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THE SOLE ADMINISTRATOR OF RIVERS STATE

President Tinubu appointed Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas (Rtd) as Rivers State Administrator following a state of emergency. Meet Ibas, a former Chief of Naval Staff, tasked with restoring stability in the state. He brings extensive security and diplomatic experience to the role.



RIVERS STATE CRISIS: TINUBU DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

President Tinubu declares emergency rule in Rivers State, suspending Governor Fubara, his deputy, and lawmakers for six months. Retired Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete Ibas is appointed Sole Administrator. The move is to address political tensions and security threats targeting oil facilities, but opposition politicians and political parties disagree.



Explosions Hits Rivers State Amid Political Crisis

A pipeline explosion on the Trans-Niger Pipeline in Rivers State has caused a huge inferno, amid the political crisis in the state. Authorities are yet to comment, while speculation swirls about the cause of the blast in this historically volatile region.

ARMY CLASH WITH WOMEN PROTESTERS IN ENUGU

Nigerian security forces reportedly clashed with hundreds of women protesting herdsmen killings in Enugu State, leaving several injured and hospitalized.

EBONYI GOVERNOR SUSPENDS THREE COMMISSIONERS

Ebonyi Governor Francis Nwifuru suspends three commissioners for absenteeism. He also warned contractors to expedite projects or face legal action.

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OTUDEKO, ONASANYA TO BE ARRAIGNED OVER ALLEGED ₦12.3BN FRAUD

A Lagos court has ordered the arraignment of Oba Otudeko and Bisi Onasanya over an alleged ₦12.3bn fraud linked to First Bank.

NIGERIA'S INFLATION RATE NOSEDIVES TO 23.18%

Nigeria's inflation rate is declining, down to 23.18% in February, reflecting improvements in living costs due to lower food prices and transport costs. The report from the National Bureau of Statistics also showed urban-rural trends and the significance of rebasing the CPI for tracking economic shifts more realistically.

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IPOB Leader, Nnamdi Kanu, Takes Over Own Defense

Nnamdi Kanu, IPOB leader, decides to defend himself in court as trial resumes on March 21, 2025, citing distrust in the Nigerian judiciary.



HOUSE OF REPS APPROVES FOUR TINUBU'S TAX REFORM BILLS

The House of Representatives approved four tax reform bills from President Tinubu. The reforms aim to modernize tax collection, resolve disputes, and establish better systems. These bills now await Senate approval before becoming law.

NYSC MEMBER RAYE FINALLY APOLOGIZES AFTER VIRAL VIDEO

NYSC member Raye apologizes after calling Lagos a "smelling state" in a viral video addressing Nigeria's economy and financial struggles faced by young citizens.

GOV PETER MBAH OF ENUGU STATE AT 53

Governor Peter Mbah is redefining leadership in Enugu State with massive infrastructure projects, security reforms, and education upgrades. His commitment to progress is gaining nationwide recognition, so says the writer of this birthday tribute, Prof Chris Mustapha Nwaokobia Jnr, Convener COUNTRYFIRST MOVEMENT. A Good Governance Advocacy Group.

ANAMBRA BANS MOBILE PHONES IN SECHOOLS

The Anambra State Government has banned mobile phones in secondary schools to reduce distractions and improve student performance. Teachers will henceforth seize any phones found on students.

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