

## Local News

### [Why we decided to regulate crypto assets, others –SEC](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission has said it decided to provide regulatory certainty within the digital asset space last year due to the growing volume of reported flows. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [NIN mandatory for bank accounts, voter registration, says FG](#)

The National Identity Number is mandatory for transactions such as the opening of bank accounts, payment of taxes, voter registration, the Federal Government said on Thursday. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [Banks' lending rates discouraging productivity, say manufacturers](#)

Most manufacturers have said the commercial banks' lending rates are discouraging productivity in the nation's manufacturing sector, the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria has said. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [We are ready to resume petrol importation, say marketers](#)

Oil marketers have said they are ready to resume importation of Premium Motor Spirit (petrol) if foreign exchange is made available to them at a competitive rate. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Company News

### [Senate resolves rift between Seven-Up, Bigi](#)

The intervention of the Senate has led to the resolution of the crisis between the managements of Seven-Up Bottling Company Plc and Rite Foods Limited, producers of Bigi Soft drinks. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [Huawei takes HSBC to court as it tries to stop extradition](#)

The Chinese telecoms giant Huawei is taking the bank HSBC to court in the UK as part of its attempt to prevent the extradition of its chief financial officer from Canada to the US. Click [here](#) to read more.

## International News

### [Three GOP senators meet with Trump's lawyers on eve of impeachment defense presentation](#)

A trio of Republican senators allied with former President Donald Trump met with his defense team Thursday evening, in the middle of an impeachment trial in which they will vote on whether to convict Trump and potentially bar him from holding public office again. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [UK economy suffered record annual slump in 2020](#)

The UK economy shrank by a record 9.9% last year as coronavirus restrictions hit output, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) says. Click [here](#) to read more.

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