Letters

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Ondo’s Wasted Billions Every now and then, we get to hear of how billions of Naira is squandered by few corrupt officials with nothing being done to bring them to book. Until the people choose to collectively fight this evil, the situation will continue to get worse in this country. Let’s hope the Arab Spring springs up one day in Nigeria. Jonas Egem, Owerri, Imo State. Oh cry, my beloved state. The Sunshine state that just won’t shine. The jubilation that greeted the coming of Mimiko now seems misplaced. An oil producing state that has nothing to show for it. The tale these days has been more about the abysmal performance of Mimiko. From your balanced and irrefutable report, it is clear that Mimiko lacks vision, focus and determination to do what he promised the people of Ondo State. Mimiko has shot himself in the leg, he has no place to hide, but I am not comfortable with the plan of Olaiya Oni and his group to decamp to ACN. The task masters of ACN are ready to bankroll anything just for them to take over Ondo State and I can assure you that 70 percent of the revenue of Ondo State will end up in the pockets of the sponsors, when they become successful. What is going on in Osun State is an eye opener. Jide Owate, Ajagba, Ondo State. Nigeria seems to be in a session of lies and deception. To be seen to double speak on such an important issue is unfortunate. Aliyu Tishau and his group will remain elusive until the powers shielding them are exposed and brought to justice. Ndubuisi Onyenandu, Abakpa-Ni

of Federal Roads, I am moved once more to pity our Nigerian nation. The purported huge spending required for road maintenance can be considerably reduced if cost experts are allowed to do their jobs. Let quantity surveyors who are specially trained to handle costing of construction works do their duties; we will be surprised how fallacious these figures really are. Aliu S. Momodu, Auchi, Edo State. Allow President Goodluck Jonathan to abuse the trust of majority of Nigerians. The best pay back he knows of, I suppose, is foolhardy imposition of taxes. May God guard him and direct Nigerians aright come another election. That is , if Nigeria still remains one as predicted by godly America. J. Onyishi, Nsukka, Enugu State. In my candid opinion, I think the federal government has nothing to offer regarding federal roads in all states. For instance, in Lagos, the federal road particularly the one close to the airport has been damaged for a long time and needs urgent repairs. Apparently out of frustration, Bola Tinubu, at one of the ACN election campaign rallies, told the Babatunde Raji Fashola administration to go ahead to rehabilitate the federal roads, since the federal government has failed in its primary duty to provide good roads for the state. So, I am in support of what Olubunmi Peters has said that the federal government should transfer federal roads to the states for immediate rehabilitation and maintenance. If Godswill Akpabio, governor of Akwa Ibom State can do it, others can also do it The issue of re-introducing toll gates across the country does not arise since the policy had earlier failed. So, I don’t think that can solve the problem of federal roads. Funmi Arhebamen, Alagbole, Akute, Ogun State. Babies For Sale I wish to thank Newswatch for all its effort in bringing this sordid development to the notice of the world. I find it disturbing that not many people seem to question the source of people’s wealth. All that matters is the philanthropy that flows from ill-gotten wealth. Just as Newswatch did in 2009, when it found out James Ezuma, the Aba-based baby seller, it has again exposed another hideous character, laying claim to good intentions. Nigerians owe Newswatch commendation for a job well done. Stephen Asuquo Udoh, Shomolu, Lagos State. The Unemployment Plague Unemployment has reached alarming stage in Nigeria. Our leaders fail to understand that you cannot stop social vices and by extension, insecurity, where no jobs are available for the masses. Our leaders should know that if this ugly situation goes on unabated, the country is doomed and the Arab Spring won’t be far away from us. Alaehie Chimezie, Owerri, Imo State. The Rot in Education The erosion in educational sector is evidence that the leadership of Nigeria has failed the nation. Imagine Nigerian graduates not being able to read and write fluently. Nigeria is gradually heading to a precipice and if there is no tangible action to put things in place and shape, uncertainty looms. President Goodluck Jonathan should please act fast and arrest this ugly situation of things in the country. He has no option but to do it. Jonas Egem, Owerri, Imo State.