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BUHARI: I WILL RECOVER \$16B OBASANJO GOVT POWER CASH - NATION PG.1&6, PUNCH PG.2, THISDAY PG.49

The President vowed yesterday to recover the \$16 billion power funds that went down the drain during former President Olusegun Obasanjo's administration. "Where is the power? Where is the money?" the President queried at the Oxbow Lake Pavilion, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, during the presidential campaign rally of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

WHAT HAPPENED TO POWER SECTOR CASH, BY OBASANJO - NATION PG.6

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo is of the view that those who believed his administration wasted \$16 billion on power project implementation with nothing to show for it lacked proper understanding. In a reply to queries on what happened to the \$16 billion power sector funds under his administration, the former president said it was wrong for anybody to reply on what he called "unsubstantiated allegations against him by the then leadership of House of Representatives over the project". Before President Muhammadu Buhari vowed yesterday to probe the multi-billion dollar project, he had in May last year, queried where the funds went.

LACK OF QUORUM STALLS ONNOGHEN'S CASE AT A/COURT - DAILY TRUST PG.6, PUNCH PG.7, THISDAY PG.8

The Court of Appeal in Abuja has adjourned hearing indefinitely in the case of Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen over his suspension and trial at the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT). At the Court of Appeal on Tuesday, the registrar announced that the appellate court, which usually has a three-member panel of judges, had only two members available, and therefore could not form a quorum.

ALLEGED N544M FRAUD: COURT REMANDS EX-SGF LAWAL, OTHERS - NATION PG.8, DAILY TRUST PG.4, 7, PUNCH PG.7, THISDAY PG.12, THISDAY PG.4&5, SUN PG.5

A High Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in Maitama, Abuja yesterday ordered that former Secretary to the Government of the Federation Babachir Lawal and three others be remanded in the custody of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) pending its ruling on his bail application today. The court gave the order after Lawal, his brother, Hamidu David Lawal, Sulaiman Abubakar and Apeh John Monday and two companies - Rholavision Engineering Ltd and Josmon Technologies Limited - were arraigned on a 10-count charge brought against them by the EFCC, and in which they were accused of involvement in N272 million contract frauds.

GOVT ACCUSES PDP OF PLANNING TO SCUTTLE POLL - NATION PG.40, THISDAY PG.13

There is a plot to orchestrate a crisis and trigger panic among the populace, the Federal Government alleged yesterday, accusing the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) of planning the trouble. It said the plot is in furtherance of the opposition party's plan to discredit the election and cause a constitutional crisis. The government, however, urged the international community to ignore the plot to discredit Saturday's poll before it is conducted.

APPEAL COURT INVALIDATES ONI'S ELIGIBILITY SUIT AGAINST FAYEMI - NATION PG.10, THISDAY PG.47

The Appeal Court Sitting in Ado-Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital, yesterday invalidated the suit filed by former Governor Segun Oni against Governor Kayode Fayemi challenging Fayemi's eligibility to have been fielded as the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate in last July 14 election. The three-man appeal panel, presided over by Justice Adamu Juaro, unanimously said Fayemi not resigning as the then Minister of Steel and Mines Development to contest the May 12, 2018 governorship primary, where he became the candidate, was not enough to disqualify him.

ALLEGED N3.6B FRAUD: DEFENDANT GETS LEAVE TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS - NATION PG.5

A former Director of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Francis Momoh, standing trial for alleged N3.6 billion fraud, yesterday secured leave of a Federal High Court in Lagos to undergo medical trip overseas. Momoh alongside Tuoyo Omatsuli and two companies, Don Parker Properties Ltd. and Building Associates Ltd. are being tried for alleged fraud.

DEFER TO NJC, WITHDRAW CHARGES AGAINST CJN, NBA URGES FG - PUNCH PG.10

The Nigerian Bar Association on Tuesday reiterated its call on the Federal Government to withdraw the charges of non-declaration of assets filed against the suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Walter Onnoghen. The NBA, in a statement by its President, Mr Paul Usoro (SAN), called on the Federal Government to comply with due process by allowing the National Judicial Council to conclude investigations into the two petitions filed against Onnoghen at the council.

BUHARI EXPRESSES REGRET AS S'COURT SEALS FATE OF 45 APC CANDIDATES IN RIVERS - THISDAY PG.1&9, SUN PG.4, PUNCH PG.43

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday expressed sadness over the judgment of the Supreme Court barring the All Progressives Congress (APC) from fielding any candidate in Rivers State for the general election, pledging, however, that the party would respect the verdict. The apex court sealed the hope of APC to field candidates for the election, starting on Saturday with the presidential and National Assembly polls, as it struck out the party's appeal against the lower court's judgment, insisting that it was statute-barred.

ELECTIONS: 3 SHOT DEAD AS IPOB, POLICE CLASH IN IMO - SUN PG.39

Three members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) were allegedly shot dead, late Monday night, during a clash with the police in the Orji suburbs of Owerri, the Imo state capital. This was just as

about 20 IPOB members were arrested by operatives of the Imo State Police Command.

CCT CHAIR TRULY ANSWERABLE ONLY TO PRESIDENCY, SAYS NBA - NATION PG.9

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) said on Tuesday that it agreed with the argument by the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT), Danladi Uma that he and his tribunal were not answerable to the Judiciary, but the Presidency. NBA, in a statement issued on Tuesday by its President, Paul Usoro (SAN), said Umar was correct in that argument, but contended that the fact that the CCT was under the control of the Executive informs the urgent need to discontinue charge of breach of code of conduct pending against the suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Walter Onnoghen before the CCT.