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BUHARI WINS SECOND TERM - DAILY TRUST PG.1&4, NATION PG.1&7, THISDAY PG.1&8, SUN PG.6

President Muhammadu Buhari of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has won the 2019 presidential election with 15,191,847 votes, giving him another term of four years. His main challenger and the candidate of the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Atiku Abubakar scored 11,262,978 votes in the polls, which had 71 other candidates on the ballot.

FULL SPEECH: BUHARI SPEAKS ON WINNING 2019 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - DAILY TRUST BREAKING.

First and foremost, I give thanks to Almighty God who has spared our lives to witness another victory for Nigerian democracy and victory for our party APC. I thank the millions of Nigerians who voted to re-elect me as your president for the next four years. I am deeply humbled and profoundly grateful to you for judging me worthy of continuing to serve you and for your peaceful conduct.

PRESIDENTIAL POLL: REMAIN CALM, PDP URGES NIGERIANS - DAILY TRUST PG. 1&4

The Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, has urged Nigerians to remain calm as the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC declared President Muhammadu Buhari of the All Progressives Congress, APC, the winner of Saturday's presidential election. Buhari was declared re-elected having polled 15,191,847 votes, winning in 19 states, to defeat other 72 candidates including Atiku Abubakar, the Candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) who scored 11, 255,978 votes and won 17 states and the FCT, to occupy the second position.

EFCC DETAINS KWARA FINANCE COMMISSIONER, ACCOUNTANT GENERAL - DAILY TRUST.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has detained the Kwara state Commissioner of Finance and the Accountant General of the State, over investigations into alleged slush funds for 2019 elections. A top EFCC source told Daily Trust that the duo are being held at the Ilorin, Kwara state Zonal head office of the anti-graft agency to explain the utilization of over N1 billion fund received from a commercial bank a few days to the election.

ALLEGED POLL FRAUD: ARMY PARADES WIKE'S COMMISSIONER, OTHERS - DAILY TRUST PG.6, NATION PG.6, THISDAY PG.45, SUN PG.6&9, SUN PG.9

The 6 Division of the Nigerian Army, Port Harcourt, on Tuesday paraded Rivers State Commissioner for Urban Development, Reason Onyia Williams; a member of the State House of Assembly, Wanaka Okpokiri; the Camp Commandant of Rivers State Government House, Oyoku Ifelle and three others over an accusation of financial inducement and being in possession of election materials. Parading the suspects, the Division's Deputy Director of Public Relations, Col. Aminu Iliyazu, said N2, 250,000 was found in a Range Rover car belonging to Ifelle.

BUBA GALADIMA WRITES FAMILY, SAYS HE IS FINE - DAILY TRUST PG.7

The family of the opposition spokesperson Alhaji Buba Galadima yesterday said they have received a letter purportedly written by him from an undisclosed location. Galadima, a spokesperson of the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party Atiku Abubakar, was reportedly arrested at the weekend by a Directorate of State Security (DSS).

COURT FIXES MARCH 8 FOR RULING ON WIKE'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE FORGERY CASE - DAILY TRUST PG.12

The Federal High Court, Abuja, has fixed March 8 to deliver judgment in a suit seeking to disqualify Gov. Nyesom Wike of Rivers from contesting the March 9 governorship election. The Plaintiff, Mr Elvis Chinda filed

the suit in 2018 praying the court to interpret certain sections of the Electoral Act.

FORGERY: COURT SACKS PLATEAU LAWMAKER - DAILY TRUST PG.13, THISDAY PG.11, SUN PG.4

A Federal High sitting in Jos has sacked a member of the Plateau State House of Assembly, Ibrahim Baba Hassan, over diploma certificate he claimed to have obtained from the University of Jos. The court also ordered the lawmaker to pay back into the treasury of Plateau State Government, all the salaries and allowances he received since he was elected as a state lawmaker.

FOREIGN OBSERVERS HAIL MILITARY'S CONDUCT DURING POLLS - NATION PG.41,SUN PG.40

Some Independent Foreign Observers have praised the military for their professional conduct during Saturday's presidential and National Assembly elections. They gave the commendation in a statement made available to *The Nation* yesterday. The observers, in the statement signed by their leader Bill Campbell, said having examined the roles of stakeholders in the electoral processes, found out that the military played commendable roles in the Saturday's elections.

GANA TO SUPREME COURT: DECLARE ME SDP'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE - NATION PG.41

Despite the conclusion of this year's presidential election, former Information Minister Jerry Gana has insisted on continuation of proceedings in his appeal in which he prays the Supreme Court to declare him the Social Democratic Party (SDP) candidate for the poll. Gana's appeal is against the January 24, 2019 judgment of the Court of Appeal, Abuja, which named a former Cross River State Governor Donald Duke as the SDP's validly nominated presidential candidate for the election, which held on February 23.

JONATHAN GAVE ME N400M, METUH INSISTS - NATION PG.41, SUN PG.4&5

FORMER People's Democratic Party (PDP) Publicity Secretary Olisa Metuh told a Federal High Court in Abuja yesterday that former

President Goodluck Jonathan gave the N400 million in respect of which he is now being prosecuted. Metuh, who is testifying as a defence witness in his trial, argued that, as against the prosecution's claim, he believed the money came from Jonathan for the publicity activities he carried out for the Federal Government just before the last general election.

BURATAI DENIES ASKING ARMY OFFICERS TO WORK FOR BUHARI - THISDAY PG.11

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Tukur Buratai, yesterday denied allegations that he summoned a meeting of senior officers where he directed them to work for the victory of President Muhammadu Buhari in last Saturday's presidential election. The denial followed allegations that senior officers who attended the meeting allegedly refused to carry out the "illegal orders".

NBA ACCUSES INEC OFFICIALS OF AIDING ELECTION RIGGING - THISDAY PG.11

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) has faulted the preparations of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in the area of logistics for the February 23, 2019 presidential and National Assembly elections, accusing the commission's officials of aiding and abetting politicians to rig the elections. This is coming as the Chairman of the electoral body; Prof. Mahmood Yakubu has promised that the electoral umpire will probe some already identified calculation errors in the results of last Saturday's presidential and National Assembly elections.

ALLEGED N3.9BN FRAUD: LATE BADEH'S FIRM TO OPEN DEFENCE MARCH 4 - THISDAY PG.45

Justice Okon Abang of a Federal High Court, Abuja yesterday adjourned till March 4, 2019 for the company of late Air Chief Marshal Alex Badeh, Iyalikam Nigeria Limited, to open its defence. Iyalikam Nigeria Limited was standing trial along with Badeh on an amended 14-count charge bordering on criminal breach of trust, abuse of office and money laundering to the tune of N3.9bn.

COURT GRANTS MOTION TO SERVE ATIKU VIA SUBSTITUTED MEANS ON NIGERIAN CITIZENSHIP SUIT - THISDAY PG.45

A Federal High Court in Abuja yesterday granted a motion ex-parte to serve former Vice President, Atiku Abubakar, through substituted means in a suit filed against him, alleging that he was not a citizen of Nigeria. The suit with motion number FHA/ABJ/CS/177/2019, which was filed on behalf of Incorporated Trustee of Egalitarian Mission for Africa, was filed by Mr. Kayode Ajulo, a lawyer based in Abuja.

IG ORDERS PROBE OF ASSAULT ON DCP IN BAYELSA - SUN PG.5

The Inspector-General of Police, Mohammed Adamu, has ordered assessment of the alleged assault on a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) by suspected political thugs in Twon Brass, Brass Local Government Area of the state. A statement by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bayelsa State Command, Butswat Asinim, said the IG sent a high-powered delegation headed by the Deputy Inspector of Police (DIG), Fredrick Lekanu, to probe the incident.