



## Federal Ministry of Justice

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**FG BEGINS TAX AMNESTY FOR NIGERIANS WITH FOREIGN ASSETS - DAILY TRUST PG.3, NATION PG.9, THISDAY PG.47, SUN PG.**

The Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) and Minister for Justice, Abubakar Malami (SAN), has unveiled the federal government programme on tax amnesty for defaulters who voluntarily declare their foreign assets. The minister at the unveiling ceremony for the programme tagged: Voluntary Offshore Assets Regularisation Scheme (VOARS) on Tuesday, announced that the scheme was initiated by Swiss Consortium to facilitate regularization of offshore assets owned by Nigerians.

**AGAIN, AGF WRITES IG OVER JUDGMENT ON DRIVERS KILLED BY POLICE - PUNCH PG.3**

The Attorney-General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami, says he has written a reminder to the Inspector-General of Police over the judgement ordering the police to pay N200m to the families of Endurance Omonyahuy and Sikiru Amusa, the drivers who were killed by a policeman in 2012. The family of the two drivers murdered by the police had written a petition to Vice-President Yemi Osinbajo, accusing the Inspector-General of Police and the Attorney General of the Federation of perverting the course of justice.

**CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS: ICPC TO PROSECUTE POLITICIANS, CONTRACTORS WHO DIVERT FUNDS - DAILY TRUST PG.1&5, NATION PG.2, PUNCH PG.3, SUN PG.3**

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) have vowed to deal with defaulters in the execution of constituency projects in the country. The chairman of the ICPC, Bolaji Owasanoye, said this during the launch of the Constituency Projects Tracking Group (CPTG) in Abuja yesterday.

**BUHARI REJECTS AJAOKUTA STEEL COMPANY BILL, 7 OTHERS - DAILY TRUST PG.3, PUNCH PG.10, SUN PG.11**

President Muhammadu Buhari has rejected the bill that sought to provide funds for the completion of the moribund Ajoakuta Steel Company. Buhari, in a letter read at yesterday's plenary by Senate President Bukola Saraki, said he withheld assent to the bill like the \$1 billion requests from the Excess Crude Account (ECA) for the completion of the steel company was not tenable at this time of financial constraints.

### **DASUKI'S ABSENCE AGAIN STALLS BAFARAWA, YUGUDA'S TRIAL - DAILY TRUST PG.3**

The absence of former National Security Adviser (NSA), Sambo Dasuki, in court has again stalled hearing in the charge he is facing along with former Sokoto State governor, Attahiru Bafarawa. Dasuki and Bafarawa were arraigned along with former Minister of Finance (State), Bashir Yuguda, Bafarawa's son, Sagir and Dalhatu Investment Limited, a firm said to be owned by the Bafarawas, on a 25-count charge bordering on criminal breach of trust, misappropriation of public funds to the tune of N19.4 billion.

### **KOGI ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDS CJ'S REMOVAL - DAILY TRUST PG.4, NATION PG.43, THISDAY PG.50**

Kogi State House of Assembly yesterday recommended the removal of the state Chief Judge, Justice Nasir Ajanah, over alleged gross misconduct. This followed the adoption of the report of the House Committee on Public Accounts on the Auditor General's Report on 2016 Financial Statements." The chairman of the committee, Ahmed Mohammed, said the Chief Judge should step aside to defend himself over the alleged indictment by the Auditor-General.

### **SAUDI ARABIA EXECUTES 8 NIGERIANS, 20 OTHERS ON DEATH ROW - DAILY TRUST PG.7, NATION PG.1&2, PUNCH PG.12, THISDAY PG.48, SUN PG.6**

No fewer than eight Nigerians have so far been killed in Saudi Arabia over drugs related offences, Chairman of the National Diaspora Commission, Mrs. Abike Dabiri has said. Dabiri told State House journalists on Tuesday while speaking on the execution of a Nigerian woman in Saudi Arabia over drug trafficking.

## **SENATE TO PASS 2019 BUDGET APRIL 16 - DAILY TRUST PG.10, THISDAY PG.48**

The Senate has said that it would pass the N8.83 trillion 2019 budget proposed by President Muhammadu Buhari on April 16. Senate President Bukola Saraki, who announced this at yesterday's plenary, said the Senate would do all it could to pass the budget on that day.

## **COURT: ADELEKE UNFIT TO RUN FOR OSUN GOVERNOR - NATION PG.2, PUNCH PG.14, THISDAY PG.12, SUN PG.5**

A High Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in Bwari, Abuja yesterday voided the participation of Senator Ademola Adeleke of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the last governorship election in Osun State. Justice Othman Musa, in a judgment, annulled Adeleke's nomination as candidate of the PDP on the grounds that he offended Section 177 of the 1999 Constitution as amended. The section states that candidates for governor must be educated up to secondary school level.

## **EX-GENERAL, 25 OFFICERS PETITION REPS OVER COMPULSORY RETIREMENT - PUNCH PG.10, SUN PG.8**

Twenty-six senior military officers, including a retired Major General and 10 retired Brigadiers General, have petitioned the Speaker, House of Representatives, Yakubu Dogara, over their compulsory retirement from the Nigerian Army. Apart from the petitioners, who were Regular Combatant Officers, *The PUNCH* learnt that about 120 Direct Regular Officers, who were mostly medical doctors, lawyers and other professionals, were also purged from the service last month.

## **COURT ADJOURNS EX-KATSINA GOV'S N5BN FRAUD TRIAL - PUNCH PG.12**

Justice Hadiza Shagari of the Federal High Court, Katsina, on Tuesday said she would comply with the Court of Appeal's ruling directing the court to rule on whether or not it has jurisdiction to entertain the money laundering charges against former Katsina State Governor Ibrahim Shema. The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission charged Shema with 26 counts, wherein he was accused

of laundering over N5bn Sure-P funds meant for empower youths in the state.

### **AMNESTY OFFICE DEBUNKS ALLEGED N3.2BN CONTRACT SCAM - THISDAY PG.50**

The office of the Special Adviser to the President on Niger Delta and Coordinator, Presidential Amnesty Programme, Prof. Charles Dokubo, has debunked an online media report of an alleged N3.2 billion contract scandal. In a statement issued by his media aide, Mr. Murphy Ganagana, the presidential adviser said the attention of the Amnesty Office had been drawn to a report on an online news portal captioned, 'Aisha Buhari, Monguno Named in Dokubo's Fresh N3.2BN Scandal.'

### **OZEKHOME CONDEMNS DETENTION OF UBANI, ENAI BY EFCC - THISDAY PG.53**

A Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Mr. Mike Ozekhome, has condemned what he described as the continued illegal detention of an Abuja-based lawyer and former Chairman of Ikeja Branch of Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Mr. Monday Ubani, and one Hon. Christopher Enai, by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) without recourse to the rule of law, after a valid court had ordered their release from detention. This is coming as the anti-graft agency has called on the NBA to sanction Ubani for standing surety to the former Chairperson of the National Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF), Ngozi Olojeme.

### **ICPC SHUTS DOWN ILLEGAL MEDICAL COLLEGE - SUN PG.41**

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has closed down an illegal medical and nursing college in Nsukka, Enugu State. Spokesperson of the commission, Rasheedat Okoduwa, said the illegal school, International College of Professions, operated from a decrepit and run-down storey building in Eha Alumona, an outskirt of Nsukka.

### **180 STRANDED NIGERIANS DEPORTED FROM LIBYA - SUN PG.40**

About 180 Nigerians stranded in Libya were deported to Nigeria, yesterday. The returnees comprised 82 adult females, two female

children and 11 female infants, as well as 79 adult males, one male child and five male infants, making it a total of 95 females and 85 males. The returnees arrived the cargo terminal of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, aboard a Buraq Air aircraft with flight number UZ 189 -190 and registration number 5A-DMG. They were first profiled by officials of the Nigerian Immigration Service, to ascertain they were Nigerians before being allowed to enter the country.