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COVID-19: FG Set to Involve Private Sector in Vaccination Exercise, Set to Receive One Million Vaccinations Monthly

The federal government has indicated plans to involve the private sector in the COVID-19 vaccination exercise. The chairman of the Presidential Steering Committee (PSC), Boss Mustapha stressed on the need for caution and adherence to non-pharmaceutical measures, vaccination and protocols on self-isolation. He highlighted progress made toward vaccines, disclosing that over one million doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccines would be shipped to the country on a monthly basis. Mustapha added that the authorities were conducting investigations into reports received on vaccination abuse. Nkechi Onyedika-Ugoeze, [Guardian News \(September 28th\)](#) reports.

FG Moves to Supreme Court Over VAT, Northern Governors Forum Hold Emergency Meeting Over VAT, Security

The Federal Government has moved to approach the dispute surrounding the collection of Value Added Tax (VAT) by approaching the Supreme Court. Following the ruling of the Court of Appeal to maintain the "status quo ante bellum" the Attorney General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami has revealed that the Federal Inland Revenue Service had been collecting tax before the dispute with Rivers State and the Position of the judiciary and the Federal Government is that the Status Quo be maintained. Adamu Abuh and Msugh Ityokura ([Guardian News \(September 24th\)](#)) reports.

Meanwhile, the Northern Governors Forum (NGF), on Monday 27, held an emergency meeting to discuss issues relating to Value Added Tax and the Insecurity in the region. The chairman of the NGS, Simon Lalong said the governors would look at critical national issues and adopt the best possible approach to ensuring the interest of the nation was protected and promoted. Lalong added that the controversies surrounding the collection of VAT was a key issue to be discussed. [Premium Times \(September 27th\)](#) reports.

Former President Jonathan Speaks on Credibility of Electronic Transmission of Election Results, Vice President Osinbajo Reveals Challenge in Police Funding, China Pledges Fight to Reduce Poverty in Nigeria

Former President Goodluck Jonathan has called on the National Assembly to allow future election results in the country to be electronically transmitted. He urged citizens to have confidence in the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in order to avoid electoral crisis during general elections, Jonathan said, "when there is no confidence in the electoral empire people result to crisis." Disclosing that security should not be left in the hands of the government alone. [Premium Times News \(September 29th\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has revealed that a major challenge to the Country's Police Force was poor funding. While maintaining his government's commitment to improving the welfare of the Police, he added that other measures were explored to improve funding. Highlighting the enactment of the Police Trust Fund Act, he revealed that federal government worked with the National Assembly to pass the Act in law, Osinbajo commissioned the Police Barracks of the Special Protection Unit (SPU) base 6 in Rivers State. Ignatius Igwe, [Channels News \(September 29th\)](#) reports.

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Nigeria, Cui Jianchin, at the closing of Nigeria-China Cultural week disclosed that the Chinese government was ready to help the country fight poverty. He outlined his strategies as Ambassador was to replicate China's success by sending citizens to the understudy the Chinese system. Jianchin commended the bilateral relations between China and Nigeria and called for a more holistic approach to build relations in another 50 years. [Punch News \(September 29th\)](#) reports.

Insecurity: Islamic Movement of Nigeria and Security Forces Clash in Abuja, Naval Officer Exposes Illicit Sale of Arms by Military Officers, Reps Say Leakage of Classified Documents Fuelling Insecurity, Kaduna State Shuts Down Telecommunications

The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command on Tuesday 28, reported that members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) had caused unrest in the nation's capital. At least two people

were feared killed after police officers and military operatives shot at members of the IMN who staged their annual "Arbaeen" demonstration in the Gwarimpa district of Abuja. The FCT Public Relations Officer, DSP Josephine Akeh, revealed that members of the IMN were arrested carrying explosives and flags. Gbenga Omokhunu, [The Nation News \(September 28th\)](#) reports.

In new reports, Jamila Malafa a Naval Officer, gave account at the public hearing of the House of Representatives Committee on National Security and Intelligence, describing how soldiers deployed to anti-insurgency areas in the North-East sell arms to survive. Malafa said the ammunition supplied to the country as aid for counter-terrorism war was "a deliberate act to worsen the situation." She says the building of a wall on the country's borders would be a measure to stopping the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the country. according to Malafa, Nigeria's neighbours lack of armouries is encouraging the menace. Msugh Ityokura, [Guardian News \(September 28th\)](#) reports.

The House of Representatives have adopted a motion to carry out detailed investigation into the

leakage of classified security documents. They described leakage of classified documents through social media and other sources as jeopardising the fight against insecurity. Samuel Adejare noted that such acts of sabotage pose great risks if left unchecked adding that intelligence gathering was disrupted and causing misunderstanding among security operatives in the country. msugh Ityokura, [Guardian News \(September 24th\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, the State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, disclosed to journalists the state's decision to suspend telecommunication services from September 30, describing this move as a check on the activities of bandits. Aruwan said the state had sought the request of the federal government to enforce the shutdown in parts of the state where security agencies had flagged as requiring such measures. Other activities banned in the state include the felling of trees, ban of firewood and charcoal transport, ban on transportation of livestock and creation of weekly market days in some local governments. Abubakar Ahmadu Maishanu, [Premium Times News \(September 29th\)](#) reports.

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