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WHY I WON'T COMMENT ON ELECTION RESULT NOW - BUHARI - DAILY TRUST PG.3, NATION PG., SUN PG.6

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday said that he won't comment on the result of Saturday's elections, until when the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) releases the final result. Buhari spoke when he landed at the Presidential wing of the Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport, Abuja, from Daura Katsina state, where he cast his votes.

EFCC WRITES AGF OVER DIEZANI'S EXTRADITION - DAILY TRUST PG.3, SUN PG.4, NATION PG.41

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) yesterday informed an FCT High Court in Apo it has written to the Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) concerning extradition process of a former Minister of Petroleum Resources, Diezani Alison-Madueke, from the United Kingdom. The court had fixed February 25 for the arraignment of Diezani and Jide Omokore, a former chairman, Atlantic Energy Drilling Company offences bordering on conspiracy and illegal act of accepting and giving gratifications.

COURT FREES DIRECTOR, BROTHER ON CHARGES OF NON-DECLARATION OF ASSETS - NATION PG.5, THISDAY PG.9, PUNCH PG.7

A Federal High Court in Abuja has freed the Director of Finance and Accounts in the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing, Ibrahim Tumsah and his brother, Tijani Tumsah. They were arraigned for allegedly failing to declare their assets. Ibrahim and Tijani (Vice Chairman of the Presidential Initiative on Northeast) were arraigned on a two-count charge marked FHC/ABJ/CR/4/2018, filed last year by the

Special Presidential Investigation Panel on the Recovery of Public Property (SPIP), headed by Okoi Obono-Obla.

EU, AU, OTHERS SAY PEACEFUL POLLS BROADENED DEMOCRATIC SPACE - DAILY TRUST PG.3, NATION PG.6, PUNCH PG.39

A delegation of joint foreign election observers has described last Saturday's Presidential and National Assembly election as "largely peaceful, orderly and in conformity with Nigeria's legal framework." They also noted that the polls provided an opportunity for the consolidation of democracy, and broadened the political space in Nigeria despite obvious challenges.

FG ACCUSES PDP OF PLANNING CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS - DAILY TRUST PG.3, NATION PG.8

The federal government has accused the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) of laying the groundwork for a constitutional crisis. Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed said in a statement yesterday in Kwara state, that the "PDP is unleashing its talking heads including Buba Galadima, Osita Chidoka and Femi Fani-Kayode on the public space to claim victory from Saturday's election, even when INEC has yet to announce the result - an action that amounts to a clear case of impunity.

POLLS: IGP ORDERS ARREST OF ATTACKERS OF POLICE OFFICERS - DAILY TRUST PG.7, NATION PG.44, THISDAY PG.10, SUN PG.5

The acting Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mohammed Adamu has ordered the immediate arrest of attackers of police personnel on election duty. Police spokesman, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Frank Mba in a statement on Monday said Adamu decried the attack on a Deputy Commissioner of Police in Brass, Bayelsa State, yesterday, Sunday, 24th February, 2019.

ELECTION VIOLENCE: SERAP WRITES BUHARI, SEEKS REFERRAL OF CASES TO ICC - DAILY TRUST PG.8

The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) has sent an open letter to President Muhammadu Buhari, urging him to immediately refer to the International Criminal Court (ICC), all allegations of election-related violence, intimidation and killings between 1999 and 2019 for investigation and prosecution. The organization said that it was important to do this to send a powerful message that election-related violence, intimidation and killings would not be tolerated under your watch.

ALLEGED FRAUD: EFCC SAYS DEFENDANT WANTS PLEA BARGAIN DEAL - NATION PG.5

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), yesterday told the FCT High Court, Apo that Valentine Ezeife, a suspected Internet scammer, known as “yahoo-yahoo boy”, has approached the commission for plea bargain deal. NAN reports that on February 20, the EFCC arraigned Ezeife, who was arrested with N20 million, a Lexus 570 and Toyota Camry car 2013, before the court. The EFCC charged Ezeife with two counts of Internet fraud and unlawful possession of N20 million.

EFCC ARRESTS IWU, EX-INEC CHAIR - SUN PG.4

Security operatives from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) have arrested former chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Maurice Iwu. Family sources said Iwu was arrested in Owerri, the Imo State capital, on Sunday and whisked away to Lagos.

IMO WEST: I DECLARED OKOROCHA WINNER UNDER DURESS -RO - SUN PG.9, PUNCH PG.6

The Returning Officer (RO) for Imo West (Orlu) senatorial district, Prof Innocent I. Ibeawuchi, said he declared Imo State Governor, Rochas Okorocha, the winner of the senatorial contest under duress, to save his life and his family. But, in a swift reaction, the governor dismissed Ibeabuchi’s claims and described him as a bloody liar, whose, mental health should be examined.

ACCEPT RESULTS, ECOWAS OBSERVERS TELL CANDIDATES - PUNCH PG.9

The Economic Community of West African States Election Observation Mission has called on Nigerians who contested the presidential and National Assembly elections to accept the results in good faith. The mission gave the advice in its preliminary report signed by its Head, Mrs Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, and made available to journalists on Monday. "In the spirit of the commitment made in the peace accord of February 13, 2019, the mission urges the candidates to accept the verdict of the polls in good faith; and in case of complaints, to seek redress by legal means solely," the report read.