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BAUCHI: INEC COMPLIES AS COURT HALTS RE-GENERATING RESULTS - DAILY TRUST PG.13, NATION PG.1&6. PUNCH PG.2, THISDAY PG.1&8, SUN PG.38

A Federal High Court in Abuja, yesterday, stopped the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) from collating results of the governorship election of March 9 in Bauchi State. Justice Inyang Ekwo made the order, yesterday, following an ex parte application filed by the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the incumbent governor of the state, Mohammed Abubakar.

WHY I CAN'T COMMENT ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - OBASANJO - DAILY TRUST PG.3, THISDAY PG.8, SUN PG.37

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo yesterday said he cannot comment on the recently held presidential election in the country because the matter is before the tribunal. Obasanjo, who was speaking in Abuja at the launch of a book titled "Election in Nigeria: The Long Road to Democracy" by Professor Abdullahi Shehu, said he was of the opinion that commenting on the election at this stage could be tagged sub-judice.

ALLEGED N2.2BN FRAUD: OBANIKORO CONCLUDES TESTIMONY AGAINST FAYOSE - DAILY TRUST PG.4, NATION PG.8, PUNCH PG.8, SUN PG.38

The fifth prosecution witness and former Minister of State for Defence, Musiliu Obanikoro, yesterday concluded his testimony against a former governor of Ekiti State, Ayodele Fayose, who is standing trial before Justice Mojisola Olatoregun at the Federal High Court in Lagos over an alleged N2.2bn fraud trial. Fayose was arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission in Oct. 22, 2018, alongside a company Spotless Investment Ltd on 11 counts.

SERVICOM TO PARTNER ICPC ON ANTI-GRAFT FIGHT - DAILYTRUST PG.7

The SERVICOM Office at the Presidency is set to collaborate with the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission for prosecution of offenders. This was disclosed on Monday during a courtesy visit by SERVICOM National Coordinator Mrs Nnenna Akajemeli and her team to the chairman and board members of the ICPC.

SENATE PASSES N8.83TRN 2019 BUDGET FOR SECOND READING - DAILY TRUST PG.10, PUNCH PG.9

The Senate on yesterday passed the 2019 budget estimates of N8.83 trillion for second reading after an exhaustive debate. Senators had on Wednesday last week commenced the debate on the budget with some of them expressing fears about the “high level of debt” the country was getting into.

RICKY TARFA’S ILL HEALTH STALLS TRIAL - NATION PG.8

The trial of a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Rickey Tarfa, for alleged perversion of the course of justice before an Igbosere High Court was on Tuesday stalled due to his ill health. Tarfa is standing trial on a 26-count charge bordering on offering monetary gratification to two judges of the Federal High Court, Justices Hyeladzira Nganjiwa and Mohammed Yunusa before Justice Adedayo Akintoye.

TRIBUNAL FIXES JUDGMENT IN OSUN GOVERNORSHIP TUSSLE FOR FRIDAY - NATION PG.42

THE Osun State Governorship Election Tribunal sitting in Apo, Abuja, has scheduled this Friday for judgment in the petition by the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) and its candidate in the September 2018 governorship election, Senator Ademola Adeleke. PDP and Adeleke are, by their petition, challenging the declaration of Adegboyega Oyetola of the All Progressives Congress (APC) as the winner of the election by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

EDO, NAPTIP STRATEGISE TO REDUCE HUMAN TRAFFICKING - NATION PG.45

The Edo State Governor, Mr. Godwin Obaseki, has said his administration will collaborate with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), to reduce the menace of irregular migration and human trafficking by 50 per cent by the end of 2019. The governor made the submission during a courtesy visit by the Director-General of NAPTIP, Dame Julie Okah-Donli, to the Government House, in Benin City, Edo State capital.

PDP, ATIKU: INEC'S SERVER SHOWS WE BEAT BUHARI WITH 1.6 MILLION VOTES - PUNCH PG.3SUN PG.5

Some details of the petition filed on Monday by the Peoples Democratic Party and its presidential candidate in the February 23 election, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, to challenge the victory of President Muhammadu Buhari and his All Progressives Congress, emerged on Tuesday. The petition, which sought to rely on 50 sets of documents, was filed before the Presidential Election Petitions Tribunal in Abuja against the Independent National Electoral Commission, Buhari and the APC as the first to the third respondents, respectively.

ATIKU RESUSCITATES ALLEGED CERTIFICATE SCAM AGAINST BUHARI - THISDAY PG.51

Just when Nigerians thought that the controversy surrounding President Muhammadu Buhari's school certificate had been rested, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and its presidential candidate in the February 23 election, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, has resuscitated it. In the petition filed at the Presidential Election Petition Tribunal on Monday to challenge the president's victory at the poll, Atiku alleged that Buhari was not qualified to run for the office of the president on the grounds that he did not possess the constitutional minimum qualification of a school certificate.

MARCH 9: YOU'VE BETRAYED US, ARMY TELLS POLICE, INEC - SUN PG.4

The 6 Division, Nigerian Army, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, has expressed disappointment over the report of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) fact-finding committee on the circumstances that led to the suspension of the Rivers State electoral process, which report allegedly indicted the army in the violence. A statement issued on Monday night and signed on behalf of the 6 Division by the deputy director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Aminu Iliyasu, said the army worked hard to assist during the governorship and state House of Assembly elections, to ensure a peaceful and violence-free poll, expressing shock that INEC would turn around to blame it for the crisis.