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Birthdays Ibrahim Nasir Mantu, politician, former deputy senate president, 65, February 16. He was educated at the Professional School of Salesmanship, Lagos. He was deputy national chairman of the defunct Liberal Convention; director-general, defunct National Republican Convention, NRC, national chairman of the defunct People’s Democratic Alliance and national secretary of the defunct United Nigeria Congress Party, UNCP. He was elected senator in 1999 and re-elected in 2003. He was the deputy senate president, 2003-2007.Mantu is a fellow, Nigeria Institute of Journalism, NIJ, and grand patron, Bida Hall, University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos. Olusegun Agagu, geologist, administrator, 64, February 16. Born in Okitipupa, Ondo State, he was educated at St. Luke’s Primary School, Okitipupa, 1954-1957; Ebenezer African Church School, Oke-Ado, Ibadan, 1958; Baptist Primary School, Kano, 1959; Ibadan Grammar School, Ibadan, 1961-1967; University of Ibadan, 1968-1971; University of Texas, USA, 1973-1974. He was appointed a geologist, Gulf Oil Company, Lagos, 1971-1972; research scientist, Bureau of Economic Geologist, Houston, Texas, USA, 1974-1975; senior lecturer, University of Ibadan, 1981-1988; deputy governor, Ondo State, 1992-1993; minister of aviation, 1999-2000, and later minister for power and steel. He was elected governor of Ondo State, 2003-2009. Sarah Adebisi Sosan, educationist and former deputy governor of Lagos State, 56, February 11. She was born in Lagos, and was educated at Unity Assembly Primary School, Apapa, and Awori-Ajeromi Secondary School. She was at the Lagos State College of Education, now Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, for her National Certificate in Education, NCE, before she proceeded to the University of Lagos for her Bachelor of Arts and Masters in Education. She was employed by the Lagos State Post Primary Teaching Service Commission in 1999, before she was appointed deputy governor to Babatunde Raji Fashola in 2007. Victor Nwaugo, lawyer, community leader, and national legal adviser, Nigeria Bar Association, NBA, 49, February 6. A native of Umuokpuruka, Umuezegwu, Ihitte Uboma local government Area, Imo State, he was educated at Osusu Primary School, Aba and Umuezeala Primary School, Ehime Mbano, 1978; Madonna High School, Etiti, Imo State, 1978-1980; Community Secondary School, Ikenanzizi, Obowo, 1981-1983; Imo State University, Okigwe, 1985-1989; Nigerian Law School, Lagos, 1990. He was member, NBA, Aba branch; committee on review of bills to amend Act establishing INEC and other acts. He is chairman, committee on fake NBA members, Aba branch. He is also member, National Executive Council, NEC, of NBA. Sulaimon Ajibola Abiola, mechanical engineer and administrator, 60, February 18. Born in Abeokuta, Ogun State, he was educated at the Comprehensive High School, Aiyetoro, 1964-1969; University of Lagos, 1969-1973. Abiola was appointed petroleum and reservoir engineer and later production engineer, Operations Department, Elf Nigeria Limited, 1974-1977; assistant manager, contract and administrator, ITT Nigeria Limited, 1978-1979. He joined the Concord Press of Nigeria in 1981. He was executive chairman, Haisha Investment Company, Apapa; chairman, Union Foods Nigeria Limited; chairman, Deen Travels Agency; chairman, Clearentin Nigeria and chairman, Apex Motors. Died Appollonia Ekemezie, 94, a community and religious leaders. Ekemezie was married to the late Martin Ekemezie between 1915 and 2006. She was a successful businesswoman who had resided in some major towns in Nigeria including Port Harcourt, Lagos and Jos. She is survived by Willie N Ekemezie, KSM, senior principal research fellow, Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu, Dennis Ekemezie, vice- chairman, Governing Council, Nigeria Institute of Public Relations, NIPR, Lagos and Ferdinand Ekemezie. The burial rites commence on Wednesday, February 8, with vigil at her Adazi Nnukwu residence. Her body would be interred the following day after the burial mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Adazi Nnukwu. Sunday Michael Imoekor, 73, elder and retired civil servant. He attended St. Thomas Catholic School, Benin-City, 1948-1955; Government Technical College, Yaba, Lagos, 1960-1963. Imoekor started his career with Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in 1963, where he had opportunity to be sponsored by UNIDO for training in USSR, Moscow. He retired from the federal civil service in 1963, as mechanical superintendent. Imoekor, who will be buried on Saturday, February 11, at his residence, No 11, Osime Street, Ado-Odo Ota local government area of Ogun State, is survived by widow, children and grandchildren.