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TAX: WHY FIRS BOSS FOWLER WAS QUERIED - DAILYTRUST PG.1&8, PUNCH PG.42, SUN PG.2, NATION PG.1&7, THISDAY PG.8

The Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Mr. Babatunde Fowler, was queried by President Muhammadu Buhari over variances between budgeted collections and actual collections between 2015 and 2018. Multiple presidency sources confirmed the authenticity of the query dated August 8, 2019, and signed by the Chief of Staff to the President, Malam Abba Kyari.

WADUME: HOW KIDNAP SUSPECT WAS FREED FROM HOME - DAILYTRUST PG.3, SUN PG.4

An army captain allegedly freed suspected kidnapper, Hamisu Wadume at his personal residence after whisking him away from the Ibi military base in Taraba State. Three policemen and one civilian; Inspector Mark Edaile, Sergeant Usman Danzumi, Sergeant Dahiru Musa and Olajide Owolabi, who arrested Wadume, were killed by soldiers along Ibi-Wukari road in Taraba state, on 7 August 2019.

SERAP BACKS OBASANJO'S PROBE OVER \$16BN POWER PROJECT FUNDS - DAILYTRUST PG.4, SUN PG.10, NATION PG.14

The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) has said that it is in support of the reported probe by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) of the government of former president Olusegun Obasanjo over \$16billion allegedly squandered on power project. The organisation said that it is an opportunity for the anti-graft agency to show that former heads of state and other high-ranking public officials are not immune from investigation and prosecution for allegations of grand corruption in Nigeria.

ATTACK ON EKWEREMADU BY IPOB CONDEMNABLE- S'EAST YOUTH - DAILYTRUST PG.15, PUNCH PG.44, SUN PG.9, NATION PG.8

The Young Progressive Forum, a group championing the interest of South-East chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC), has condemned the attack on the former Deputy Senate President, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, by members of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). The group said the treatment meted to Senator Ekweremadu at Nuremberg, Germany was barbaric, saying it was against Igbo core values and respect for elders.

BUHARI ASKS TRIBUNAL TO DISMISS PDP, ATIKU'S PETITION - DAILYTRUST PG.16, SUN PG.3, NATION PG.11

President Muhammadu Buhari has described the petition by the PDP and its presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar at the Presidential Election Petitions Tribunal as a "patent sham." In a final written address by the lead counsel to Buhari, Wole Olanipekun (SAN), the president asked the tribunal to expunge the 28,000 exhibits tendered by Atiku and the PDP, including the testimonies of its witnesses such as Segun Sowunmi, David Njorga from Kenya, and Joseph Gbenga.

CUSTOMS UNCOVERS N5BN TRAMADOL, CODEINE IN LAGOS WAREHOUSE - DAILYTRUST PG.44

Several individuals are currently undergoing interrogation at the Nigeria Customs Service's Federal Operations Unit (FOU) in Ikeja, Lagos, over their suspected involvement in the importation of N5 billion worth Tramadol and codeine found in a warehouse in Lagos. An impeccable source said the suspects have made useful statements that are helping investigators unravel the brains behind the importation.

NIS APPREHENDS MAN FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN ONDO - PUNCH PG.5, NATION PG.5

The Ondo State Command of the Nigeria Immigration Service has arrested one Oluwomise Modupe for allegedly being involved in the trafficking of one Folashade Ogunfamuyide to the Arab country of Oman. Parading the suspect at the headquarters of the NIS in Akure,

the state Commander of the service, Mrs Eunice Aboyade-Yebovi, said the victim was innocently sold into slavery by the suspect.

MAURICE IWU MEETS N1BN BAIL, REGAINS FREEDOM - PUNCH PG.10

A former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission, Prof. Maurice Iwu, has regained his freedom after spending a week at Ikoyi Prison in Lagos. Iwu, who is facing N1.23bn fraud charges, left the prison on Friday after meeting the N1bn bail with two sureties which the court imposed on him.

EL-ZAKZAKY'S ASYLUM ALLEGATIONS TO COVER FG'S MISCONDUCT- IMN - PUNCH PG.10, SUN PG.4, NATION PG.11, THISDAY PG.10

The Islamic Movement in Nigeria has described as a campaign of calumny, claims by the Federal Government that its leader, Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaky, had wanted to seek asylum in India before his return to Nigeria last Friday. The group said the allegation was made by the government "to cover its own gross misconduct in a foreign land."

EFCC CHARGES WOMAN WITH COLLECTING N22.BN FROM DASUKI - PUNCH PG.44

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission will on Monday (today) arraign one Mrs Isabella Oshodin and Bob Oshodin Organisation Ltd at the Federal High Court sitting in Abuja for N22.9bn fraud and money laundering. The commission disclosed that they would be arraigned before Justice Taiwo Taiwo on 25 counts for receiving the money fraudulently from the former National Security Adviser, Col. Sambo Dasuki (retd.).

GSPA: FG SEEKS STAY OF EXECUTION OF BRITISH COURT \$9BN JUDGMENT - SUN PG.2

The Federal Government has moved for a stay of execution over a British Court judgment which gave nod to Process and Industrial Development Limited (P&ID) to seize Nigerian assets worth \$9 billion over a Gas Sales Purchase Agreement (GSPA) deal. A statement by the Solicitor General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary, Dayo Apata, said Nigeria will appeal the judgment.

GROUP WANTS NORTH TO JOIN REVOLUTIONNOW CAMPAIGN - SUN PG.6

Contrary to the statement of the Coalition of Northern Group (CNG) that the North would not join the “RevolutionNow” campaign called by Omoyele Sowore a few weeks ago, another northern group, Joint Northern Action Front, in Kaduna, yesterday, called on the North to join the campaign. The group, in a statement by Samuel D. Katung and Tanko Mustapha, chairman and secretary, respectively, said the decision of the group to canvass for the campaign was premised on its discovery that President Muhammadu Buhari was not in full control of his administration.

FALANA TO BUHARI: DIRECT AUTHORITIES TO PUBLISH DETAINEES' NAMES - NATION PG.4, THISDAY PG.50

Activist lawyer Femi Falana (SAN) has called on President Muhammadu Buhari to direct all authorities to publish names of all detainees in their custody and the locations they were being kept. This demand is the latest by the lawyer who has since May sustained allegations of illegal detention against the Nigerian Navy (NN).

N209M SEIZED ASSET: ICPC TO PROSECUTE FED GOVT OFFICIAL - NATION PG.8

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on Sunday said it has secured final forfeiture of a N209million property by an official of the Budget Office of the Federation, Mr. Henry Ilemona Oyibo. Oyibo was alleged to have acquired Jerijo Plaza and Event Centre in Karu, Nasarawa State far above his legitimate income.

IPOB TARGETS SOUTHEAST GOVERNORS, NWODO, BURATAI FOR ATTACKS ABROAD - NATION PG.43

Proscribed separatist group Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) is targeting Southeast governors, Ohanaeze President Nnia Nwodo, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Lt. Gen Tukur Buratai for attacks abroad, its leader Nnamdi Kanu, said on Sunday. He also offered a reward of N1

million for credible information on overseas travel itinerary of the governors and Igbo leaders.

MAN GETS SEVEN YEARS FOR N28M FRAUD - NATION PG.44

An Akwa Ibom State High Court has sentenced Archibong Effiong Edem to seven years' imprisonment for defrauding a government official of N28 million. The convict was arraigned by the Port Harcourt's Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) at a Rivers State High Court in Port Harcourt.

LAWAN, OKOWA, PDP, OTHERS CONDEMN ATTACK ON EKWEREMADU - THISDAY PG.8, NATION PG.43

Outrage grew yesterday over the attack on former Deputy Senate President, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, in Germany by members of the outlawed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). Among those who condemned the attack on Ekweremadu, who was a guest at the New Yam festival in Nuremberg when he was attacked by protesters over the spate of insecurity in the South-east, were Senate President, Dr. Ahmad Lawan; his deputy, Senator Ovie-Omo-Agege; Delta State Governor, Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa, Senate Chief Whip, Senator Orji Kalu; the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) and a former Minister of Aviation, Mr. Osita Chidoka.

FADAYOMI AFFIRMS AUTHENTICITY OF ALLEGED FORGED DOCUMENT IN STATOIL, ABEBE SUIT - THISDAY PG.50

The forgery trial of John Abebe, younger brother of former First Lady, the late Stella Obasanjo, was stalled on Wednesday due to the provision of incomplete documents by a defence witness. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Mr Abebe is being prosecuted by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) before an Ikeja Special Offences Court.

UK RECOVERS £82,210 COCAINE FROM NIGERIAN TRAFFICKER, JAILS HIM FOUR YEARS - THISDAY PG48

A Nigerian man who resides in Peterborough, a city in eastern England, was jailed for four years after 67 wraps of cocaine were recovered

from his stomach. The drug, with the average purity of 77.1 per cent, is estimated to have street value of £82,210.