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EFCC ADVISES TRIBUNAL JUDGES, LAWYERS AGAINST STOLEN FUNDS - THE NATION PG.1, 6&7

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Acting Chairman Ibrahim Magu yesterday warned judges and lawyers involved in election petition tribunals against money laundering. He said they must not allow the corrupting influence of money and other inducements to influence the process and determine the outcome of petitions.

ANTI-GRAFT WAR: EFCC FAULTS UK AGENCY - THE NATION PG.7, THISDAY PG.51

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) is defending its integrity after the Rule of Law and Anti-corruption (RoLAC) Programme of the British Council, Mr Uche Emmanuel, alleged that it was frustrating the anti-corruption war. The EFCC stressed that: it has been frustrated by the prolonged investigation of former Petroleum Resources Minister Mrs Diezani Alison Madueke, in the United Kingdom;

PDP MUST EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO NATION'S WEALTH UNDER ITS WATCH, BUHARI INSIST - THE NATION PG.6, PUNCH PG.2, SUN PG.6

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday insisted that the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) must explain to Nigerians how it managed the huge resources that accrued to the country from oil sales between 1999 and 2014. To labour leaders who came to congratulate him on his electoral victory at the State House, Abuja, the president recounted how his administration inherited a dilapidated infrastructure in 2015, calling to question what the party that held the forte for 16 years did with oil revenue, which peaked under its watch.

EX-AIR CHIEF 'RECEIVED' N6B FROM NAF FUNDS, SAYS EFCC INVESTIGATOR - THE NATION PG.8

The Federal High Court in Lagos yesterday heard that former Nigeria Air Force (NAF) Chief of Accounts and Budgeting, Air Vice Marshal Jacob Adigun, admitted to have received N6billion from NAF for his personal benefit. The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) arraigned him with former Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Adesola Amosu and a former Director of Finance and Budget, Air Commodore Olugbenga Gbadebo.

EFCC CHARGES BANKER ALLEGED \$60,000 FRAUD - THE NATION PG.8

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) yesterday arraigned an Ecobank employee, Anieka Udoh, for alleged fraud. The commission said he fraudulently converted \$60,000 and N9.2million belonging to a customer, Major-General Umaru Mohammed.

DEFAMATION: BUHARI URGES COURT TO DISMISS ATIKU'S COUNTER-CLAIM - THE NATION PG.8

President Muhammadu Buhari and his campaign organisation- the Buhari Campaign Organisation (BCO) have asked a High Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in Apo to dismiss the counter-claim made by the Presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Atiku Abubakar in a defamation suit pending against him. Buhari and BCO had on January 22 sued Atiku, accusing him of defaming President Buhari and his family in a statement by his spokesman, claiming the President and his family acquired substantial shares in 9mobile and Keystone Bank with total assets of \$1.916billion (equivalent to N307.5 billion) and purchased about 3 billion worth of shares in the new Pakistani Islamic Bank.

EU OBSERVERS HAIL ARMY - THE NATION PG.8, PUNCH PG.41

European Union observers yesterday lauded the Nigerian Army for its roles in ensuring peaceful elections, saying its delegation wish to gain more insights in tomorrow's election.

A statement by Army's spokesman, Colonel Sagir Musa, said the observers made the remark during a meeting with the Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen Tukur Buratai at the Army Headquarters in Abuja yesterday.

NO CERTIFICATE OF RETURN FOR CANDIDATES DECLARED WINNER UNDER DURESS - INEC - PUNCH PG.2

The Independent National Electoral Commission has said it will not issue Certificates of Return to candidates in places where its officials are held hostage or forced to declare winners under duress in the governorship and state Houses of Assembly elections on Saturday (tomorrow). The commission also threatened to record zero votes and cancel the results of polling units where its personnel deliberately failed to deploy the Smart Card Readers.

ABUJA ENGINEER NABBED FOR RAPING, IMPREGNATING 15-YEAR-OLD HOUSEMAID - PUNCH PG.5

Operatives of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons have arrested a 51-year-old civil engineer, Oludare Adesanmi, for allegedly raping and impregnating his 15-year-old housemaid in Dutse area of the Federal Capital Territory. Our correspondent learnt that Adesanmi, who hails from Ondo State, was arrested by operatives following a tip-off.

EX-SKYE BANK CHAIR, AYENI, OTHERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO FRESH CHARGES - PUNCH PG.12

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on Thursday arraigned a former Chairman of the defunct Skye Bank Plc (now Polaris Bank), Mr Tunde Ayeni, and others on charges of money laundering involving alleged fraudulent withdrawal of funds running into billions of naira from the bank's suspense account. He was arraigned before the Federal High Court in Abuja alongside a former Managing Director of Skye Bank, Timothy Oguntayo, and two companies, Control Dredging Company and Royaltex Paramount Ventures Limited.

BRIBERY VIDEO: NGO SUES CJN OVER GANDUJE - PUNCH PG.41

A non-governmental organisation, Human and Environmental Development Agenda, has filed a suit to compel the Chief Justice of Nigeria to probe the bribery allegation against Governor Abdullahi Ganduje of Kano State. HEDA said it resorted to suing the CJN after a Kano State High Court halted Ganduje's probe by the Kano State House of Assembly.

EFCC TO TRACK DOWN VOTE BUYERS, SELLERS IN KADUNA - DAILYTRUST PG.7

The head of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Kaduna Zonal Office, Mailafia Yakubu, says the commission has devised ways of tracking down vote sellers and buyers in the Saturday's governorship and state assembly elections in the state. Speaking yesterday during a visit to the state's council of the Nigerian Union of Journalists, he warned against vote buying and selling.

WHAT NEXT FOR ATIKU? - DAILYTRUST PG.51

The 2019 presidential election was Atiku's best outing in his over 26-year quest to be president of Nigeria. Atiku fought the 2019 battle with everything at his disposal. From the onset, Atiku had been on the offensive knowing fully well this would be his last shot at the presidency. In another eight years, he will be 80 years old. Muhammadu Buhari defeated Atiku Abubakar with over four million votes, a result already out rightly rejected by Atiku. The People's Democratic Party's flag bearer is citing perceived electoral discrepancies. Atiku's refusal to concede defeat is a wrong move. The Waziri Adamawa ought to have conceded defeat and made 'the famous phone call' to congratulate Buhari. Former President Goodluck Jonathan's phone call to congratulate Buhari is a major fulcrum on which GEJ still enjoys world recognition and respect till date.