

DHQ, Katsina Govt Confirm Gen Abubakar's Death In Terrorists' Captivity



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The Defence Headquarters (DHQ) has confirmed the death of former Director of Defence Information, Maj-Gen. Rabe Abubakar (Rtd), in the captivity of terrorists, weeks after his abduction.

Sunday Telegraph recalls that the late retired two-star General was abducted alongside his wife, Hajiya Amina, by terrorists on Saturday May 30, along the Marabar Musawa–Kafinsoli road in Matazu Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Their vehicle was said to have ambushed by the heavily armed gunmen. While conveying its condolences to the deceased family and Katsina State government over the painful loss, the Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) regretted that the tragedy happened despite the deployment of operational resources aimed at securing his safe return.

A statement signed yesterday by the Director of Defence Information (DDI), Maj-Gen. Samaila Uba, read: "The Defence Headquarters regrets to announce the passing of Major General Rabe Abubakar (Retired), who tragically lost his life in captivity following his abduction.

"The Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) convey its deepest sympathies to the Abubakar family, his colleagues and all Nigerians. Maj Gen Abubakar served the nation with distinction and held many appointments including spokesperson of various military formations as well as spokesman for the AFN as Director Defence Information".

According to the statement, Abubakar made immense contributions to counterinsurgency operations, professional development of the AFN and numerous other commendable and outstanding impacts.

His commitment to duty and the unity of the country, it added, remains a shining example for all personnel of the AFN.

"The Defence Headquarters withheld public comment on his abduction in deference to ongoing rescue efforts by the AFN and sister security agencies.