



## Federal Ministry of Justice

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**ONNOGHEN GETS SEVEN DAYS TO RESPOND TO FRESH PETITION - THISDAY PG. 8, NATION PG. 6**

The National Judicial Council (NJC) has given the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen, another seven days to respond to a fresh petition against him, by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). The council, which took the decision yesterday at its emergency meeting in Abuja, also resolved to constitute a complaint panel to look into the various complaints against both Onnoghen and the Acting CJN Justice Tanko Muhammad.

**CCT NOT UNDER PRESIDENCY, FALANA TELLS TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN - THISDAY PG. 6**

A human rights lawyer and Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Mr. Femi Falana, has warned the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT), Justice Danladi Umar, not to reduce the tribunal to an appendage of the presidency, as it is an independent organ of the federal government. In a statement made available to THISDAY yesterday, he said apart from the chairman and members who are appointed by the president on the advice of the National Judicial Council (NJC), the staff of the tribunal were not appointed or seconded by the presidency.

**ALLEGED N544.1M CONTRACTS: EFCC DETAINS EX-SGF BABACHIR - NATION PG.6, DAILY TRUST PG. 4, SUN PG. 4**

Former Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) Babachir Lawal was yesterday detained by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). Lawal will be arraigned today. The commission had filed a 10-count charge against the former SGF and five others. Others are: Hamidu David Lawal; Sulaiman Abubakar; Apeh John Monday; Rholavision Engineering Limited and Josmon Technologies Limited.

## **PATIENCE JONATHAN'S ALLY SHAGAYA'S ACCOUNT LAWFULLY FROZEN, SAYS EFCC - NATION PG.8, PUNCH PG. 8**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has told the Federal High Court in Lagos that it lawfully froze the account of a businesswoman and socialite, Hajiya Bola Shagaya. It prayed the court to dismiss her application seeking to unfreeze it. Besides, EFCC said Shagaya, an ally of ex-First Lady Dame Patience Jonathan, allegedly frustrated its efforts to conclude investigations on a suspicious Unity Bank account with a balance of over N1.9billion.

## **FALANA ADVISES CCT CHAIRMAN TO RESPOND TO QUERY BY JUDICIAL COMMISSION - NATION PG. 10, PUNCH PG. 12**

LAGOS lawyer Femi Falana (SAN) has advised the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT) Chairman, Justice Dankadi Umar, to respond to the query issued and served on him by the Federal Judicial Service Commission (FJSC). "If he fails to reply the query, the Federal Judicial Service Commission may wish to recommend his removal from office to the National Judicial Council pursuant to paragraph 13 (a) of Part 1 of the Third Schedule to the Constitution 1999, which will in turn make appropriate recommendations to the President," Falana said. The senior lawyer, in a statement issued in Lagos yesterday, noted that while dismissing the allegation of judicial misconduct arising from the circumstances surrounding the suspension of the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen, the CCT Chairman queried the power of the Federal Judicial Service Commission to query him.

## **INEC ENGAGES EFCC, FIU, CBN, OTHERS TO TRACK CAMPAIGN FINANCE - NATION PG. 46, DAILY TRUST PG. 10**

Anti-Graft agencies, financial institutions and other agencies have been urged by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to assist in tracking campaign finances of political parties and their candidates. The agencies are: Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), Nigeria Communication Commission

(NCC) Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), the Police and four other organizations.

### **BUHARI'S SUSPENSION OF ONNOGHEN VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS - UN RAPPORTEUR - PUNCH PG. 2**

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Diego Garcia-Sayán, has condemned the suspension of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Walter Onnoghen, by President Muhammadu Buhari. He described the action as a contravention of international human rights standards on independence of the judiciary and the separation of powers.

### **COURT BARS FG FROM FREEZING ONNOGHEN'S ACCOUNTS - PUNCH PG. 7**

The Federal High Court in Abuja has restrained the President, Attorney General of the Federation and Nigerian Financial Intelligence from freezing the bank accounts of the suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Walter Onnoghen. Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu granted the order while ruling on a motion ex parte instituted by the Legal Defence and Assistance Project Ltd/GTE. The AGF last month wrote a letter to the NFIU asking the unit to “restrict normal banking operations on certain accounts belonging to Onnoghen”.

### **I WILL NOT RELENT IN MY FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION, SAYS BUHARI - PUNCH PG. 9**

President Muhammadu Buhari on Monday insisted that he would not stop his fight against wiping out corruption from the country. President Buhari, while speaking at the palace of the Emir of Ilorin during a courtesy visit, said that though he knew that fighting corruption is a difficult task, he would not relent in his effort to wipe it out of the national life of Nigeria.

### **FRESH TROUBLE FOR ONNOGHEN - SUN PG. 6, DAILY TRUST PG.4**

Suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen, yesterday faced fresh hurdle as the National Judicial Council (NJC), constituted Preliminary Complaints Assessment Committee (PCAC), to

look into the petitions against him and the acting CJN, Justice Ibrahim Tanko, as well as consider their responses to those petitions. This decision is in accordance with Regulation 17 of the National Judicial Council Judicial Discipline Regulations, 2017.