

Local News

[Stock market closes negative with 1.41% loss](#)

Transactions on the floor of the Nigerian Stock Exchange closed last week on the negative trajectory following profit taking witnessed across major blue-chip firms. Click [here](#) to read more.

[Budget: FG to retain \\$30 benchmark despite oil price fall](#)

The Federal Government is not considering tinkering with the \$30 per barrel oil price benchmark for the 2020 budget despite the drop in crude oil price, investigations have revealed. Click [here](#) to read more.

[We've taken steps to mitigate COVID-19 impact on capital market — SEC DG](#)

The acting Director-General, Securities and Exchange Commission, Ms Mary Uduk, tells IFEANYI ONUBA the steps being taken by the commission to protect the capital market from the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, among other issues. Click [here](#) to read more.

[COVID-19: PFAs under pressure to release pension fund](#)

Stakeholders in the Contributory Pension Scheme have been reacting to issues emanating from different sectors on the need to use the pension funds which stood at N10.2tn as palliatives as a result of the effects of COVID-19 effect on the country. Click [here](#) to read more.

Company News

[Polaris Bank records N27.8bn profit](#)

Polaris Bank Limited said it recorded N27.8bn profit before tax in its first audited IFRS 2019-compliant financial result. Click [here](#) to read more.

[Coronavirus: Air France-KLM secures billions in government aid](#)

Air France-KLM has secured at least €9bn (£7.9bn; \$9.7bn) in government aid, as the Franco-Dutch airline group struggles to stay afloat because of the coronavirus outbreak. Click [here](#) to read more.

International News

[Trump is driving Birx's balancing act to the limit](#)

Dr. Deborah Birx's balancing act between science and President Donald Trump's disinformation may be reaching the point of no return. Click [here](#) to read more.

[From private testing for the rich to unrest in banlieues, coronavirus is highlighting France's stark divide](#)

While billionaires isolate themselves at luxurious hideaways on the Mediterranean during the coronavirus outbreak, residents in deprived and crowded areas of France are now facing a surge in deaths, along with unrest on the streets. Click [here](#) to read more.

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