



## Federal Ministry of Justice

### **DAILY NEWSPAPERS REVIEW WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 2019.**

#### **COURT TO RULE ON AGF'S OBJECTION TO MTN'S SUIT MAY 7 - THE NATION PG.8, THIS DAY PG. 44, PUNCH PG. 10**

The Federal High Court in Lagos yesterday reserved ruling on a preliminary objection by the Attorney-General of the Federation (AGF) challenging a N3billion suit by MTN Nigeria Communication Ltd. MTN sued the AGF for demanding N242 billion and \$1.3 billion as import duties and withholding tax assessments from it.

#### **EFCC ARRESTS SIX `YAHOO' BOYS, RECOVERS EXOTIC CARS - THE NATION PG.7, DAILY TRUST PG.5, PUNCH PG.5**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) at the Ibadan Zonal Office have arrested six `Yahoo' boys and recovered five different models of exotic cars and laptops. The Acting Head, Media and Publicity of the commission, Mr Tony Orilade, who broke the news yesterday in Abuja Tuesday, said other items recovered from the suspects include mobile phones and documents containing false information.

#### **OPERATE WITHIN THE LAW, ACTING CJN ADMONISHES MILITARY - THE NATION PG.8, THIS DAY PG.10, DAILY SUN PG. 41**

The Acting Chief Justice of Nigeria, Ibrahim Tanko Mohammed yesterday said the military remains a critical institution for the success of any democratic government, asserting that Nigeria would continue to appreciate its military for the sacrifices it made to keep the country united. Delivering a keynote address at the Nigerian Air Force Headquarters, Abuja, during the opening of the 2019 Edition of the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) Retreat for NAF Officers, Justice Mohammed said the military deserves public support for its effort in supporting democratic institutions during elections and for maintaining peace and order during internal operations.

### **HUSBAND KILLING: I HAVE NO CASE TO ANSWER - MARYAM SANDA - DAILY TRUST PG. 3**

Maryam Sanda, a woman charged with the alleged killing of her husband, Bilyaminu Bello, yesterday told an FCT High Court that she had no case to answer. The accused is being tried before the court for allegedly killing Bello, a nephew of former PDP chairman, Alhaji Bello Halliru Muhammad. She was docked alongside her brother, Aliyu Sanda; her mother, Maimuna Aliyu; and her housemaid, Sadiya Aminu, who were charged for assisting her to conceal the evidence by cleaning the blood of the deceased from the scene of the crime. They all pleaded not guilty.

### **MURIC FAULTS FG'S INDIFFERENCE ON HIJAB SAGA - DAILY TRUST PG. 7**

The Muslim Rights Concern (MURIC) has faulted a statement credited to the Federal Government last week that it would not interfere in the hijab imbroglio which has embroiled the South West. MURIC Director, Prof. Ishaq Akintola, said in a statement on Tuesday that the Federal Government cannot afford to ignore this serious human rights abuse within its domain.

### **SHETTIMA RAISES PANEL ON ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE IN MAIDUGURI PRISON - DAILY TRUST PG.8**

Governor Kashim Shettima of Borno State on Monday inaugurated an eight-man panel of inquiry to investigate allegations of sexual abuse against warders at the Maiduguri Maximum Security Prison. Shettima said this was necessitated by reports on allegations of child prostitution, sodomy and forced abortion at the prison. He said the committee was mandated to investigate and provide detail report on the allegations.

### **EDO GOVT PARDONS 84 PRISONER - DAILY TRUST PG.8, THIS DAY PG.45**

Eighty-four prison inmates have been granted pardon by the Edo State government. The State government, an unnamed donor agency, in

conjunction with the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation, also raised the sum N9 million to secure the release of the prisoners who could not meet their bail conditions due to their lowly status. The State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Prof. Yinka Omorogbe, who made this disclosure on in statement issued in Benin on Tuesday, said the benefiting inmates were from various prison formations in the State. She said the pardon was in alignment with the Federal Government's commitment to decongest prisons across the country. She added that the move has the backing of office of the Attorney-General of the Federation, with the aim of tackling overcrowding in Nigerian Prisons.

### **SERAP: CORRUPTION STILL HIGH DESPITE BUHARI'S EFFORTS - THIS DAY PG.10, PUNCH PG. 3**

A civil society organisation, Socio-Financial Rights and Accountability Challenge (SERAP) yesterday stated that the extent of corruption in Nigeria was nonetheless excessive regardless of the efforts of the Muhammadu Buhari administration. The Information Company of Nigeria (NAN) reported that SERAP made the declaration on the launch of the outcomes of a report of a nationwide survey entitled "Nigeria Anti-Corruption Efficiency Evaluation Survey".

### **COURT ORDERS EFCC TO CHARGE LAWYER, EX-SENATOR BY MARCH 28 - THIS DAY PG. 41**

The FCT High Court in Apo, Abuja yesterday ordered the Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC) to charge an Abuja-based lawyer, Monday Ubani and a former senator, Christopher Enai to court or release them on bail on or before March, 28. Justice Silvanus Oriji gave the order after listening to the submissions of the applicants in an ex-parte motion filed by their counsel Chief Mike Ozekhome (SAN). The judge also in alternative granted bail to the applicants in the sum of N50 million with two reasonable sureties, who must be civil servants on level 15.

## **N8BN CBN SCAM: COURT DISMISSES DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION TO EFCC EVIDENCE - THIS DAY PG. 44**

Justice Nathaniel Ayo-Emmanuel of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, on Tuesday dismissed the objection raised by the second defendant, Muniru Olaniran, in the N8 billion CBN currency scam case. Recalls that Olaniran had in a trial within trial objected to the documentary evidence tendered against him by Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC) on grounds that “the investigators had threatened, torture, intimidated and harassed him if he refused to lie against himself.”

## **OBA OF BENIN CALLS FOR SANCTIONS FOR PERPETRATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING - THIS DAY PG.45**

The Oba of Benin Omo N’Oba N’Edo Uku Akpolokpolo Oba Ewuare II has placed curse on perpetrators of human trafficking and their collaborators including native doctors and priests who administer oath of secrecy on victims. The Oba placed the curse yesterday in Benin City, while meeting with Enogie, Edionwere, and priests of different deities in Benin and native doctors at his palace.

## **FG LOBBIES UK ON REPATRIATION OF LOOTED FUNDS - DAILY SUN PG.3**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Geoffrey Onyeama, says the Federal Government is in the process of repatriating from Jersey the stolen 300 million pounds. Onyeama stated this on Tuesday in Abuja at a news conference organised as part of activities to mark the one year anniversary of President Mohammadu Buhari’s administration. Jersey, an independent, English-speaking territory with a mix of British and French cultures, is the largest of the Channel Islands located between England and France. The minister said that the money in Jersey would have been repatriated but for a last minute “objection” that was raised by the people, who were supposed to forfeit it.

## **IPOB: I WAS TORTURED TO CONFESS, KANU'S CO-DEFENDANT TELLS COURT - DAILY SUN PG.4**

Federal High Court in Abuja has commenced a trial-within-trial to verify the allegation by a pro-Biafra agitator, Chidiebere Onwudiwe, that he was tortured by operatives of the Department of State Service (DSS) and forced to sign an incriminating confessional statement. He is standing trial for treasonable felony alongside the leader of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB, and Mazi Nnamdi Kanu. Following the disappearance of Kanu, the Federal Government applied to separately try him and three other pro-Biafra activists, Bright Chimezie, Benjamin Madubugwu and David Nwawu.

## **HOW CORRUPTION CAUSED INFRASTRUCTURE DECAY IN NIGERIA - MAGU - DAILY SUN PG.6**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ibrahim Magu has said that the current economic challenge the country is facing is as a result of corruption. He said his while on a courtesy call to the Chief of Naval staff in Abuja on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

## **FALANA MAKES CASE FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS - DAILY SUN PG. 40**

Lawyer, Femi Falana (SAN) has urged the civil societies to join forces and mount pressure on the federal government to implement the recommendations of the Electoral Reforms Panels headed by Retired Justice Mohammed Uwais, Sheik Ahmed Lemu and Dr. Ken Nnamani for the country to have flawless elections in future. He stated that the postponement of last Saturday's elections by the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) on account of logistical or operational reasons cannot be justified under the Electoral Act or the Constitution and would have been prevented if the reports, "with far reaching electoral reforms", have been implemented.