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HDP ASKS TRIBUNAL TO STOP BUHARI'S INAUGURATION - THISDAY PG.7, DAILY SUN PG.4, THE NATION PG.8, DAILY TRUST PG.7

The Hope Democratic Party (HDP) has asked the Presidential Election Petition Tribunal, Abuja, to stop the swearing in of President Muhammadu Buhari on May 29, 2019 as president, pending the hearing and determination of its petition against the outcome of the 2019 presidential election. The HDP in a motion on time filed at the tribunal said the request is predicated on the need to preserve the subject matter of its petition and prevent Buhari from foisting a fait accompli and state of hopelessness on the court and render the petition before the tribunal nugatory.

OSINBAJO: FG CAN SEIZE ASSETS EVEN WITHOUT CORRUPTION ALLEGATION - THISDAY PG. 9

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has said the federal government can seize assets from citizens who cannot explain the source of their wealth. The vice president stated this yesterday while declaring open the anti-corruption conference organised by his office and the Presidential Advisory Committee against Corruption (PACAC) in Abuja.

AUTHOR OF PETITION AGAINST ONNOGHEN ACCUSES CJN, NJC OF SHIELDING CORRUPT JUDGES - THIS DAY PG.12

The Anti-Corruption and Research Based Data Initiative (ARDI), the group that was involved in the case against the former Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen, has alleged that the National Judicial Council (NJC) under the headship of the Acting Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Tanko Muhammadu, is providing soft landing for judges facing allegations of corruption. Speaking to journalists yesterday in Abuja, the Executive Secretary of ARDI, Dennis Aghanya, said the group

had observed a very worrisome trend in the manner that the NJC usually treats corruption petition against serving judges in the country.

EFCC COUNSEL'S ABSENCE STALLS FAYOSE'S TRIAL - DAILY SUN PG.4, THE NATION PG.9

A Federal High Court in Lagos on Tuesday adjourned until May 21, the alleged corruption trial of a former Governor of Ekiti State, Ayodele Fayose, following the prosecution counsel's absence. Justice Mojisola Olatoregun fixed the date after waiting for over an hour, during which the case was stood down for Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) counsel Mr Rotimi Jacobs (SAN) to make an appearance. Fayose is on trial for allegedly receiving and keeping N1.2billion and \$5million allegedly stolen from the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA) through a former minister of state for defence, Musiliu Obanikoro.

WHY EFCC IS INVESTIGATING SARAHI – MAGU - DAILY SUN PG.8, THE NATION PG.7, DAILY TRUST PG.7

The Acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Ibrahim Magu, has said the investigation of Senate President Bukola Saraki is not based on personal motive. He said the commission only invites people it suspects of corruption-related crimes. Mr Magu spoke on Tuesday with journalists after receiving an award at the commission's conference room at its headquarters in Abuja.

COURT ORDERS FIRMS TO REFUND \$1.6B TO NNPC SUBSIDIARY - THE NATION PG.7

AN Arbitration Tribunal sitting in Lagos has directed Atlantic Energy Drilling Concept and Brass Energy Development to refund \$1.6 billion to the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC). NPDC is a subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). NNPC Group Managing Director (GMD) Dr. Maikanti Baru said the Corporation had been able to settle out of court with IPCO (Nig) Ltd for a payment of about \$37.7 million instead of the \$400 million that the firm was demanding from it.

COURT REVOKES EX-BANK REGISTRAR'S BAIL FOR BREACHING CONDITIONS - THE NATION PG.8

An Ikeja Special Offences Court has revoked the bail granted a former banker, Chester Onyeamachi Ukandu, for breaching the conditions attached to it. Justice Olusola Williams yesterday revoked the bail granted Ukandu for allegedly acting in a manner capable of jeopardising the course of justice. The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) arraigned the former banker for alleged forgery and impersonation. The EFCC arraigned Ukandu on a three-count charge alongside Mr. Achi George before Justice Williams on March 19, last year, for allegedly forging the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) documents.

DAMBAZAU: FED GOVT SEEKING ECOWAS RESOLVE TO TACKLE INFLUX OF FIREARMS - THE NATION PG.8

The Minister of Interior, Lt.-Gen. Abdulrahman Dambazau, has urged police chiefs in West Africa to collaborate more in order to tackle transnational crimes within the sub-region. Dambazau, who said the fight against crime require collaborative efforts of countries and security agencies, noted that transnational crimes cannot be won by a single country or a security agency. Speaking in Abuja at the 16th annual General Assembly of West African Police Chiefs Committee (WAPCCO), the minister attributed the proliferation of firearms in the sub-region to the instability in Libya, a North African country.

COURT RESTRAINS EFCC, ICPC, DSS FROM PROBING SARAHI - PUNCH PG.7

The Federal High Court in Abuja on Tuesday restrained the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and other agencies involved in the probe of Senate President Bukola Saraki over corruption allegations. Saraki on Friday filed two separate fundamental rights enforcement suits before the court to challenge the decision of the EFCC to seize his houses. Ruling on an ex parte application filed along with the substantive suit by Saraki, Justice Taiwo Taiwo, on Tuesday ordered the anti-corruption body and the other five respondents to the suit to

stay action on the probe pending the hearing and determination of the motion on notice filed by the applicant.

ICPC ARRAIGNMENT OF NBC BOSS, OTHERS POLITICAL – CSO - DAILY TRUST PG.7

A coalition of civil society organizations yesterday faulted the Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC) over the arraignment of NBC boss Modibbo Kawu, Dipo Onifade, Lucky Omoluwa and Pinnacle Communication Ltd. The coalition disclosed this in a statement signed by the president Competence Governance for Accountability and Civic Trust, Comrade Omoba Micheal; the deputy president Urhobo of the South-South Youth Peace Mission, Amb. Omoba Micheal; and the executive director of Beyond Boundaries Legacies Leadership Initiatives, Comrade Omega E. Daniel.