



## Federal Ministry of Justice

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**EFCC ARRESTS PDP CAMPAIGN DEPUTY DG, TURAKI - DAILY TRUST PG.3, THISDAY PG.9, SUN PG.43**

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has said the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has arrested the Deputy Director General (Administration) of the party's Presidential Campaign Organisation, Kabiru Tanimu Turaki. The party also demanded his unconditional release. Turaki is a former Minister of Special Duties and one of the presidential aspirants on the platform of the PDP who lost his bid to Atiku at the PDP convention held in Port Harcourt in the build up to the February 23 presidential election.

**COURT SACKS KANO PDP GOVERNORSHIP CANDIDATE - DAILY TRUST PG.1&5, NATION PG.43, PUNCH PG.25, SUN PG.5**

A Federal High Court in Kano has sacked the governorship candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Engineer Abba Kabir Yusuf. The court, presided over by Justice Lewis Allagoa, said the primary election that produced Yusuf as PDP candidate for Kano was invalid. But the chairman of the PDP in Kano State, Dr Rabi'u Sulaiman Bichi, said the party has appealed the verdict and filed for a stay of execution.

**BADEH'S FIRM CONVICTED, FORFEITS SIX PROPERTIES, CASH TO FG - DAILY TRUST PG.3, NATION PG.8, THISDAY PG.10, PUNCH PG.9, SUN PG.5**

A company linked to late former Chief of Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Alex Badeh has forfeited six properties and about \$1 million to the Federal Government after the company was convicted yesterday. Justice Okon Abang of an Abuja Federal High Court on ordered the forfeiture and winding up of Iyalikam Nigeria Ltd after the company, which is linked to the former Airforce boss, entered a plea bargain with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

## **COURT DISMISSES CERTIFICATE FORGERY CASE AGAINST NIGER GOVT - DAILY TRUST PG.4**

A Federal High Court sitting in Niger State has dismissed a case of certificate forgery against Governor Abubakar Bello. The Peoples Democratic Party had, in January 2019, asked the court to order the Independent National Electoral Commission to disqualify Bello from the coming gubernatorial election for alleged forgery of declaration of age certificate. The PDP had also, among other things, alleged that Bello submitted a University of Maiduguri's certificate dated November 2, 1993 to the INEC.

## **COURT DISMISSES SUIT SEEKING BINDOW'S DISQUALIFICATION - DAILY TRUST PG.10, PUNCH PG.3**

An FCT High Court in Apo has dismissed a suit seeking the disqualification of the Adamawa State Governor, Mohammed Jibrilla Bindow, from the forthcoming governorship election, over alleged certificate forgery. While delivering judgment in the suit today, the trial judge, Justice Olukayode Adeniyi upheld the submission of Bindow's counsel, Chief Chris Uche (SAN) that the court lacked territorial jurisdiction to hear the suit.

## **DEFLECTIONS, COURT BATTLES AS PARTIES INTENSIFY CAMPAIGNS - NATION PG.1&6**

PARTIES and their candidates are intensifying their preparations for the rescheduled Governorship and State Assembly elections on Saturday. President Muhammadu Buhari was in Delta and Akwa Ibom states to lead the All Progressives Congress (APC) campaign for the governorship elections. It was in a bid to take the Southsouth states into the ruling party's basket. In many of the states; stronger candidates are making overtures to weaker candidates to gain more strength ahead of the elections and to form a formidable opposition to dislodge incumbent governors.

### **EFCC PROBES ATIKU'S SON-IN-LAW OVER €150M - NATION PG.1, 6&7, PUNCH PG.3**

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) detectives are probing Abdullahi Babalele, ex-Vice President Atiku Abubakar's son-in-law, for suspected laundering of about €150million (Euro). Babalele is in EFCC's custody with his alleged accomplice, Mr. Uyi Giwa-Osagie, who had earlier been arrested by detectives. About €67, 950,000 of the suspected 150m Euro has been traced to the accounts of Osagie, Babalele, two slush firms and two Bureau de Change operators. Of the € 67.9m, Uyi's account received €26,050,00million between January 9 and 28. Babalele is expected to account for €41,900,000. Detectives believe, going by their findings, that the €150million was allegedly laundered for the general elections.

### **COURT REMANDS FORMER BANKER FOR ALLEGED N81.7M FRAUD - NATION PG.5**

Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of an Ikeja Special Offences Court has remanded a former worker of Diamond Bank, Oladimeji Balogun, in prison custody for allegedly stealing N81.7million. Balogun was arraigned yesterday before the court on a four-count charge by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). He pleaded not guilty.

### **ICPC ARRAIGNS PUBLIC SERVANTS FOR ALLEGED N26.7M FRAUD - NATION PG.5**

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) yesterday arraigned two public servants at an FCT High Court, Apo, for alleged N26. 7 million fraud. ICPC charged Ademola Oluwatoyi, an officer with the Nigeria Law Reform Commission and Ala Kolade, who works in the Office of the Auditor General of the Federation with three counts bordering on fraud. Prosecutor Mr Ogechuku Iwuagwu told the court that the defendants committed the alleged offence in December, 2013 while in active service.

### **DOKUBO: I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEFT AT AMNESTY CENTRE - NATION PG.44, PUNCH PG.9, SUN PG.3**

Coordinator of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Charles Dokubo has said he knows nothing about the theft of equipment from the Vocational Training Centre in Kaiama, Bayelsa State. Dokubo spoke yesterday in Abuja when he inaugurated a Special Investigative Panel to probe the theft. Panel members include Brig.-Gen. Sotunde Sangonuga (Chairman); Mr. Dodoye Arikpo (DSS), Paddy Ogon; Mrs. Cynthia Ogbe; Mr. Reuben Wilson and Mr. Unyime Eyo. Dokubo said he travelled home to Rivers State to participate in the Presidential elections and was not present during the incident.

### **IG: POLICE ARRESTED 323 ELECTORAL OFFENDERS DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - THISDAY PG.6**

The Acting Inspector General of Police, (IG) Mohammed Adamu, has disclosed that a total of 323 persons were arrested in states across the country in connection to various electoral infractions committed during the February 23 presidential and National Assembly elections. Adamu who disclosed this at a meeting with strategic police managers of the 2019 general election in Abuja, assured that all those found culpable after investigation would be prosecuted in line with the law.

### **FG INAUGURATES SPECIAL PANEL TO PROBE LOOTING OF AMNESTY PROGRAMME - THISDAY PG.10**

The federal government has inaugurated a six-member special investigative panel to unravel the circumstances and masterminds of the recent looting of virtually all movable assets in the state-of-the-art Presidential Amnesty Programme's Training Centre in Kaiama, Kolokuma/Opokuma Local Government of Bayelsa State. The Special Adviser to the President on Niger Delta and Coordinator, Presidential Amnesty Programme, Prof. Charles Dokubo, who inaugurated the panel chaired by Brig-Gen. S.A. Songonuga (rtd) in Abuja, yesterday vowed to unmask the perpetrators as well as their sponsors and prosecute them accordingly.

## **PDP TO PETITION UN, OTHERS OVER MILITARY ROLE, KILLINGS DURING FEB 23 POLLS - PUNCH PG.2**

The Peoples Democratic Party on Monday said it would petition the United Nations and other global democratic institutions on the role of the military and the killings of Nigerians during the Presidential and National Assembly elections on February 23. The PDP National Publicity Secretary, Mr Kola Ologbondiyan, who briefed the media after the party's expanded caucus meeting in Abuja, also said the caucus commended Nigerians for coming out to vote during the elections.

## **36 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES BEG ATIKU TO DROP LITIGATION AGAINST BUHARI - PUNCH PG.10, SUN PG.12**

The Forum of Presidential Candidates and Political Parties for Good Governance has appealed to the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, Atiku Abubakar, to shelve the idea of challenging the outcome of the just-concluded presidential election in court. The forum made up of chairmen and candidates of 36 political parties who contested the election with the winner, President Muhammadu Buhari, specifically urged Atiku to disregard the advice of those asking him to challenge the outcome of the poll in court.

## **BUHARI'S TOUGH DECISIONS WILL BE IN NIGERIA'S BEST INTERESTS – SGF - PUNCH PG.12**

The Secretary to the Government of Federation, Mr Boss Mustafa, says President Muhammadu Buhari's tough decisions during his second term will be in the best interests of the country, the News Agency of Nigeria reports. Mustafa, who spoke to reporters in Yola on Monday allayed public concern that the Nigerian economy could worsen during Buhari's second term. The SGF described the President as "a good man" out to improve living standards in the country. He said, "When we came to power in 2015 about 27 states couldn't pay salaries. We had to take tough decisions like giving them bailouts. "These are tough decisions."

## **MY SON-IN-LAW, LAWYER DETAINED FOR SUPPORTING ME - EX-VP - SUN PG.12**

In a tweet, yesterday morning, the former vice president accused the Federal Government of going after them for supporting him. “My son-in-law and lawyer have been detained, one for three weeks and the other recently. “They are paying the price for supporting me. I urge those now persecuting them to remember that a government’s mandate is to pursue peace and justice for all, and not just those who support them.”

## **C’RIVER GUBER: APPEAL COURT JUDGES WITHDRAW FROM CASE FOLLOWING ALLEGED N250M BRIBERY SCAM - SUN PG.4**

The legal battle to determine the authentic Cross River governorship candidate of the APC continues to gather momentum as the three-man appeal panel adjudicating on the matter has withdrawn over alleged N250m bribe scam. Senator John Owan-Enoh and Pastor Uanu Usani, have been locked in a battle of supremacy since the conduct of the party primary in the state. The three judges sitting in Calabar on Tuesday excused themselves from the case following petitions against them by the Godwin the Etim John led-faction of the party.