



## Federal Ministry of Justice

**DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEWS MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2019**

### **COURT SUMMONS AGF, EFCC OVER YARI'S PROPERTY - PUNCH BREAKING**

The Federal High Court, Abuja, on Monday, summoned the Attorney General of the Federation and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, to appear before it over plans to seize the property of the immediate past Governor of Zamfara State, Mr Abdulaziz Yari. Justice Nkeonye Maha, who gave the order after listening to the arguments canvassed in a motion *ex parte* by counsel to Yari, Mahmud Magaji, SAN, adjourned the matter until August 30.

### **SERAP URGES MALAMI TO PUBLISH NAMES OF CORRUPT GOVS - DAILY TRUST PG.4, NATION PG.3, THIS DAY PG.43, THISDAY PG.49, PUNCH PG.3**

The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project has asked the Attorney-General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami, to develop and publish registers of corrupt state governors and other high-ranking public officials charged with and convicted of grand corruption since the return of democracy in 1999. In the letter dated August 23, 2019 and signed by SERAP Deputy Director Kolawole Oluwadare, the organisation said: "Public registers for high-ranking officials facing corruption charges and those convicted of corruption would be a pivotal moment in the fight against corruption by the government of President Muhammadu Buhari and the damage caused by graft to citizens' human rights and Nigeria's democratic process.

### **\$9.6BN: BRITISH FIRM LISTING NIGERIA ASSETS FOR SEIZURE - PUNCH PG.2**

An Irish firm, which won a world record \$9.6bn arbitration fine against the Federal Government, has instructed its lawyers to identify Nigeria's assets that can be targeted to recover the money. The company confirmed in an electronic mail to our correspondent that it

was focussed on identifying Nigeria's assets that could be seized in the process of enforcing the decision of an arbitration tribunal which was recently converted to a court judgment.

**ALLEGED FRAUD: KALU'S TRIAL RESUMES TOMORROW - DAILY TRUST PG.8, PUNCH PG.8**

The trial of a former Abia state governor, and now Senator, Orji Uzor Kalu, will resumed tomorrow (Monday, August 26th) at the Federal High Court sitting in Lagos, before Justice Mohammed Idris. Kalu is standing trial alongside his former Commissioner for Finance, Ude Udeogo, and a company, Slok Nigeria Limited, on an amended 39-count charge of money laundering to the tune of N7.6billion.

**ARMY GOES AFTER TRAITORS AS B/HARAM STRIKES AGAIN - DAILY TRUST PG.1&8, NATION PG.8**

The Theatre Commander of Operation Lafiya Dole, Maj. Gen. Olusegun Adeniyi, yesterday asked the troops fighting the Boko Haram to look out for traitors in the ongoing war against insurgency. This is even as four persons were killed and 12 others missing when suspected Boko Haram insurgents attacked Gajiram, the headquarters of Nganzai Local Government Area of Borno State at the weekend.

**FG TO PROSECUTE SABOTEURS OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES - DAILY TRUST PG.3, PUNCH PG.30**

The Special Adviser to the President on Social Investments, Mrs Maryam Uwais, says the Federal Government will prosecute saboteurs of its Social Investment Programmes (SIPs). Uwais gave the warning in a statement by Justice Bibiye, Communications Manager,

National Social Investment Office (NSIO), on Sunday in Abuja. Uwais said the Federal Government would continue to mainstream the principles of transparency, accountability and probity in the implementation of the SIPs of the President Muhammadu Buhari administration.

### **NAPTIP ARRESTS TRANS-BORDER KIDNAPPERS - DAILY TRUST PG.52**

Operatives of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) have arrested one Chika Nnodim and two others for alleged involvement in the kidnap of three Ghanaian girls from Ghana to Nigeria. The suspect, who has been handed over to the office of the Inspector-General of Police for further investigation, is believed to be part of a cross border criminal gang and has been under security watch list of the governments of Nigeria and Ghana before his arrest by NAPTIP official

### **WADUME: DHQ SUBMITS REPORT TODAY - DAILYSUN PG.4, PUNCH PG.2**

The joint investigation panel set up by the Defence Headquarters (DHQ), Abuja, to probe the killing of four police officers and one civilian by soldiers in Taraba state will today submit its report to the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). The seven-men panel, comprising personnel from the army, Navy, Airforce, Department of state security (DSS) and the DIA, has raised suspicion over the alleged confession of the man at the centre and kidnap kingpin, Hamisu Bala Wadume, in a video released by the police headquarters Abuja

### **COURT ORDERS RELEASE OF OKOYE, NWOKOLO - DAILYSUN PG.5**

A high court of the federal capital Territory (FCT) sitting in Maitama has ordered the inspector General of police to immediately released chief Edward Okoye and Vincent Nwokolo from the police custody. In addition, the court ordered the police to pay N6million in favour of the applicants as compensation for wrongful detention

### **US FRAUD;FG TO ISSUE EXECUTIVE ORDER TO FORESTALL REOCCURRENCE - DAILYSUN PG.12, THISDAY PG.12**

The presidency has said the Federal Government will cooperate fully with the united states Government including issuing an Executive Order to forestall a repeat of the massive email fraud and money laundering that led to the arrest of 80 persons, 77 of whom are Nigerians. Presidential spokesman, Garba Shehu, said this when he appeared on a live television programme yesterday.

## **HOW KALU, EKWEREMADU FACILITATED KANU'S RELEASED FROM JAIL-EX-IPOB LAWYER - DAILYSUN PG.12**

Former counsel to Nnamdi Kanu, leader of the indigenous people of Biafra (IPOB), Vincent Obeta, has said it was a mark of ingratitude for members of the pro-Biafra group to have assaulted former deputy senate president, Ike Ekweremadu in Germany, after the courageous he played in their leaders released from detention. Obeta, spoke at Christ Redemtion Church, inside Enugu Campus of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN).

## **SMARTING FROM \$9.9BN P&ID LIABILITY, FG RISKS FRESH \$3.5BN JUDGMENT DEBTS - THISDAY PG.1&8**

As the federal government tries to wriggle its way out of the failed gas project proposed to be executed by an Irish-owned firm, Process and Industrial Developments (P&ID) Limited, that has plunged the country into a \$9.9 billion judgment debt, Nigeria risks fresh multi-billion US dollars judgment debts in several other cases if the federal government decides to stay aloof in pending arbitrations, THISDAY's investigation has revealed. Documents obtained by THISDAY from sources in the Ministry of Justice showed that the federal government has fresh arbitration cases that might cost the country over \$3.5 billion.

## **NAVY DETENTION: FALANA SHOULDN'T BLAME US, SAYS NHRC - PUNCH PG.21**

The National Human Rights Commission said on Sunday that an alleged attack on it by Mr Femi Falana (SAN) over his claim of illegal detention of certain 40 persons by the Nigerian Navy was unwarranted. The commission said in a statement by the NHRC's Director Corporate Affairs and External Linkages, Lambert Oparah, that it was not to blame for the alleged illegal detention.

## **ICYMI: DON'T NEGOTIATE WITH KANU, YOUTHS TELL SOUTH-EAST GOVS - PUNCH PG.8**

The Ohanaeze Ndigbo Youth Council has said the popularity of the leader of Indigenous People of Biafra, Nnamdi Kanu, came about

because of President Muhammadu Buhari's poor handling of the economy which exposed the citizenry to acute hardship. The Igbo youth body said Kanu had seen the lapses in Buhari's handling of the country's affairs and decided to capitalise on it, adding that this development had given the IPOB the leeway to attack, without remorse, the country's leadership.