Letters

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The Rot in NNPC: SSS on the Trail of Four Ex-GMDs Stories of high level corruption in the nation’s cash cow is not new but, I never thought that it had assumed such a disturbing magnitude. It is really a good thing that the former group managing directors of the company, who were entrusted with the task of governing this strategic “money empire” would undermine the country by running the place like a personal estate. I pray that the SSS men on the trail of these men –Mohammed Sanusi Barkindo, Jackson Gaius Obaseki, Funsho Kupolokun, and Yar’Adua, will get down to business and bring out these suspects to the law court at the end of the day. The whole nation is waiting for the outcome of their investigation. Shade Sobowale, Ibadan, Oyo State. Bala Dan Abu, your executive editor, said it all in his Editorial Suite, when he summed up the manner corruption cases are handled in the country: “Corruption is indeed a familiar tale in Nigeria. People get discovered, get arrested, then they are taken to the appropriate investigating agencies as required by the law and they return, therafter to live their lives as if nothing happened.” What your respected editor said here will not be different in the current case involving the four NNPC directors. They will be left off the hook at the end of the day. Janeth Uwuagbale, Ekpoma, Edo State. At a time millions of Nigerians go to bed hungry every night, I find it most unimaginable that a former managing director of NNPC could be found with $2 million in his possession as a “chicken feed.” Oh God, come and save this nation where the people’s love for one another has waxed cold. Chidi Ogbonna, Aba, Abia State.

Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi Rimi was a complete Nigerian politician. He was an embodiment of simplicity and gentility. In other words, many Nigerians saw in him as one who had no air of arrogance, pride, swaggering personality or bourgeois mentality. In addition, he believed in fairness, openness and transparency. It is perhaps apt to share the passion of Paul the Apostle who in his epistle to Timothy said: “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” It is appropriate to say that Rimi indeed fought a good fight and finished his earthly course and kept abiding faith in the goodness of the Lord. Charles Ikedikwa Soeze, Effurun, Delta State.