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Birthdays Mike Adenuga Jnr, businessman and industrialist, 58, April 29. Born in Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun State, he was educated at Ibadan Grammar School, Ibadan; North Western State University, Oklahoma and Peace University, majoring in business administration with emphasis on marketing. He is the chairman/chief executive of Globacom; director, Equtorial Trust Bank, ETB; chairman, Consolidated Oil; director, Newswatch Communications Limited and president, Nigeria Association of Oil Explorationists. Adenuga holds an honorary doctorate degree awarded by Ogun State University, Ago-Iwoye in 1992. He was conferred with the national honour of Commander of the Order of Niger, CON, by the federal government in 2005. Kofoworola Akerele-Bucknor, lawyer, politician and former deputy governor of Lagos State, 72, April 30. Born in Lagos State, she studied at the CMS Girls’ School, Lagos; Gray’s Inn High School, Holborn, London. She started her career as a presenter/ interviewer, African Service, 1962-1963; editor, Helliograture Lanssen, Switzerland. Akerele-Bucknor later became announcer, Voice of Nigeria, VON, English Service; promoted senior producer, talks, VON; client service manager, Graham Ad Gillies Advertising Limited. She was elected into the Senate in 1991, and later became deputy governor to Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Lagos State in 1999. Remi Olowude, chief executive officer, CEO, Industrial and General Insurance, IGI, 60, April 26.Born in Inisha, Ejigbo, Osun State, he was educated at the University of Lagos, 1970-1973, and the University of Santa Clara, California, United States of America, 1976. Under Olowude, IGI soared to the N1billion mark in premium income in 1996, thus becoming the biggest private Insurance Company in Nigeria in terms of volume of business after four years in operation. Olowude is also an associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute of London. Adesoji Adeniyi Ajayi-Bembe 11, the Obanikoro of Lagos, 61, April 28. Born in Lagos, he attended Holy Trinity Primary School, Lagos and Saint Finbarrs College, Akoka. His working career began with the Nigeria Railway Corporation, NRC. He later worked with NICON Insurance and Plisson Fisco Nigeria Limited. He joined the defunct Unity Party of Nigeria, UPN, during the Second Republic and served as the organising secretary, on Lagos Island. He was also secretary, Alliance for Democracy, AD. At various times, he was chairman, Traffic Authority, chairman, Central Business Authority. He became the Obanikoro of Lagos on September 14, 2001. He is one of the kingmakers of Lagos State. Died Theophilus Attah Nkemjika Obetta, father in-law of Jonathan Opeche, chief operating officer, COO, Newswatch Communications Limited and a traditional ruler of Unadu in Igbo Eze South local government area of Enugu State. He was aged 82 years. Obetta, a successful businessman was a distributor of Premier Breweries Limited and United African Company, UAC, products, among others. Obetta’s exploit in business took him to many countries including Japan, China and South Africa. He was given the certificate of recognition as paramount ruler of Unadu by John Atom Kpera, the then military governor of old Anambra State in 1976. Due to his impeccable leadership quality, he was elevated to the position of His Royal Majesty by Chimaroke Nnamani, former governor of Enugu State in 2001. Obetta, a devout Christian and member of Anglican Church, is survived by three wives and many children and great grandchildren. Olubayo Adefemi, a member of Super Eagles and international defender. He was aged 25 years old. Adefemi died on Sunday, in a car accident on the Egnatia motorway in Greece.The Skoda Xanthi player lost control of his car while on his way to finalise details of his wedding. The 25-year-old footballer was driving from Xanthi to Salonika in the Kavala region of northern Greece. Adefemi made 24 appearances for Xanthi with two goals to his name. He won silver medals at the Holland 2005 world youth championship and 2008 Beijing Olympics. Celestine Nosike Dozie, 70, administrator, author, educationist and community leader. A native of Umuokisi, Amuzi, Ahiazu Mbaise local government area of Imo State, he was educated at St. Judes’ Primary School, Amuzi, Mbaise; St Charles Central School, Nguru Mbaise; Margaret’s House of Commerce, Calabar, and Dorset Institute of Higher Education, Dorset, United Kingdom. He was assistant price inspector, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Imo State. He retired as chief accountant, Ministry of Finance. Dozie pioneered commercial education in the whole of Mbaise with the establishment of Dozie Brothers Commercial Institute in January 1962. The institute later grew into a full private Secondary School, called Development Secondary School, Mbaise. He was author of eight books and member of St Mulumba of the Catholic Church. He is survived by Lady Mary Dozie, widow and five sons and one daughter.