Sanusi wrong over alleged missing $49.8b, says Senate

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It is not true that $49.8 billion oil money is missing from the Federation Account as alleged by a former Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Mallam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, the Senate declared yesterday.

Adopting the report of its Finance Committee, which investigated the matter, the upper legislative chamber however, rejected a recommendation that subsidy on petroleum products be halted.

And Senate President, David Mark declared that both the legislative and executive arms of the Federal Government were guilty of failure to fight the inefficiency of the industry.

After an exhaustive debate on the report of the Senator prayed to make a joint committee, the Senate equally endorsed the recommendation that the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) should be given accelerated passage as a way of curbing the corruption in the industry.

The major thrust of the report was its submission that there was never any remitted $49.8 billion as it stated that: “The committee could not see how the figure of $49.8 billion was arrived at by the CBN governor in the first instance.”

Minister of Information, Labaran Maku (left); former Chairman, Economic Summit Group, Mazli Sam Oluwaeboye; celebrant, Chief Henry Odulomoye; Mrs. Lydia Odulomoye and Commissioner of Information and Strategy, Ogun State, Yusuf Olaniyi, during the cutting of the 80th birthday cake of Odulomoye at Civic Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos yesterdays.

UN adopts new strategy to tackle Boko Haram

Once more, the United Nations (UN) has adopted a new strategy for containing the Boko Haram threat. The new approach is aimed at addressing the root causes of the violence, including poverty, marginalization, and political instability.

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2016 World Cup: Nigeria should begin preparations now, says expert

TUESDAY, July 7, 2014 has been described as the day football changed forever. It was the day Germany stunned the world with an 4-1 victory over Spain, proving the unpredictability of football.

Burundi law to limit church numbers

President Nkurunziza has signed a law limiting the number of churches in Burundi. The new law has sparked controversy, with some Christians accusing the government of religious persecution.

Jonathan nominated FRCO boss, Chidoka, Abubakar as ministers

President Goodluck Jonathan has nominated the names of the Corps Marshall, Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Olusegun Chidoka and a Political Science lecturers in the University of Abuja, Dr. Suleiman Jibril as Ministers for Transportation and for Interior respectively.

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demand for the activities of Boko Haram, the report which was presented at the conference today, however, noted that road accidents were responsible for most of the violent deaths in the area.

Terrorists to the southern part of the state had to go through Maiduguri and Damaturu road into Gombe State to cross the state before getting to their respective destinations.

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