



## Federal Ministry of Justice

**DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEW THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2019**

### **BUHARI SIGNS 5 BILLS PASSED BY 8TH ASSEMBLY - DAILYSUN PG.3**

President Muhammadu Buhari has signed five bills passed by the 8th National Assembly into law, Mr Umar Yakubu, his Senior Special Assistant on National Assembly Matters (House of Representatives) has said. Yakubu who made the announcement at a news conference on Wednesday in Abuja, said that the Acts were to ensure good governance in the country.

### **APPREHENSION AS NJC INTERVIEWS JUSTICES FOR APEX COURT - DAILY SUN PG.3**

There is tension at the Court of Appeal as the National Judicial Council ((NJC) has commenced interview of Justices for elevation to the bench of the Supreme Court. The bone of contention is over who replaces the sitting president of the court, Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa, who is to proceed on retirement leave by end of the year.

### **ANOTHER NIGERIAN KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA - DAILYSUN PG.5**

Despite the peace deal by President Muhammadu Buhari and South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa to end xenophobic attacks in South Africa, the Nigerian community in South Africa has confirmed the killing of one of its members, Ikenna Otugo. The state visit to South Africa by Buhari earlier this month was hailed as historic by Ramaphosa, as the two leaders dealt with the aftermath of the xenophobic attacks in both countries.

### **BUNKERING: EFCC ARRAIGNS 26, VESSEL - DAILYSUN PG.5**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) yesterday arraigned a vessel, MV Neso11, 25 men and a woman before the Federal High Court, Lagos, for unlawful dealing in petroleum products. The men are Francis Onyeoma, Adebayo M. Charles, Melvin A. Jack, Omogoye Wasiu Bolaji,

Umoren Harrison Daniel, Oloyede Y. Ademola, Archibong Anietie James, Richard Essien David, Oke Asaiki, Mike Simeon, Godswill Emmanuel Umoh, Edu Fidelis, Miebaka Iyaka, Kingsley Terry, Augustine Abarowei Udom, Victor Jerome, Victor Uchendu, Firstman Job, Nelson Sokorobo Solomon and Emomotimi F. Watchman.

### **MAGU SEEKS CONTINENTAL COLLABORATION TO FIGHT CORRUPTION - DAILYSUN PG.12**

Acting chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ibrahim Magu, has called on Africa to unite in the fight against corruption. Magu, made the call at a workshop organised by a Republic of Niger-based organisation, High Authority against Corruption and Assimilated Offences (HALCIA), in collaboration with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), held on Tuesday at the ECOWAS Secretariat, Abuja.

### **FG DEPORTS SEVEN KOREANS, BANS THEM FOR LIFE - DAILYSUN PG.9**

The Federal Government has carried out the deportation of seven Democratic People's Republic of Korea nationals from Nigeria. The deportation order was effected by the Comptroller-General of Nigeria Immigration Service, Muhammad Babandede in Abuja on Tuesday. The deportees, who allegedly attempted to undermine national security, were also banned from returning to the country for life.

### **COURT FREES NINE SHI'ITES FROM DETENTION - PUNCH PG.14, THE NATION PG.42**

The Kaduna State High Court has freed at least nine members of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (also known as Shiites). They were arrested following the proscription order by the Kaduna State Government in 2016. The nine Shi'ites members, including two women, were arrested precisely three years ago on their way to attend the Islamic religious rite of Ashura mourning in Kaduna and had been in detention since 2016.

### **EFCC TO PAY N5M FOR FREEZING SURETY'S ACCOUNT - PUNCH PG.14**

The Federal High Court in Lagos has awarded a punitive cost of N5m against the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission for freezing the bank account of one Mr Charles Aiyeyi since December last year. Aiyeyi had stood as a surety for one Chief Jerome Itepu, who was being investigated by the EFCC. According to the court, after the EFCC released Itepu to Aiyeyi on administrative bail, the suspect jumped the bail and refused to honour further invitations by the EFCC.

### **OPINION IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-CORRUPTION COURTS - DAILY TRUST PG.42**

Following the news publication by Leadership Newspaper on Monday, October 14, 2019 of page 16, where it was reported that the House of Representatives is proposing a bill for the establishment of a special court for the trial of corruption and other related offences and also the possibilities of increasing the funding of the anti-graft agencies in the country, I stand to support the lawmakers for the unique project. The House in its 2019-2023, legislative agenda indicated the reforms to bring out positive policies that will drive the nation to an all-inclusive economy and the fight against corruption as one of the issues on its top priority list.

### **HOUSE TO INITIATE LAW AGAINST BIASED REPORTING OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS - THISDAY PG.11**

The House of Representatives has vowed to put in place a law that will position media practice in Nigeria in line with global best practices, as well as discourage the dissemination of propaganda and biased reporting of legislative affairs. The Chairman, House Committee on Media and Public Affairs, Hon. Ben Kalu, disclosed this yesterday at the inaugural meeting of the committee.

### **HOUSE VOWS TO REINTRODUCE ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL - THISDAY PG.45**

The House of Representatives has vowed to reintroduce the Electoral Act Amendment Bill that President Muhammadu Buhari declined assent to

towards the end of his first term in office. The Chairman of the House Committee on Electoral Matters, Aisha Dukku, disclosed this yesterday in Abuja at the inaugural meeting of the committee, where she stressed the need to reintroduce the bill in order to ensure that important amendments that would improve the country's electoral process are done.

### **MAINA, MALAMI AND THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS - THE NATION PG.18**

Abdulrasheed Maina, former chairman of the Pension Reform Task Team was in the news again last week. He is back to haunt Malami, the minister of justice who in spite of the scandal surrounding his surreptitious attempt to smuggle fugitive offender Maina back into Ministry of Internal Affairs fortuitously retained his position in President Buhari's new cabinet. Now let us take a journey through memory. Maina had been accused of fraud by EFCC and indicted by both House and Senate probes but remained invincible. While he attended public functions with President Jonathan, protected by police escorts, the then Inspector General of Police told the two houses Maina could not be found. Maina finally sneaked out of the country in 2013 with allegation of mismanagement of over N24billion pension funds hanging on his neck. He was declared a fugitive offender while 29 assets worth N1b he allegedly owned were seized by EFCC.

### **SEX FOR GRADES: A CRIME THRIVING IN SILENCE - THE NATION PG.26**

Like an angry tornado, sex for grades is effacing life away from Nigerian universities. Every year, stories abound of how university professors and lecturers seduce and blackmail students. We all hear about it but it's almost never proven. The malfeasance buried in silence is denying victims to speak up. A lot of female students are being abused but silence has buried their pain. Academic institutions are meant to nurture and groom students but they have become hunting grounds for the sexual gratification of men entrusted to teach. Sex for grades has become a culture, a sturdy plant growing on the grounds of silence, fertilized by silence, trimmed by silence and this silence is deadly. Not only has it buried dreams, it has rendered lives useless.

## **CPC RECOVERS MORE THAN 200 PROPERTIES IN EIGHT MONTHS - THE NATION PG.3**

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on Wednesday said it has recovered over 200 properties within eight months from suspected corrupt individuals. He said the assets, including plazas, bungalows and mansions, are either under interim forfeiture or final forfeiture. According to a statement by the Spokesperson of the commission, Mrs. Rasheedat A. Okoduwa (mni), the disclosure was made by the Chairman of ICPC, Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye.