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BRITISH FIRM TO SEIZE NIGERIA'S \$9BN ASSETS - DAILY TRUST PG.5, PUNCH PG.43, THISDAY PG.1&6

A British court yesterday in London gave a firm, Process and Industrial Development Limited (P&ID), the go-ahead to seize Nigerian assets worth \$9 billion. Major online news agencies yesterday reported that the case in contention is a 2010 deal agreement to build a gas processing plant in Calabar which collapsed because Nigeria did not meet its end of the bargain.

BUHARI, ATIKU AND THE BATTLE AHEAD - SUN PG.39, 40, 41

With the primaries of the two major political parties, the All Progressives Congress, APC and the Peoples Democratic Parties, PDP, now over, the coast is now clear for real politicking. Understandably, all eyes are now on President Muhammadu Buhari and Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, the flag bearers of the APC and PDP respectively in the 2019 presidential election. Now that the primaries are over, what are the chances of these two political gladiators in the battle for Aso Rock Villa? From the look of things, the battle is likely to be a lot tougher than it was in 2015, especially for President Buhari.

SHIITES KICK AS EL-ZAKZAKY, WIFE RETURN TO DSS CUSTODY - NATION PG4, DAILY TRUST PG.6, PUNCH PG.16

Hostilities resumed on Friday between the Federal Government and the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN) moments after officials of the Department of State Services (DSS) took the leader of the sect, Sheikh Ibraheem El-Zakzaky, and his wife, Zeenat, back into custody. The couple had returned home earlier in the day from India after complaining that

the medical facility made available to them in New Delhi was inferior to the one at the Kirikiri prison in Nigeria.

KWARA EX-PUBLIC OFFICIALS MAY FACE TRIAL OVER SALES OF GOVT PROPERTY - NATION PG.4

Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq of Kwara State warned on Friday that government may institute legal action against some immediate past public office holders over alleged illegal sales of government property. Receiving the final report of the Committee on the Review of Sales/Disposal of government property in Ilorin, AbdulRazaq said the recommendations of the committee may be tested in court in a bid to get justice for the people of the state.

RETIRED MILITARY, POLICE OFFICERS CARPET BUHARI OVER KILLINGS - NATION PG.6

Several retired military and police officers have expressed deep concern over the recurring killings of innocent citizens by security personnel, and the recent cases of fatal attacks on uniformed men by fellow security operatives. They want an immediate end to the trend before it gets out of control. The situation has attracted the attention of the United Nations (UN) which has decided to dispatch its Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions to Nigeria immediately

GERMANY SETS TO DEPORT FRESH SET OF NIGERIAN MIGRANTS - NATION PG.6

Barring any last-minute change in plans, a fresh batch of Nigerian migrants in Germany will be repatriated back to the country on Monday. The deportees, whose number could not be ascertained at press time, The Nation learnt, will depart Frankfurt Airport at 8 am and arrive the Murtala Mohammed International Airport between 2pm and 3pm.

HOW EX-GOV YARI LOOTED ZAMFARA, BY ICPC - NATION PG.7, DAILY TRUST PG.7, PUNCH PG.8, THISDAY PG.24

The Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC) have disclosed findings from its preliminary investigation of allegations of money laundering and diversion of public funds against the immediate governor of Zamfara State, Abdulazeez Abubakar Yari. The ICPC, in documents filed before the Federal High Court, Abuja gave details from the report of its interim investigation of Yari's asset declaration before the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) and accounts linked to him in two banks.

NCC BOSS INITIATES NEIGHBOURHOOD ANTI-PIRACY SURVEILLANCE - NATION PG.32

The Director-General of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), John Asein, has initiated a new programme tagged, Staff Neighbourhood Anti-piracy Surveillance (SNAPS). Speaking with newsmen on Wednesday, Mr Asein said that under SNAPS, all staff members would engage in anti-piracy surveillance and copyright awareness activities.

AMCON REFUNDS N282.5 M TO ZAMFARA AFTER PROPERTY AUCTION - DAILY TRUST PG.5

The Assets Management Cooperation of Nigeria (AMCON) yesterday refunded N282.5m to the Zamfara State government after property belonging to the state were auctioned in a move to recover debts owed by the former governor, Abdulaziz Yari's administration. The Director General, Press Affairs in the state, Alhaji Yusuf Idris, said the money was refunded to the state government through a letter addressed to Governor Bello Mohammed Matawalle jointly signed by the corporation's Inter Governmental relations officer, Mr Saad Ahmed and head of legal department, Mr Albert Nwanzie . The letter was dated August 16, 2019.

TARBA KILLINGS: KIDNAP DON, SENIOR POLICE OFFICER EXCHANGED 200 CALLS - PUNCH PG.7

Investigations into the killings of the Police Intelligence Response Team operatives by soldiers of 93 Battalion, Takum, Taraba State, on August 6, 2019, have unearthed shocking criminal collaboration between the fleeing kidnap kingpin, Hamisu Bala, (aka Wadume), and some senior police officers at the Ibi Police Division. Wadume, who allegedly masterminded kidnappings, was being taken to the Taraba State Police Command in Jalingo by the Police IRT team when they came under attack from soldiers believed to be loyal to the kidnap kingpin.

OYO-ITA DESPERATE TO MEET BUHARI, EMBARKS ON 'SICK LEAVE' - PUNCHPG.7

The embattled Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Winnifred Oyo-Ita, was making frantic efforts as of Friday evening to secure an appointment with President Muhammadu Buhari over her travails, it is learnt. Oyo-Ita is currently in the eye of the storm after the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission reportedly questioned her over alleged N3bn bribery, duty tour allowance falsification and fraud case.

BUHARI'S PRESIDENCY STINKS, REELS IN CORRUPTION, ALLEGES PDP - THISDAY PG.24

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday described the Buhari Presidency as rotten and reeks of incurable corruption, festering up to every level. They charged him to in the spirit of investigating the alleged certificate forgery of the indicted Chairman of the Special Investigation Panel, Okoi Obono-Obla, he should also own up to the status and circumstances of his own certificate which was still controversial.