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Covid-19: 10,000 Citizens Report Vaccination Side Effects, FG Approves 5.6 Billion for Covid-19 Oxygen Plant

The National Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), has reported that, 10,027 citizens have reported various degrees of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI), after their first doses of vaccination against the covid-19 infection. The Executive Director, NPHCA, Faisal Shuaib, revealed to journalists, that the side effects include pain and swelling at the site of vaccination. He, however, said that all the individuals have since recovered. Nike Adebowale, [Premium Times News \(June 2nd\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, the Federal Executive Council, FEC, on Wednesday 2, approved the establishment of an oxygen plant for the Covid-19 pandemic intervention in each of the 36 states of the country, at 5 billion naira. The Presidential Steering Committee, (PSC), announced that the oxygen reserve capacity would serve the country in the event of a third wave of the pandemic, insisting that the approval was critical to the country's infrastructure development plan. Terhembra Daka, [The Guardian News \(June 3rd\)](#) reports.

Senate Shuns Calls for New Constitution, Foreign Policy Article Alludes Nigeria's Political Economy in a Dilemma, Presidency Reacts

The Senate Committee on constitution review, on Thursday 1, dispelled calls for replacement of the current constitution. The Chairman of the Committee and Deputy President of the Senate, Ovie Omo-Agege, disclosed to journalists, that "to embark on any process without prior alteration of Section 9 of the Constitution to provide the mode through which an entirely new Constitution could be made, would amount to gross violation of our oath of allegiance to the Constitution." Azimazi Momoh Jimoh, [Guardian News \(June 3rd\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, Robert I. Rotberg and John Campbell, in [the Foreign Policy, \(May 27th\)](#), have described the democratic history of Nigeria as a challenging 'precipice of failure'. The inability, to keep citizens safe and secure, puts the country in fully failed state of geopolitical concern as it threatens a larger spread of disorder and militancy in Africa and around the globe. Its economy is estimated to be Africa's largest. Also, playing a key role in promoting African peace and security. However, in the face of resurgent jihadism, the battles of the

Sahel, seem much difficult to contain. Nigeria's failures, ultimately affect the security of Europe and the United States of America.

In new reports, President Buhari's presidency has reacted to the latest article on Nigeria by the Foreign Policy magazine, describing it as a "facts-shifting article on Nigeria". The Senior Special Assistant to the President on media and publicity, Garba Shehu, responding to the authors of the article, said, "ambassador Campbell has been predicting the collapse of Nigeria for several years. He is of course entitled to his opinions, even where events consistently prove him wrong. But facts should not be bent to support distorted opinions." Stephen Anngbulu, [Punch News \(June 4th\)](#) reports.

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Vice President, Yemi Osinbajo, made a formal announcement of a 12-month job fellowship programme to be embarked upon by the federal government. The initiative, would provide fully-paid internship opportunities in reputable private and public sector organizations across the country and will be available to young citizens, who have recently concluded the National Youth Service Corps. Osinbajo said, "the jubilee fellows programme will champion homegrown Nigerian talent and opportunities." Temisan Amoye, [Vanguard News \(June 3rd\)](#) writes.

The Governor of Lagos state, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, at the South-West Zonal Public hearing, on the Review of the 1999 Constitution in Lagos State, has requested that a special economic status be granted to the state, because of the burdens it bears and the role it plays in the country. He added that, the progress and prosperity of the country, was linked to Lagos state and the request for a special economic status has been justified and articulated. Seye Olumide, [Vanguard News \(June 2nd\)](#) reports.

Insecurity: Defence HQ Debunk News of Mass Retirement, Army Troops Kills ISAWP Terrorists in Borno, President Buhari Reiterates Zero Tolerance to Kidnappings

The Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Bernard Onyeako, on Thursday 3, following speculations of mass retirement of army generals, sequel to the appointment of the new Chief of Army

Staff, has dispelled the rumors as false. He told journalist that, retirement of senior officers from the military was voluntary. Also, that the military authorities, have not authorized the retirement of any officer. [News Agency of Nigeria](#) (June 3rd) reports.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Army troops of Operation Hadin Kai, on Wednesday 2, inflicted casualty on the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists. The Director of Army Public Relations, Mohammed Yerima, released a statement, that claimed more than 50 ISWAP terrorists were killed. Yerima, said that, the terrorists launched a futile attack on the town with Armored Personnel Carri-

ers and 12 Gun Trucks, mounted with Anti-Aircraft Guns. [News Agency of Nigeria \(June 3rd\)](#) reports.

In new reports, President Muhammadu Buhari, on Saturday 29, following the release of the abducted greenfield university students in Kaduna, reiterated his governments commitment to protecting lives and properties. The president through its official twitter handle, reported that "president Buhari assures that kidnapping and all other forms of criminality will continue to be met with zero tolerance by security agents." Buhari, condoled with the families of the students and staff that were killed by the abductors. Emmanuel Emmanuel Egobiambu, [Channels News \(May 30th\)](#) reports.

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