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FALANA URGES AGF TO SUE NAVY OVER 'DETENTION' OF 10 NIGERIANS SINCE OCTOBER 27 - THE NATION PG.8, THIS DAY PG. 51

Activist lawyer Femi Falana (SAN) has again cried out over what he calls the illegal detention of 10 Nigerians by the Navy since October 27, last year. He confirmed the detention of the 10 Nigerians in a letter, dated May 10, in which he requested the Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami (SAN), to seek their release from the naval authorities. This brought to 25 the number of military personnel and civilians allegedly being held in the detention of naval authorities since last year. The lawyer said the detainees were being held on the orders of the Chief of Naval Staff (CNS), Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas.

EFCC, OTHER AFRICAN AGENCIES SEEK RETURN OF STOLEN FUNDS FROM US, EUROPE - DAILY SUN PG.4, DAILY TRUST PG. 4

Faulting double jeopardy over the continuous keeping of stolen funds from Africa in their countries, heads of anti-corruption agencies in Africa have requested Heads of Government in Europe, America and other jurisdictions to work towards speedy and unfettered repatriation of recovered assets to African countries. The heads of anti-corruption agencies stated this in a communique issued at the weekend at the end of the 9th commonwealth regional conference of anti-corruption agencies in Africa at the Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa in Kampala, Uganda. The conference was attended by most of the heads of anti-graft agencies in Africa. It was themed: "Time to act: Prevent corruption for sustainable development."

TIMI FRANK ISSUES SENATE 7-DAY ULTIMATUM OVER MAINA'S REPORT - DAILY SUN PG.5

Former Deputy National Publicity Secretary of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Timi Frank has issued a seven-day ultimatum to the

Nigerian Senate to publicly disclose the report of its investigations into the former chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Pension Reforms, Abdulrasheed Maina. Frank, who also condemned the attacks on Senate President Bukola Saraki by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), in a statement he personally signed, threatened to take legal action against the Red Chamber at the expiration of the seven-day ultimatum should it fail to release the report.

HOUSE SEIZURES: EFCC ON WITCH-HUNT - SARAHI - DAILY SUN PG.9

Senate President, Bukola Saraki, has tackled the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) over seizure of some of his residential houses located in the Ikoyi area of Lagos. The seizure is coming less than a week after the anti-graft agency launched a fresh probe against the senate president; over allegations of money laundering. The EFCC is investigating Saraki's earnings during his time as governor of Kwara state between 2003 and 2011; before he was elected as senator.

FORMER SUBEB CHAIRMAN ARRAIGNED ON N140M FRAUD - PUNCH PG.5

A former Executive Chairman of the Benue State Primary Education Board, Dr Augustine Dzever, has been taken to court by the Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission over alleged illegal transfer of funds belonging to the board to another account. A statement by the spokesperson for the ICPC, Rasheedat Okoduwa, stated that Dzever was arraigned before Justice S. A. Itodo of the Benue State High Court in Makurdi on nine counts. The statement said, "The ICPC's counsel, Bako Along, informed the court that Dzever had in 2005, while being the Executive Chairman of the board, allegedly transferred the sum of N140, 878,378 from the personnel account to the overhead account of the board, thereby committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 22(5) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

ISIS CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR KILLING OF 11 SOLDIERS IN BORNO - PUNCH PG.7

The world's deadliest terror group, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, has claimed responsibility for the attack on soldiers in Borno State last week, which took the lives of 11 soldiers, *Reuters* reports. ISIS said its men were responsible for the Friday attack of Gajiganna town through its news agency AMAQ. The terrorist network on Saturday published pictures of burnt barracks and dead bodies it claimed belonged to the soldiers.

AFRICAN ANTI-GRAFT AGENCIES SEEK REPATRIATION OF STOLEN ASSETS - PUNCH PG. 7

Heads of anti-corruption agencies in Africa have asked Europe, the United States and others to work towards speedy repatriation of recovered assets to African countries. They also expressed concern over losses Africa had suffered as a result of illegal transfers of proceeds of corruption and crime out of the continent. The requests and observations were contained in a communiqué issued at the end of the 9th Commonwealth Regional Conference of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Africa at Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa in Kampala, Uganda.

WE HAVE RECEIVED 4,744 RETURNEES FROM LIBYA -EDO - PUNCH PG.10

The Edo State Government says it has received 4,744 returnees from Libya in 54 batches from the last quarter of 2017 till date. The Edo State Task Force against Human Trafficking at a meeting with a delegation from the Switzerland Federal Commission on Migration noted that the task force had been involved in several activities geared towards total eradication of human trafficking and irregular migration in the state. This, she said, was the reason why the task force had been carrying out a series of advocacy programmes to sensitise people to the dangers of irregular migration.

INDUSTRIAL COURT NOT FOR LAZY, CORRUPT JUDGES, SAYS ADEJUMO - PUNCH PG.10

The President of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria, Justice Babatunde Adejumo, has said lazy and corrupt judges have no business at the court as judicial officers with such tendencies will be exposed to

the public. Adejumo, who said incorrigibility and hard work were necessary conditions for any judge to scale the hurdles of screening, charged lawyers eyeing the position to be apolitical, shun corruption and live a modest lifestyle.

JUSTICE BULKACHUWA NOT INDICTED BY DSS - OFFICIAL - THE NATION PG.6, DAILY TRUST PG.8, THIS DAY PG.49

The Department of State Services (DSS) has denied that it indicted Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa, Chairman, Presidential Election Tribunal, for bribery and corruption. Public Relations Officer of the service, Mr Peter Afunanya, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday in Abuja, in reaction to reports of such indictment of the judge by DSS. He urged the public to disregard the report, saying it only existed in the imagination of the authors. Afunanya described the report as “unfortunate”, adding that making the falsehood public was unethical.

GROUP CONDEMNS APPEAL COURT’S LATE RULING ON ONNOGHEN - THIS DAY PG.51

A judicial advocacy group, Access to Justice, has described the Court of Appeal’s decision to deliver its ruling after the winding up of the Code of Conduct Tribunal’s (CCT) trial of the embattled former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Walter Onnoghen, as unfortunate. The group, in a statement at the weekend by its Executive Director, Joseph Otteh, said the judgments were not only of no value and too late in coming but were not much other than hollow rites of passage. It added that if the appellate court had reached its decisions earlier, it would have represented a timely intervention required in Onnoghen’s trial.