



Federal Ministry of Justice

DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEW TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2019

PDP, FAYOSE HAIL VERDICT AS APPEAL COURT NULLIFIES ZAMFARA APC PRIMARIES - PUNCH PG.2, NATION PG.43, DAILYTRUST PG.12, SUN PG.4

The Court of Appeal in Sokoto, the Sokoto State capital, on Monday set aside a judgment of a high court, which allowed the All Progressives Congress to field candidates in the 2019 elections in Zamfara State. A Zamfara State High Court had recognised the primaries held by the APC and directed the Independent National Electoral Commission to accept the party's candidates for the elections.

WEMA BANK FAULTS ICPC REPORT ON EHINDERO'S TRIAL - PUNCH PG.12

Wema Bank has denied that a former Inspector-General of Police, Sunday Ehindero, got accrued 10 per cent interest on the funds of the Nigeria Police Force lodged in a fixed deposit account with the bank. The bank denied that its official, Mr Aibangbe Maifuwa, who gave evidence in the trial, last week told the court that Ehindero got the accrued 10 per cent interest on the fixed police funds.

OFFA ROBBERY: COURT GRANTS DEFENCE REQUEST TO EXAMINE CAUSE OF SUSPECTS' INJURIES. PUNCH PG.9, NATION PG.5, THISDAY PG.43, DAILYTRUST PG.32, SUN PG.4

A Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Monday granted the prayer of the defence counsel asking for an independent examination of the alleged gunshot injuries sustained by three accused persons alleged to have participated in the April 5, 2018 robbery incident in Offa. Thirty-three persons including nine policemen were killed during the robbery attacks. Five accused persons are standing trial in the robbery case. They are Ayoade Akinnibosun, Ibikunle Ogunleye, Adeola Abraham, Salaudeen Azeez and Niyi Ogundiran.

FG CLOSES CASE IN TRIAL OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS IMPORTERS - PUNCH PG.12, NATION PG.8

The Federal Government on Monday closed its case in the trial of five men charged with illegal importation of 661 pump-action guns into the country. The defendants in the charge filed before the Federal High Court in Lagos are Mahmud Hassan, Oscar Okafor, Donatus Achinulo, Matthew Okoye, said be at large, and Salihu Danjuma.

COURT ADJOURNS TRIAL OF EL-ZAKZAKY, WIFE INDEFINITELY - PUNCH PG.40, NATION PG.43, THISDAY PG.41

A Kaduna State High Court presided over by Justice Gideon Kurada on Monday adjourned, indefinitely, the trial of the leader of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria, also known as Shiite, Sheikh Ibrahim El-Zakzaky, and his wife, Zinat. NAN reports that El-Zakzaky and wife are standing trial over allegations of culpable homicide, unlawful assembly, and disruption of public peace, among others.

N1.3TRN PUBLIC FUNDS STOLEN IN FOUR YEARS, SAYS MAGU - NATION PG.7, THISDAY PG.10, SUN PG.40

A WHOPPING N1.3 trillion public funds were stolen by 32 entities (human and corporate) between 2011 and 2015, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Acting Chairman Ibrahim Magu has said. Magu made the revelation yesterday in his keynote remarks at the opening of the 2019 First Batch Conversion Training Programme to Procurement Cadre for Federal Parastatal and Agencies.

EU OBSERVERS: VIOLENCE MARRED SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTIONS - THISDAY PG.10

The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) deployed to Bauchi, Benue, Kano, Plateau and Sokoto State where supplementary governorship elections were held on March 23 has again observed that the process was flawed with irregularities, particularly insecurity. A statement issued by the EU EOM Press Officer, Sarah Fradgley, indicated that some polling units were inaccessible to the observer team during the election due to violence.

INEC DECLARES PDP'S MUHAMMED WINNER OF BAUCHI GOVERNORSHIP POLL - THISDAY PG.1&6, NATION PG.43

Adedayo Akinwale, Alex Enumah in Abuja, Innocent Onuminya in Sokoto and Segun Awofadeji in Bauchi. Victory eventually came the way of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Bauchi State last night as the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) declared its candidate, Senator Bala Muhammed, the winner of the governorship poll held on March 9, 2019.

JUDGES OF ELECTION TRIBUNALS POSTED AS COURT OF APPEAL TRAINS SECRETARIES - DAILYTRUST PG.30

The 250 members of the Election Petitions Tribunals have been posted to their respective states of assignment as the adjudications in grievances from the 2019 general elections begin. President of the Court of Appeal (PCA), Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa, and last week told the judges that “by the end of this week, we will all be in our various states for the tribunals and the appeals that will follow suit by the aggrieved parties.”

NBA-SBL TRAINS 100 YOUNG LAWYERS IN BANKING - DAILYTRUST PG.30

The Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law (NBA-SBL), on Monday, began the training of 100 young Nigerian lawyers in banking practice as part of its effort in upgrading the legal profession. The event, held in Lagos, was organised by the NBA-SBL in conjunction with a UK-based non-governmental organisation, International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA).

FG TO REVIEW REWANE'S PANEL REPORT ON MINIMUM WAGE – BUHARI - DAILYTRUST PG.3

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday received the report of the Presidential Technical Advisory Committee on the implementation of the New Minimum Wage (PTAC) and said the government would begin work on it immediately. Receiving the report of the panel, chaired by the Managing Director of the Financial Derivatives Company, Bismarck

Rewane, at the State House, Buhari said the report would be reviewed expeditiously.

ACTIVISTS CAUTION FG AGAINST PERSECUTION OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS - SUN PG.19

Some Nigerians have knocked the federal government and some of its agencies over what they call attempts to use the instrumentality of the law to blackmail dissenting voices and perceived political opponents. A group, the Nigeria Rights Initiative (NRI) said recently that some past actions of government were a glaring political witch-hunt of its opponents.

COURT ORDERS POLICE TO PAY BUSINESSMAN N5M FOR TORTURE - PUNCH PG.40

An Anambra State High Court, sitting in Ogidi, Idemili North of the state, has ordered the police to pay N5m compensation to an Onitsha businessman, Ugochukwu Oraefo for unlawful detention and torture. Ugochukwu was arrested sometime in 2018 allegedly, tortured and detained by men of the Special Anti-robbery Squad wherein N6m was extorted from him for a trump up issue.