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Jimoh Ibrahim, lawyer, and businessman, 45, February 24

Birthdays Jimoh Ibrahim, lawyer, and businessman, 45, February 24. He was born in Igbotako, Okitipupa local government area of Ondo State. He studied at the Obafemi Awolowo University, OAU, Ile-Ife, Osun State; Nigeria Law School, Lagos, and Harvard Business School, United States of America. Ibrahim is the managing director of Global Fleet Group of Companies and publisher, National Mirror newspapers and Newswatch magazine. Udo Udoma, lawyer, and politician, 58, February 26. Born in Aba, Abia State, he was educated at King’s College, Lagos, 1966-1972; Oxford University, England, 1973-1977; Nigeria Law School, 1977-1978. He became a lecturer in law, University of Lagos, 1978-1980; senior partner, Udo Udoma & Bello Osagie Law Firm in Lagos. Udoma was appointed special adviser to the minister of petroleum resources, 1993-1994 and director, Nigerian Economic Summit Group, NESG, in February 2010, as chairman of the governing board of the Securities and Exchange Commission. He was elected a senator representing Akwa Ibom South senatorial zone at the National Assembly, 1999-2007. Abdul Abubakar, former managing director of Nigeria Railway Corporation, NRC, 58, February 28. Born in Ankpa, Kogi State, he was educated at the Kwara College of Technology, Ilorin, 1974-1977; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and Victoria University, Manchester, UK, 1989. Abubakar was appointed commissioner for agriculture and natural resources, Benue State, 1983; lecturer/head of department of English, College of Education, Ankpa, Kogi State; chief of administration, NRC, 1988-1989; assistant director, administration, NRC; divisional manager, north-eastern division; railway divisional manager / chief executive for northern division, 1991-1992; director of administration, 1992-1995; director of administration and finance, NRC, 1995-1999; chairman, Nigeria Railway Pension Trust Fund, 1997. Dan Obaegbu Iheagwara, engineer and managing director, Gold Engineering Company Limited, 48, February 26. Born in Ogbe Ahiara, Ahiazu Mbaise, Imo State, he was educated at Federal Polytechnic, Idah, 1984-1985; University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 1985-1990; Centre for Management Development, 1998-1999 and Lagos Business School, 1999-2000. He was production manager, Ben Plastics,1992; project manager, Capital Preservatives Limited, 1992-1993; assistant head of department, HFP Engineering Limited, 1993-1995; head, Optimum Metals , 1995-1997; assistant general manager, Optistal Limited, 1998-2000. He is managing director, Yorkshire Foods Limited; member, Nigerian Society of Engineers, NSE and member, Nigerian Institute of Management. Dipo Kolawole, university teacher, and administrator, 62, February 26. He studied at the University of Manitoba, Canada, 1976-1978, and the University of Ibadan. He became a lecturer at The Polytechnic, Ibadan, 1978-1983; sole administrator, Ifedore local government area, Ondo State, 1992-1993; executive chairman, Ondo State Tourism Board, 1993; chairman, editorial board, Owena Press newspapers; special assistant to Tunde Adeniran, former minister of education, 1999-2001. Simeon Afolabi, senior pastor of Firstlove Assembly, Rumuokwuta, Port Harcourt, 50, February 22. Born at Ipee in Oyun local government area of Kwara State, Afolabi attended Kwara State College of Technology (now Kwara Polytechnic), Ilorin. He gained admission into the University of Ibadan in 1980 and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 1985 and a Masters degree in the same discipline in 1987. Afolabi became a staff of Living Faith World Outreach Centre, where he served in various capacities for 10 years before founding Firstlove Assembly in 1998. Died Emmanuel Oladele Bolarinwa, 74, pioneer chancellor, Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State. Bolarinwa was educated at Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma, USA and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, United States. Bolarinwa held several positions in the Baptist Church for many years. He was the recording secretary and executive committee member, Nigerian Baptist Convention, 1980-1983; chairman, Baptist Minister’s Conference, 1994-1997; board of governors, Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, 1994-1999. He is survived by three children, which include, Afoluwaso, Oluwasola and Oluwafunmilayo.