



## Federal Ministry of Justice

### **DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEW WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2019**

**RERUN POLLS HOLD IN KANO, BENUE, 4 OTHERS MARCH 23 - DAILY TRUST PG.1&6, NATION PG.2, 3&41, PUNCH PG.2, SUN PG.6&10, THISDAY PG.8**

A supplementary governorship election will on Saturday, March 23 hold in Kano, Bauchi, Benue, Plateau, Sokoto and Adamawa states where the polls were declared inconclusive, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) said yesterday. The decision was reached at the commission's meeting in Abuja, a statement by INEC's National Commissioner and Chairman Information and Voter Education Committee, Festus Okoye, said.

**CCT: ONNOGHEN ABSENT, APPEALS DECISION ON JURISDICTION - DAILY TRUST PG.3, NATION PG.41, PUNCH PG.3SUN PG.4, THISDAY PG.1&47**

The suspended Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) Walter Onnoghen has appealed against the ruling of the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT) on the applications he filed against the charge against him. Justice Onnoghen had through his lawyer, Adegboyega Awomolo (SAN), moved two applications before the CCT yesterday, one of which was challenging the constitutional jurisdiction of the tribunal, with the other asking the chairman to disqualify himself on allegations of bias.

**SENATE BEGINS DEBATE ON 2019 BUDGET TODAY - DAILY TRUST PG.10, PUNCH PG.8, NATION PG., SUN PG.12**

The Senate will today commence debate on the general principles of the N8.83 trillion 2019 budget estimates. The budget estimates were presented before a joint session of the National Assembly on December 19 last year by President Muhammadu Buhari. Senators could not attend to the budget as they had been on break since January to allow the lawmakers to participate in the campaigns for the 2019 general elections. However, Senate President Bukola Saraki at yesterday's plenary announced that the debate on the budget would commence today.

## **2019 POLLS: REPS TO REVISIT VETOED ELECTORAL ACT - DAILY TRUST PG.12**

The House of Representatives has vowed to revisit the amended 2010 Electoral Act, which was rejected four times by President Muhammadu Buhari, last year, ahead the recently held general elections. House Leader, Femi Gbajabamila (APC, Lagos) gave the hint, yesterday, when he led a delegation of All Progressives Congress (APC) lawmakers to brief newsmen on the outcome of the 2019 general elections.

## **TRAFFICKING: WOTCLEF URGES PARENTS TO BE VIGILANT, STOP ENGAGING CHILDREN IN LABOUR - DAILY TRUST PG.IV**

The Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF) has advised parents to be vigilant and stop engaging their wards in child labour to prevent them from falling prey to human trafficking. Mrs Imabong Sanusi, Executive Director of WOTCLEF, gave the advice in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Tuesday in Abuja.

## **TROOPS CUT BOKO HARAM'S SUPPLIES - NATION PG.8, DAILY TRUST PG.7, PUNCH PG.7**

Troops of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) have destroyed over 70 gun trucks, fuel dumps, vehicles and other facilities of the Boko Haram terrorists through the massive firepower of "Operation Yancin Tafki". Spokesperson for the task force, Colonel Timothy Antigha said in a statement that through massive operations, which involved the Air Task Force component, the terrorists and their leadership are now in disarray.

## **MAN CONVICTED OF FRAUD BY EFCC GETS FOUR MONTHS JAIL TERM - NATION PG.39**

Justice P. I. Ajoko, of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, has sentenced Ogundiran Tosin Iyanu to four-month imprisonment. Ogundiran was found guilty of a one-count charge of obtaining money by false pretence preferred against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ibadan Zonal Office, and sentenced yesterday. The convict, who earlier pleaded not guilty on December 16, 2018, later changed his plea to guilty.

## **EFCC: AKINGBOLA USED INTERCONTINENTAL BANK'S N10B TO CLEAR PERSONAL DEBT - NATION PG.4, PUNCH PG.7, THISDAY PG.51**

The Federal High Court in Lagos yesterday heard that former defunct Intercontinental Bank Managing Director Dr Erastus Akingbola allegedly repaid a personal debt using the bank's N10billion. An Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) investigator Abdulraheem Jimoh told the court how he uncovered the alleged fraudulent transaction. He was testifying as the second prosecution witness in Akingbola's trial before Justice Mojisola Olatoregun-Ishola.

## **ATIKU'S APPEAL: OPPOSITION PARTIES 'LEAK' NAMES OF PANEL MEMBERS - PUNCH PG.10**

Opposition political parties under the aegis of the Coalition of United Political Parties on Tuesday released a list of five Justices of the Court of Appeal who it said had been approved to hear the petition of the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, against the results of the February 23 presidential election. It claimed the list was approved by the President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa, "with the endorsement of the Buhari APC."

## **WE'RE COMPILING REPORTS ON NIGERIAN ELECTIONS - US - PUNCH PG.25, SUN PG.41**

The United States says it is compiling reports on the 2019 general elections with a view to giving a proper response on it. The US said it was actively involved with political happenings in the country, particularly regarding the 2019 election. The US Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, Tibor Nagy, said this in a telephone press conference on Tuesday

## **ALLEGED N2.5BN FRAUD: BRING NBC DG ON STRETCHER, JUDGE ORDERS - PUNCH PG.7, THISDAY PG.52**

The Federal High Court in Abuja, has ordered that the Director-General of the National Broadcasting Commission, Modibbo Kawu, who has been accused of fraud to the tune of N2.5bn, should be brought to court on April 17, 2019, "even if he has to be on a stretcher". Justice F.O. Giwa gave the ruling after Kawu's lawyer, A.U. Mustapha, told the court that his client had been admitted to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, Kwara State, and could not come to court.

### **ANTI-GRAFT OPERATIVES FAILED TO CHECK VOTE-BUYING IN IMO, RIVERS –GROUP - PUNCH PG.23**

The Integrity Friends for Truth and Peace Initiative has condemned incidents of vote-buying during the governorship and state Assembly elections in parts of Imo and Rivers states. The group said anti-graft operatives watched as money was shared to voters in Mbaitoli Local Government Area of Imo State and in Obio-Akpor LGA of Rivers State.

### **TO ARREST FANI-KAYODE, ODUMAKIN, FOLLOW DUE PROCESS, COURT TELLS EFCC, DSS, POLICE - PUNCH PG.24 NATION PG.4, THISDAY PG.51**

The Federal High Court Abuja, on Tuesday, ordered the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission not to arrest Femi Fani-Kayode and Yinka Odumakin without following the appropriate due process of the law. Ruling on a fundamental rights suit filed by the duo, Justice John Tsoho maintained that such arrest by the EFCC, Department of State Services or the Police must be subject to processes being in accordance with provisions of the law.

### **COURT FIXES MAY 6 FOR JUDGMENT ON FALANA'S SUIT AGAINST FG OVER LAGOS BRIDGES - THISDAY PG.50**

The Federal High Court sitting in Lagos has fixed May 6, 2019 for judgment in a suit filed by a human rights lawyer and Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Mr. Femi Falana, against the federal government for persistently allowing truck drivers to park on the bridges in Lagos. The defendants in the suit are the Minister of Works, Housing and Power, Babatunde Raji Fashola, and the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).