

TWO MILLION LETTERS DESTROYED

I read in a newspaper recently that two million letters to the US from Nigeria were destroyed in the United States. Reason given: They were 419 letters. Surprise, Surprise.

Months before this news, Nigeria Postal Services said they destroyed five million letters and apologised to those who may not have got their letters. Reason given: They were dumped in bags at different places. Is this mere coincidence? I am confused because for a few years, many letters, even within Nigeria, not to talk of overseas, have not been moving out or arriving at destinations either way. There is something sinister.

For nearly four years, up to last year, I got letters I used to get in a week before then in one year through my Post Office Box. For the whole of this year, I have got only four letters from the box from Nigeria.

The rental over the years has increased from ₦25 (twenty five naira) per annum to ₦1050 (One thousand and fifty)naira). Is owning a post office box a facility or a punishment? Normal postage from minimum 20 kobo to ₦5.

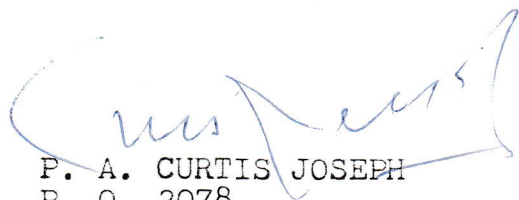
After studying the global situation as regards political, economic and our social life, I see hands of evil that are bent on reducing Nigeria and Nigerians to a state of poverty, docility, immobility and inability to communicate between ourselves and the outside world as before.

They say eternal vigilance is the price of freedom. What type of vigilance can materialise in a state ^{of/}anomy and forced or manipulated journey from light into darkness. All starting from IBB's tenure. And in the period that Churches and Mosques have increased so much and the call of God, Allah rent the air every second of the day.

When I tell people I dont pray, it is reaction of shock. A Country so blessed with vast human and material resources being

wasted, destroyed and looted openly by fellow human beings, what will I ask God to do. I am too old and too incapacitated to fight. Many die daily unannounced.

There is rumour circulating that the five Majors who staged the Coup of January 1966 were paid £500,000 (Five hundred thousand pounds) by some people. This is a lie. It is meant to divide, especially the South. Who could get that amount that time. Compare it with our annual budget then. You will see the absurdity I presided over a tribunal investigating £61,000 fraud in 1965. It was streaming headline news in all newspapers. It was big money.



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