

Maj Gen Rabe Buried After Dying In Terrorists' Den

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A former director of defence information, Maj Gen Rabe Abubakar, was laid to rest late Friday at Gidan Dawa in Katsina State, following the release of his remains by kidnappers. The burial, which took place at about 6:45 p.m. in accordance with Islamic rites, was attended by the deputy governor of Katsina State, senior government officials, military officers, traditional leaders, family

members and sympathisers.

The burial came hours after the abductors released his remains and freed his wife. As mourners gathered for the funeral, prayers were offered for the repose of his soul and for strength and comfort of his family.

He died in terrorists' captivity following his abduction with his wife on May 31 in Katsina State.

The defence headquarters yesterday expressed sadness over the death.

His abductors recently

shared a video showing him and his wife in a battered condition.

A statement from the director of defence information, Maj Gen Samaila Uba announcing his death reaffirmed the commitment of the military to eradicate terrorism.

"The Armed Forces of Nigeria convey its deepest sympathies to the Abubakar family, his colleagues and all Nigerians," he said.

According to the statement, Maj. Gen. Abubakar served the

nation with distinction and held many appointments including spokesperson of various military formations as well as spokesman of the AFN as director of defence information.

The Katsina State government also announced the death, describing it as a tragic loss to his family, the state and the nation.

In a statement by the commissioner for internal security and home affairs, Dr. Nasiru Muazu, the government said the

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