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I'LL WORK HARDER IN MY SECOND TERM - BUHARI - DAILY TRUST PG.5, THISDAY PG.1&6, NATION PG.6, PUNCH PG.9, SUN PG.8

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday assured Nigerians that he would work harder in his second tenure to address the challenges facing the country. Speaking when the leadership of the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), paid him a congratulatory visit in Villa, Abuja, he said that he would not let Nigerians down.

ATIKU GETS COURT'S NOD TO INSPECT ELECTION MATERIALS - DAILY TRUST PG.1&5, THISDAY PG.1&8, NATION PG.4, PUNCH PG.2, SUN PG.6

The Presidential Elections Petitions Tribunal in Abuja has ordered the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to allow the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and its presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar, to inspect materials used for the February 23 presidential election. A three-member panel led by Justice Abdul Aboki granted the order yesterday. Other members of the panel are Justices Emmanuel Akomaye Agim and Peter Ige. Atiku and the PDP had through their lawyers, Levi Uzoukwu (SAN) and Chief Chris Uche (SAN), urged the tribunal to grant six reliefs to enable them institute and maintain their petition against the outcome of the presidential election.

COURT DISQUALIFIES TARABA APC GOV'SHIP CANDIDATE - DAILY TRUST PG.12, THISDAY PG.6, PUNCH PG.8, SUN PG.43

A Federal High Court Sitting in Jalingo, yesterday disqualified the governorship candidate of the All Progressive Congress (APC) in Taraba state, Sani Danladi over alleged age falsification. But the APC in the state which kicked against the judgement described the verdict which came less than three days to the election as mischievous and had already lodged an appeal.

SKYE BANK: AYENI, OGUNTAYO GET N500M BAIL - DAILY TRUST PG.3, THISDAY PG.51, NATION PG.44

The chairman and the Managing Director of the defunct Skye Bank PLC, Tunde Ayeni and Timothy Oguntayo have been arraigned over allegations of criminal breach of trust to the tune of N456 billion. They were arraigned yesterday before an FCT High Court in Apo by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on a four-count charge.

PRESIDENTIAL POLL: AGBAKOBA BACKTRACKS, BACKS ATIKU'S DECISION TO GO TO COURT - DAILY TRUST PG.6, THISDAY PG.9, NATION PG.4, PUNCH PG.2

A former president of the Nigerian Bar Association, Olisa Agbakoba, yesterday backed the decision of the presidential candidate of the People's Democratic Party, Atiku Abubakar, to go to court. He said he earlier advised Atiku against going to court because of the removal of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Walter Onnoghen and the appointment of the acting CJN, Tanko Muhammad.

PDP DISPELLED, CLAIM BY EFCC - DAILY TRUST PG.7

But the PDP National Publicity Secretary, Mr. Kola Ologbondiyan dispelled the claim by the EFCC, saying, it was handiwork of the All Progressives Congress (APC) aimed at blackmailing the PDP. Mr. Ologbondiyan who spoke briefly in a telephone interview with our correspondent said, "Let them prepare to defend themselves at the tribunal where we filed a suit challenging their rigged result of the February 23 elections."

ARMY PROBES ALLEGED MISCONDUCT OF SOLDIERS IN BAYELSA, OYO, OGUN - THISDAY PG.9 PUNCH PG.9, SUN PG.4

Following allegations of misconduct against some soldiers in the recent presidential and National Assembly elections, the Nigerian Army Wednesday said it has launched a probe into the allegations of unprofessional conduct against its personnel. Speaking Wednesday at a meeting with Principal Staff Officers (PSOs), General Officers Commanding (GOCs) and Operational Commanders (OCs) in Abuja, the

Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Tukur Buratai, disclosed that the governors of Bayelsa, Oyo and Ogun States had lodged a formal complaint against some soldiers with the Army Headquarters.

HIGH COURT JUDGE REFUSES TO QUIT EX-FCT MINISTER AKINJIDE'S TRIAL - NATION PG.4

Justice Muslim Hassan of the Federal High Court in Lagos yesterday refused to recuse himself from the trial of former Minister of the Federal Capital Territory Ms. Jumoke Akinjide for alleged money laundering. The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) arraigned her with a People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader in Oyo State Chief Olarenwaju Oti and a former Senator representing Oyo Central Senatorial District Ayo Adeseun. Former Minister of Petroleum Resources Mrs. Diezani Alison-Madueke, said to be at large, is also named in the charge.

ALLEGED N21B DIVERSION: EX-AIR CHIEFS' TRIAL BEGINS AFRESH - NATION PG.4

The trial of former Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Adesola Amosu has begun afresh at the Federal High Court in Lagos. Several witnesses had testified in the case over a two-year period, but the trial judge, Justice Mohammed Idris, was elevated to the Court of Appeal last June. The case was subsequently re-assigned to Justice Chukwujekwu Aneke.

EVANS' INABILITY TO PAY LEGAL FEES STALLS TRIALS - NATION PG.9

The inability of suspected kidnap kingpin, Chukwudumeme Onwuamadike, alias *Evans*, to pay legal fees charged by his counsel, yesterday stalled his trial before an Ikeja Special Offences Court. He is facing two cases before Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo. The defence counsel, Mr Olanrewaju Ajanaku, had written to the court to request for adjournment in both cases.

OKUPE: EFCC WITNESS STIRS CONTROVERSY OVER PAYMENT FOR NTA PROGRAMME - PUNCH PG.39

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on Wednesday called its second witness in the ongoing trial of a former Senior Special Assistant to ex-President Goodluck Jonathan on Public Affairs, Dr Doyin Okupe, who is being prosecuted for money laundering. The EFCC alleged that Okupe and his co-defendants, in 2014, took about N240m from the Office of the National Security Adviser without any justification. But Okupe had denied the allegation.