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The Director, Public Affairs, Lagos State Ministry of Health, Tumbosun Ogunbanwo released a press statement on Sunday 22, which revealed that over 500 deaths had been recorded in isolation centers across the state. He disclosed that the third wave of the covid-19 was as a result of the importation of cases from other countries. Ogunbanwo said that the state government was more committed to fully implementing all covid protocols in the state. Sodiq Oyeleke, [Punch News \(August 22nd\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC), released an update on its official Facebook page which revealed that the country had recorded new infections across 18 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), raising the total infections to 188,880. The NCDC gave a breakdown of the data that revealed more than half of the daily infections in the country was recorded in Lagos state. Maryam Ileyemi, [Premium Times News \(August 26th\)](#) reports.

National Broadcasting Commission Invites TV Presenters over Anti-Buhari Interview, PDP Appoints New Acting National Chairman, Kebbi High Court Re-appoints Uche Secondus as PDP Chairman

The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) has summoned Channels Television presenters following a daily breakfast programme that granted interview to the Governor of Benue State, Samuel Ortom and a retired Navy Commodore, Kunle Olawunmi. The NBC revealed that the programme was observed to contain inciting, divisive and unfair comments which were not thoroughly interrogated by the anchors. "Further stating that the news channels negated sections of the Nigeria Broadcasting Code. Olalekan Adetayo and Kayode Oyetero, [Punch News \(August 16th\)](#) reports

The Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) spokesman, Kola Olagbondiyan, disclosed first the resolution of the National Working Committee (NWC) to replace the National Chairman, Uche Secondus, who was ordered by a Rivers State High Court to seize to hold office as the National Chairman of the PDP. Deputy National Chairman Yemi Akinwumi was supposed to replace Uche Secondus as Acting National Chairman. Samson Adenekan, [Premium Times News \(August 26th\)](#) reports. In developing

events however, the Kebbi State High Court on Thursday 26, has restored Uche Secondus as the National Chairman of the PDP, this is coming after three applicants filed an ex-parte application for an order to stay of execution of the suspension order issued by the Rivers State High Court. The order of the court read that "pending the hearing and determination of the applicant" Secondus be allowed to exercise the powers of the office of the Chairman of PDP. Samson Adenekan, [Premium Times News \(August 26th\)](#) reports.

Scare Over Food Crisis Amidst Insecurity, Defence, Health, Education Get Highest Capital Allocation in 2022 Federal Budget

The [Africa News \(August 25th\)](#) edition brings together the account of farmers across the country, rice farmer Donald Amokaha expresses his ordeals of his abandoned farmland of 100 hectares because he fled the herder-farmer conflict of the middle belt region. In Nasarawa state vegetable seller Badamasi Bello says he is anxious, he loses customers daily because of the "spiralling price of commodities. Farmers are producing far less than was needed to meet the country's food demand, Chief Executive of Dignity Finance and Investment, Chijioke Ekechukwu disclosed.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Defence, Health, Education and Housing have received the highest capital allocation in the 2022 federal budget. The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Zainab Ahmed, signed a circular that disclosed that the federal government had barred its Ministries, Department and Agencies from introducing fresh capital projects to the 2022 fiscal period. Amara Orijiude, [Punch News \(August 25th\)](#) reports.

Insecurity: Bandits Attack Nigeria Defence Academy, President Buhari Says Attack on NDA "Accelerates" Fight Against Banditry, COAS Speaks on the Need for New Tactical Approach, Nigeria Enters Military Cooperation Agreement with Russia, 24-Hour Curfew Imposed in Jos North

In news reports, the spokesman of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Bashir Muhd Jajira, on Tuesday 24, confirmed to journalist, the "compromise" of the security architecture of the NDA. He added that two officers were killed in the attack and one officer kidnapped jajira also added that a combined team of security operatives have

launched a manhunt of the bandits with air surveillance. [Channels News \(August 24th\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, President Muhammadu has responded to the attack on the NDA, he noted that attack had come at a time when the military had put insurgents, bandits and kidnapers to a retreat. According to President Buhari “the heinous action would accelerate the total uprooting of evil in the polity which members of the Armed Forces are solidly resolved to accomplish in the shortest possible time.” [Premium Times \(August 25th\)](#) reports.

The Chief of Army Staff, Faruk Yahaya has disclosed that the army needed to be more tactful, ingenious and innovative in its operations to be able to tackle the current security challenges in the country. Yahaya said that “giving the volatile and certain complex operational environments the army operates today, manpower is continually being stretched.” [News Agency of Nigeria \(August 25th\)](#) reports.

In new developments, the federal government has signed a military deal with Russia that provides a legal framework for the supply of equipment and training of troops. The countries embassy in Moscow released a statement on Wednesday 25, which revealed that “the agreement on Military-Tactical Cooperation between both countries provides a legal framework for the supply of military equipment, provision of after sale services, training of personnel in respective educational establishments and technology.” Camillus Eboh, [Reuters News \(August 26th\)](#) reports.

The Plateau State government has ordered a reinstatement of a 24-hour curfew aimed at compressing further attacks in the state. The governor appealed to citizens to cooperate with the government by abiding to the curfew as violators would be arrested. According to eyewitnesses, gunmen vandalized a bridge linking the community before attacking, which hindered security agent’s access. More than 15 citizens were burnt in their houses and are yet to be evacuated. Abdulsalami Ahovi et all, [Guardian News \(August 26th\)](#) reports.

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