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ABUBAKAR MALAMI'S MAGNUM OPUS - DAILY TRUST PG.45

Now that elections are over and President Muhammadu Buhari has announced an imminent change of cabinet, it is time for every minister to take stock and set new agenda whether they are retained or not. But one minister that demanded my attention is Abubakar Malami, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, who has been central to government activities around Buhari's administration's major pre-occupation in its first term- anti-corruption. Whether it is the tracing and recovery of stolen assets, prosecution of corrupt former and serving public officials or the establishment of the Presidential Committee on Anti-Corruption, Malami has been the talking points in the last three years.

2019 ELECTIONS: TRIBUNAL ORDERS SERVICE OF ATIKU'S PETITION ON BUHARI - DAILY TRUST PG.3, NATION PG.46, PUNCH PG.3, THISDAY PG.1&8, SUN PG.4

The Presidential Elections Tribunal at the Court of Appeal in Abuja has approved an application by Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar to serve President Muhammadu Buhari and others the processes for the election petitions filed at the tribunal. A three-member panel of justices presided by Justice Abdul Aboki yesterday held that it is in the interest of justice to allow Atiku and PDP to serve Buhari through substituted means.

US: HUMAN TRAFFICKING MOST HORRIFIC RIGHT VIOLATION - DAILY TRUST PG.4

The United States yesterday described human trafficking as the most horrific human right violation in the world. U.S. Chargé d' Affaires in Nigeria, David Young stated this yesterday when he visited Edo State

where he met with government leaders, traditional rulers and civil society representatives.

NIGERIAN, GHANAIAN CHARGED WITH RAPE OVER BRITISH GIRLS' ATTACK - DAILY TRUST PG.5

A Nigerian Daniel Akpan, 29, and a Ghanaian Ishmael Akyene, 34, have been charged with a series of offences including rape after a group of British schoolgirls was attacked at gunpoint in Ghana. Armed men had entered accommodation where the pupils and their teachers were staying during a school trip to Ghana in December.

AIG LEADS SECURITY AS ADAMAWA DECIDES TODAY - DAILY TRUST PG.1&5, NATION PG.43

An Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) will take charge of security as the Independent National Electoral Commission holds supplementary gubernatorial election in Adamawa State today. The exercise is seen as a straight contest between Governor Jibrilla Bindow of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Ahmadu Fintiri of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

WITNESS: I GOT N769.5M FROM EX-NDDC CHIEF FOR NO CONTRACT - NATION PG.5

A software developer, Eyo Basse Francis, yesterday told the Federal High Court in Lagos that he received N769.5million from former Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Executive Director of Projects, Mr Tuoyo Omatsuli, for no specific job done. Francis, the first prosecution witness in Omatsuli's money laundering trial, said the huge sum was not for any particular contract. He said he came in contact with Omatsuli in 2014 and told him that he ran an online platform, did a lot of imports and was able to source for foreign currencies.

NEW JUDGE TO HEAR PATIENCE JONATHAN'S SUIT AGAINST EFCC - NATION PG.5

A new judge, Justice Chukwujekwu Aneke of the Federal High Court in Lagos, has taken over a suit filed by former first lady Dame Patience Jonathan challenging a "no-debit-order" placed on her account by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). It followed the

elevation of Justice Mohammed Idris to the Court of Appeal. Justice Aneke yesterday adjourned until May 22.

DOKPESI ACCUSES BUHARI OF BEING A PARASITE - PUNCH PG.7, THISDAY PG.43

The Chairman of Daar Communications, owners of the Raypower FM and African Independent Television, Chief Raymond Dopkesi, on Wednesday labelled President Muhammadu Buhari “a parasite of Nigeria.” Speaking to journalists in Abuja after he was released after being questioned by the Nigeria Immigration Service, Dokpesi also accused the Federal Government of intimidating Peoples Democratic Party members.

WITHOUT COURT ORDER, EFCC LACKS POWER TO INSTRUCT BANK TO FREEZE CUSTOMER’S ACCOUNT - PUNCH PG.40

This appeal is against the judgment of the Federal High Court in Lagos delivered by Abang J, on the 13th day of November 2015 in Suit No. FHC/L/CS/862/2015, wherein the learned trial judge gave judgment in favour of the 1st respondent against the appellant, the 2nd and 3rd respondents. The 1st respondent in this appeal commenced an action against the appellant, 2nd and 3rd respondents by way of an application for the enforcement of his fundamental rights. The reliefs sought by the applicant at the court below read as follows.

INEC: SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE ZAMFARA APC LOGJAM - THISDAY PG.8

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has said that it would wait for the directive of the Supreme Court before it could make a final decision on the contentious primary elections of the All Progressives Congress’ (APC) in Zamfara State. A Zamfara State High Court had recognised the primary elections that produced governorship; state and National Assembly candidates held by the APC faction loyal to Governor Abdulaziz Yari and ordered INEC to accept the party candidates for the elections.

COURT TO RULE ON OSHIOMHOLE'S OBJECTION TO ALLEGED FINANCIAL MISAPPROPRIATION MAY 13 - THISDAY PG.43, SUN PG.4&5

Justice Anwuli Chikere of the Federal High Court in Abuja, will on May 13, 2019, rule on the objection of a former Governor of Edo State and National Chairman of All Progressives Congress (APC), Adams Oshiomhole, to a suit seeking to compel the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to commence criminal investigation against him over alleged financial misappropriation as Governor of Edo State. Justice Chikere announced the date yesterday, shortly after counsel to parties in the matter made their submissions on the preliminary objections.

\$9.8M FRAUD: EX-NNPC GMD, ANDREW YAKUBU KNOWS FATE APRIL 4 - THISDAY PG.44

Justice Ahmed Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Abuja, will on April 4, 2019 decide whether the former Group Managing Director (GMD) of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Mr. Andrew Yakubu, who is being prosecuted by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), on a six-count charge of non-declaration of assets and money laundering to the tune of \$9, 800, 000 has a case to answer. The EFCC had, on February 3rd, 2017 raided Yakubu's house, located on Chikun Road, Sabon Tasha area of Kaduna South Local Government Area of Kaduna State, from where the sum of \$9,772, 800 and £74,000 was recovered.