

Gunmen Kill Army Provost Marshal, Gen Ahmed On Lokoja-Abuja Road

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Former Provost Marshal of the Nigerian Army and Director Veteran Affairs at the Army Headquarters, Major General Hussein Ahmed was on Friday killed along the Lokoja-Abuja road by unknown gunmen.

Confirming the murder, Brigadier General Oyelese Nwachukwu, Director of Army Public Relations, (DAPR) in a statement released on Friday said that the remains of the murdered General had since been laid to rest in Abuja.

"The remains of the former Provost Marshal of the Nigerian Army late Major General Hussein Ahmed has been laid to rest at Guards Brigade Cemetery, Abuja.

"Late Major General Hussein Ahmed was killed on 16 July 2021 by unknown gunmen while travelling on Lokoja-Abuja road," the statement said.

In his remarks during the funeral rites, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Lieutenant General Faruk Yahaya was said to have described the late senior officer as an articulate, dedicated, loyal and highly professional officer in the discharge of his duties.

He was also said to have



Late General Ahmed

eulogised the senior officer for his sterling qualities and immeasurable contributions to the Nigerian Army while he was alive.

Major General Ahmed was born on 16 February 1968 in Maiduguri and hailed from Maiduguri Local Government Area of Borno State.

He attended Yelwa Comprehensive Secondary School Makurdi, where he obtained his Senior Secondary School Certificate of Education. He gained admission into the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) in 1988 and was granted Regular Combatant Commission on 25 September 1993

as a member of 40 Regular Course in the rank of Second Lieutenant.

He was of the Military Police Corps and rose to the rank of Major General before his unfortunate demise. Late Major General Ahmed held a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science and Defence Studies, as well as a Master Degree in Strategic Studies from the Nigerian Defence Academy.

He was one time the Provost Marshal of the Nigerian Army and until his death he was the Director Veteran Affairs at the Army Headquarters, Abuja.

"The late senior officer at-

tended several courses including Young Officers' Course Infantry both Junior and Senior Staff Courses at the prestigious Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji and National Defence College among others.

"In recognition of his meritorious services to the nation, late Major General Hussein Ahmed was honoured with several awards and medals including the Forces Service Star, Meritorious Service Star, Distinguished Service Star, Field Command Medal and Fellow Defence College among others," read the statement signed by Nwachukwu.

Some of the dignitaries that came to pay their last respect to the valiant soldier at his burial on Friday were the Chief of Defence Staff, General LEO Irahor, the Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Faruk Yahaya, representatives of other Service Chiefs, representatives of the Inspector General of Police, Chief of Defence Intelligence, Heads of Security Agencies, Principal Staff Officers from Defence and Services Headquarters, Field Commanders and Senior Officers both serving and retired.

Others were members of the Nigerian Army Officers Wives Association, the deceased senior officers, immediate family members, friends and sympathisers.