Monday announced that he was calling three witnesses, including a director with the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB), Mrs. Theresa Nwafor.

JNI ADVOCATES DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG DEALERS - SUN PG.43

Leadership of Jamaa’tu Nasril Islam (JNI) has advocated death penalty for drug dealers as one of the means through which the menace of drug and substance abuse can be checkmated in Nigeria. Also, the leadership of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), in Kaduna State, has suggested full enforcement of existing laws on drugs, which it believes would, in turn, apply strict penalty on offenders.

KOLADE’S KILLERS WILL BE PROSECUTED - BUHARI - PUNCH PG.5, DAILYTRUST PG.4

President Muhammadu Buhari has assured Nigerians that the two policemen allegedly responsible for the murder of Kolade Johnson in the Onipetesi area of Lagos on Sunday will be prosecuted. The President, who justified the public outrage that trailed the extrajudicial killing, admitted that there was a need to properly reform the police Special Anti-Robbery Squad, the conduct of whose personnel has led to the #EndSARS campaign by Nigerians.

COURT JAILS MAN FOR INTERNET SCAM AFTER FBI PETITIONED EFCC - PUNCH PG.5

Justice Mojisola Dada of the Lagos State Special Offences Court, on Wednesday, sentenced one Joseph Ekemezie to one-year imprisonment for involvement in fraudulent Internet activities. Ekemezie was arrested following a petition written by the United States' Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

\$8.4M FRAUD CASE: BAMAIYI DENIES GIVING AJUDUA MONEY TO BRIBE JUDGE - PUNCH PG.10, DAILYTRUST PG.7, NATION PG.5

A former Chief of Army Staff, Gen Ishaya Bamaïyi, on Wednesday denied giving an alleged fraudster, Fred Ajudua, money to bribe Justice Olubunmi Oyewole, who was handling his trial in 2006. Bamaïyi told Justice Josephine Oyefeso of the Lagos State High Court in Ikeja that he only gave Ajudua money to get a good lawyer to secure his freedom.

HUSBAND KILLING: COURT DECIDES ON MARYAM SANDA TODAY - DAILYTRUST PG.3

An FCT High Court in Maitama has fixed today for ruling on a no-case submission filed by Maryam Sanda, charged with the alleged killing of her husband, Bilyaminu Bello. A no-case submission literally means an application by the defendant submitting that the prosecution had not led enough evidence to warrant for conviction or for the defendant (s) to defend herself.

ALLEGED N2.8BN FRAUD: COURT ADMITS MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST EX-NAMA MD - DAILYTRUST PG.4

A Federal High Court in Lagos yesterday admitted in evidence documents tendered by the prosecution against the former Managing Director of Nigeria Airspace Management Agency, NAMA, Mr Ibrahim Abdulsalam and others. Abdulsalam is facing trial alongside Nnamdi Udoh (still at large), Adegorite Olumuyiwa, Segun Agbolade, Clara Aliche, Joy Ayodele Adegorite, Randville Investment Limited and Multeng Travels and Tours Limited

MALABU OIL BLOCK AWARD 'ILLEGAL' - NATION PG.1&7

A consultant hired by Italian prosecutors, Dr. Dayo Ayoade, yesterday in Italy, said award of Malabu Oil Block (OPL 245) to Shell and ENI was illegal. Ayoade spoke at the resumption of the case involving the two oil giants at a Milan Court in Milan, Italy.

NAPTIP PARTNERS NUJ TO BATTLE HUMAN TRAFFICKING - NATION PG.20

The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons and other related offences (NAPTIP) has called for collaboration with members of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) in the fight against human trafficking in Sokoto state. NAPTIP Zonal Commander in charge of Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara states, Mr Tahir Hassan, said this yesterday when he led officials of the agency on a visit to NUJ Sokoto State council.